

**Commissioners' Workshop Meeting
Tuesday, June 21, 2011**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, June 21 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 called the meeting to order with Commissioner Kevin S. Barnhardt and Commissioner Christian Leinbach in attendance. Also present were First Assistant County 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 yesterday, June 20, 2011 to discuss the hiring of the Human Resources Director, and will be meeting immediately following the Workshop Meeting today to discuss litigation.

II. PRESENTATION

The presentation of the Ordinance was pulled for further negotiation with the State by the Solicitor's Office to discuss terms of the Intergovernmental Agreement.

III. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:

Budget Department

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing 2011 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$575,556.00 and 2011 Appropriations in the amount \$125,809.00 per listing dated June 17, 2011. Robert Patrizio, Chief Financial Officer, commented that the two large transfers are for Solicitor Office insurance litigation claims and for the water damage work.

Human Resources

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing Human Resources recommendations per listing dated June 21, 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 June 17, 2011. Commissioner Scott described the various contracts listed for approval.

- B. Adopt a resolution authorizing award and Director of Contracts & Procurement to execute, as a result of Invitation to Bid #11-13-LM, a contract for the Faraday EMI Shielded Tent at the County of Berks District Attorney Forensics Department as follows:

Select Fabricators, Inc.
 5310 North Street, Building #5
 Canadaigua, NY 14424-0119
 Total Expenditure -**\$14,777.00**

Line #	Qty	Item Description	UOM	Unit Price	Extended Price
1	1	SW Tent 7' x 6' x 6.5'	Each	\$9857.00	\$9,857.00
2	1	Series 500 Frame	Each	\$1,185.00	\$1,185.00
3	1	EMI Light Kits w straps and bags Part # RMEC0016	Each	\$413.00	\$413.00
4	1	Custom LED Rope Lights to fit tent	Each	\$390.00	\$390.00
5	1	Filter box with Ethernet Part #STE2200M-E	Each	\$1,832.00	\$1,832.00
6	1	Ventilation intake/exhaust sleeve and fan. Part # RMEC0028	Each	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00
		Total Expenditure		\$14,777.00	\$14,777.00

Please be advised that 100% of this expenditure will be paid from grant funds, specifically the Coverdell grant.

Solicitor

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of a Lease between the County of Berks and Berks County Conservancy for the lease of certain tracts and parcels of land situate in the Townships of Cumru, Lower Alsace and Exeter, and Boroughs of St. Lawrence and Mount Penn, and the City of Reading, containing approximately 256.29 acres. Commissioner Scott commented that the Conservancy will patrol and maintain existing hiking and bike trails.

Emergency Services

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of the Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Fund Assessment for Calendar Year 2010 as required by the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency.

IV. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing the appointment of Faye Fisher, Dauphin County Director of Human Resources, to the County of Berks Alternative Dispute Resolution Panel to fill the unexpired term of Jennifer Harris, who resigned. Said term will expire August 31, 2013.

Commissioner Barnhardt

Commissioner Barnhardt thanked and complimented Brian Gottschall for his excellent presentation to City Council on the Mt. Penn Tower Radio project. Commissioner Barnhardt commented on Brian's wealth of knowledge of the Radio System project.

Commissioner Leinbach

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing the appointment of Zylkia R. Rivera, Reading, Pennsylvania, to the Reading Area Community College Board of Trustees for a six (6) year term ending June 30, 2017. Commissioner Leinbach commented that Ms. Rivera was interviewed by Dr. Weitz and John Woodward and will make an excellent addition to the RACC Board of Trustees.
- B. Update on the Reading Area Community College (RACC) Berks County Fire Training Program. Brian Gottschall, Director of Emergency Services, will be present.

Commissioner Leinbach also complimented Brian Gottschall saying Brian plays a central role and is a key player in the Emergency Radio Project.

Brian Gottschall commented for the general public that the County's long standing relationship with RACC to provide fire training services to fire responders and EMS will cease as of June 30, 2011. Mr. Gottschall commented that the fire departments, emergency workers and ambulance personnel have been handling this type of training within their own organizations. Mr. Gottschall further commented that the County will be joining forces with the Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences in delivering emergency service training support similar to our agreement with RACC.

Commissioner Leinbach commented there were numerous discussions with the fire service working group. This was not a decision made by RACC or the Commissioners, but the Fire service working group, who are acting in the best interest of their members. Commissioner Leinbach further commented that the County is not closing the Fire Training Center.

Commissioner Leinbach commented that the editorial which appeared in the June 17, 2011 Reading Eagle misstated and misquoted Commissioner Leinbach's comments about the water damage and the building condition and the roof. Commissioner Leinbach mentioned he was contacted by Gary Wolf owner of Wolf Roofing, who performed the work on the roof. Commissioner Leinbach corrected and defended the reputation of Wolf Roofing saying they are a good, respectable and local company. Commissioner Leinbach further advised the newspaper to reach out and verify comments made before printing them.

Commissioner Scott

Commissioner Scott asked Brian Gottschall if there will be additional costs associated with the arrangement with the Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences. Brian Gottschall answered yes in the procurement of staff, burn facility supplies and start up materials and gear.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:10 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk