

Commissioners' Workshop Meeting Tuesday, May 10, 2011

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, May 10, 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 and Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk.

Commissioner Scott opened the meeting with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and announced that the board met in executive session Thursday, May 5, 2011 to discuss personnel matters.

II. PRESENTATIONS

Barry Rohrbach, President of Crime Alert Berks County, attended the Commissioners' Workshop Meeting and updated the Commissioners on the various activities and accomplishments of Crime Alert this past year. Mr. Rohrbach introduced District Attorney John Adams, an Advisory Board member, who commented that his office has received numerous leads which led to a number of arrests. Mr. Adams mentioned that this year the District Attorney's Office will give \$15,000.00 from their forfeiture fund account to Crime Alert. Rick Periandi, Executive Officer of Crime Alert Berks County, thanked the Commissioners for their support and commented on the community service programs Crime Alert provides, namely Clean-Up Berks, Hats Off to Safe Banking and new this year, the Safe Playground Program. Mr. Periandi mentioned the winner of this year's poster contest is 10 year old Adriana Rivera, a student at 13th & Union Elementary School, City of Reading. Joe Periandi, Treasurer, mentioned that only 17 municipalities in the County have contributed to Crime Alert. He is hoping more do so in the future. Chief Neidert, Exeter Township Police Department, Advisory Board member, commented on how Crime Alert helped his department solve a crime through tips and saved his department money as a result of the fast action.

III. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:

Budget Department

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing 2010 Appropriations in the amount of \$7,054.00, 2011 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$64,689.00 and 2011 Appropriations in the amount \$229,640.00 per listing dated May 6, 2011. Robert Patrizio, Chief Financial Officer, commented that most of the 2011 Appropriations are for COCA funding.

Human Resources

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing Human Resources Recommendations dated May 10, 2011. Shane Keller commented on the three recommendations before the Board. Commissioner Scott mentioned that one of the items listed is the appointment of Clare Adams as the new Director of Parks.

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 May 9, 2011.

Berks County Children and Youth Services

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of a Certification Statement of County Child Welfare Program for the quarterly invoice to OCYF (Office of Children, Youth and Families) for reimbursement of expenditures for FY 2010/2011 3rd quarter.

Department of Emergency Services

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the State Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Hazardous Materials Response Fund Grant Authorization application form which allows the Berks County Special Operations Group to maintain and upgrade its response capability, and will further allow for the continued operation and improvement of Berks County LEPC. Total grant is in the amount of \$186,720.00.

Adult Probation

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing Mark C. Scott, Esq., Chair, to execute Continuation of Subgrant No. 10-DA-ST-22490 by and between the County of Berks (Adult Probation) and the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, with respect to funding in the amount of \$255,387.00 for "Phase II – Restrictive Intermediate Punishment (RIP) – Level 3 & 4 Offenders" covering the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.
- B. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution and the submission of an Intermediate Punishment Plan in accordance with Act 200-41 to the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency pursuant to the 2011-2012 grant funding cycle.

IV. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS**Commissioner Barnhardt**

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing the reappointment of Dr. Sam A. Alley, Wyomissing, Pennsylvania, to the Reading Area Community College Board of Trustees for a six (6) year term expiring June 30, 2017.
- B. Adopt a resolution authorizing the reappointment of Korie L. Sandridge, Sinking Spring, Pennsylvania, to the Reading Area Community College Board of Trustees for a six (6) year term expiring June 30, 2017.
- C. Adopt a resolution authorizing the appoint of Randall W. Swan, Shillington, Pennsylvania, to the Reading Regional Airport Authority for a five (5) year term expiring February 13, 2016, replacing William Roberts, whose term expired.

Commissioner Barnhardt commented that the item approved last week for BARTA is the local match by the County, and is about 15% of BARTA's operating budget. It is expected to increase by that amount at least through 2030/31 fiscal year. Commissioner Barnhardt also commented that as a result of the kayak incident that occurred at Gring's Mill a few weeks ago, and after discussion with Pennsylvania Fish and Game Commission, new signage will be installed at the Park.

Commissioner Leinbach**Commissioner Scott**

Commissioner Scott reminded everyone that next Tuesday, May 17, 2011 is Primary Election Day. It is a very important election as we elect our school board members and municipal officials.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:13 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk