

## **Commissioners' Workshop Meeting Tuesday, March 29, 2011**

### **I. CALL TO ORDER:**

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 29, 2011 at 10:30 A.M. in the thirteenth floor Board Room of the Berks County Services Center, pursuant to due notice to Board members and the public.

Commissioner Chair Mark C. Scott, Esq. called the meeting to order with Commissioner Christian Leinbach, and Commissioner Kevin Barnhardt in attendance. Also present were First Assistant Solicitor Christine M. Sadler, Esq., Interim Chief Operations Officer Kenneth C. Borkey, Jr., and Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk. Commissioner Leinbach is attending a CCAP conference in Harrisburg.

Commissioner Scott opened the meeting with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and announced that the Board, consisting of Commissioner Scott and Commissioner Barnhardt, met in executive session on Monday, March 28, 2011, to discuss personnel matters, litigation and labor contract negotiations.

### **II. PRESENTATION**

Ryan Breisch of the Literacy Council of Reading-Berks, Inc., presented information on some of the events being planned by the Literacy Council of Reading-Berks for the month of April, which is Literacy Awareness Month. He stated that in Berks County, approximately 75,000, or 1 in 6 people are considered illiterate, which is reading at an 8<sup>th</sup> grade level or below. The Literacy Council offers free services to anyone. They are partially funded by the United Way and the State Department of Education. A few areas they lend support to are Earthrise Enterprise, Community Re-Entry Center and Juvenile Probation.

### **III DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:**

#### **Budget Department**

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing 2010 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$81,367.00, 2011 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$89,902.00 and 2011 Appropriations in the amount \$193,646.00 per listing dated March 25, 2011. Kim Grinage, Deputy Director of Budget and Finance, commented on a few items, namely transferring dollars for the 2009 and 2010 audit fees.

#### **Purchasing**

- A. Motion authorizing Mark C. Scott as Chairman of the Board, to execute Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per listing dated March 25, 2011. Commissioner Scott read the Contracts listed.

**Solicitor**

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing tax forgiveness of 2010 County taxes, including any penalties and interest, for 1054 Benner's Court, Reading, Pennsylvania (PIN #10-5316-29-08-9259).

**District Attorney**

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency Grant Application for the 2011 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement (Grant No. 22421) in the amount of \$105,975.00.

**Facilities**

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of an Engineering Services Agreement No. EA-113013-10, Addendum No. 2, between the County of Berks and Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc. (HRG) to provide professional engineering services/Contract Administration for the reconstruction of Anthony's Mill Road Bridge in Washington Township at a not to exceed amount of \$31,200.00.

**III. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS****Commissioner Barnhardt**

Commissioner Barnhardt reminded the public that work began yesterday on Antietam Dam and will continue for the next 16 to 18 weeks. Angora Road will be closed from Hill Road to Antietam Road for the duration of the project.

**Commissioner Leinbach****Commissioner Scott****IV. Elected Officials Comments**

Larry Medaglia, Berks County Register of Wills, commented on recent newspaper articles and radio announcements concerning a deficit his office is facing. He addressed those statements and offered a brief explanation of his fee structure and how the revenue and expenses are calculated. He strongly objected to those articles, and commended his staff for providing first class service.

Marianne Sutton, Berks County Prothonotary, supported Mr. Medaglia's comments and agreed that revenue shortfalls are misleading.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:32 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk