

**Commissioners' Workshop Meeting  
Tuesday, May 17, 2011**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, May 17, 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 Assistant County Solicitor Heidi B. Masano, Esq., and Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk.

Commissioner Scott opened the meeting with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**II. PRESENTATION**

Diane Price, Berks County Armed Forces Advisory Committee Chairperson and U.S. Army Veteran, made a presentation regarding the Berks County Armed Forces Day Parade scheduled for Saturday, May 21, 2011. Ms. Price invited everyone to attend the Parade this Saturday and show your support for our Armed Forces. The Grand Marshal of the Parade will be the family of the late Master Sergeant Etchberger. They will be honoring all service members of the 5 branches of the military who cannot attend due to their serving around the country and world keeping us safe.

**III. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:**

**Budget Department**

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing 2010 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$12,682.00, 2010 Budget Appropriations in the amount of \$64,985.00, 2011 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$3,610,862.00 and 2011 Appropriations in the amount \$517,037.00 per listing dated May 13, 2011.

**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 13, 2011. Robert Patrizio, Chief Financial Officer, commented that item No. 5 on the Agenda is an Agreement to be utilized by the Controllers Office and not the Budget Office. A revised Agenda will be generated.

**Office of Aging**

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of Amendment #2 for the Cooperative Grant Agreement and Amendment #2 for the PDA Over 60 Medicaid Waiver Grant Agreement between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Aging and Berks County Commissioners, Berks County Area Agency on Aging, which extends the grant period for one year from July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012.

**Special Court Administration**

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of an Addendum to Lease Agreement between Significa Reading I, LLC, of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and the County of Berks for office space situate 1259 North 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Reading, Pennsylvania, for MDJ 23-1-04 (Xavios) for a one (1) year term commencing June 1, 2011 and terminating May 31, 2012.

**IV. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS****Commissioner Barnhardt**

Commissioner Barnhardt remarked that Bike-to-Work Day is this Friday, May 20, 2011, and will begin at the Brentwood Industries parking lot at 7:00 a.m. and end at the Berks County Services Center. BARTA will be installing bike racks on some of the buses, and anticipates installing bike racks on all 53 buses next year.

Commissioner Barnhardt further commented that last Thursday he attended an ongoing meeting with members of the Library System, Reading Library group and representatives of City Council. Jim Hollinger, of the State Library System shared possible names of individuals to aid in evaluating the County Library system and Reading Library system. The State is also looking into creating regions across the State in which to incorporate library systems to operate more efficiently and effectively.

Commissioner Barnhardt further commented that last Friday he toured 37 East Wall Street, Leesport with the Warden for an update of the site evaluation. There was discussion of using inmate labor for the cleanup.

Commissioner Barnhardt commented on the Cumru Tax Incremental Funding project, and that he met with representatives involved in the project yesterday, May 16, 2011 and charged Ken Pick with obtaining more information on costs.

Lastly, Commissioner Barnhardt reminded everyone that today is the Primary Election, and urged everyone to vote. It is a very important election for local municipalities and school boards.

*Commissioner Leinbach*

Commissioner Leinbach also urged everyone to vote. Commissioner Leinbach stressed the importance of the Primary in electing your local representative for School Board, Township Supervisors and Commissioners and other local offices.

*Commissioner Scott*

Commissioner Scott referenced the Leesport Lockhouse project and commented on some of the pros and cons of using prison labor.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:00 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk