

Commissioners' Workshop Meeting Tuesday, September 27, 2011

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, September 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 called the meeting to order with Commissioner Kevin S. Barnhardt and Commissioner Christian Leinbach attendance. Also present were County Solicitor Alan S. Miller and Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk.

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

II. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:

Budget Department

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing 2011 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$221,299.00 per listing dated September 23, 2011. Commissioner Scott commented most of the transfers are for the Berks Heim from Capital to Operating Expenses and for a temporary position in the Controller's Office.

Human Resources

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing Human Resource recommendations per list dated September 27, 2011. Commissioner Scott commented that there are two items on the list, one a promotion at DES and the hiring of a Director of Human Resources.

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 September 26, 2011.
- B. Adopt a resolution authorizing the award and Director of Contracts and Procurement to execute as a result of RFP# 11-10-KL, a contract for Construction Management Services for the Jail System Envelope, Infrastructure and Security Project as follows:

The Quandel Group, Inc.
3003 N. Front Street, Suite 201
Harrisburg, PA 17110

Fee Proposal:

Construction Cost	Percentage of Cost (%)	Fee (\$)
4.2 Million (Budget)	2.34%	\$98,300
5.1 Million (Budget)	1.93%	\$98,300
6.0 Million (Budget)	1.64%	\$98,300

Kelly Laubach commented that six proposals were received and reviewed by the same committee that reviewed the architectural services proposal. The committee looked at previous experience, experience with correctional facility projects and concluded Quandel was the best qualified bidder.

Emergency Management

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of Change Order No. 002 to the Motorola Solutions Contract No. 10-23185/CR dated September 12, 2011 which will increase the Contract by \$717,234.00, and reflects Project Implementation changes, Year 1 through 10 Maintenance and Support changes and Budgetary Estimate for Inoperability Coverage Verifications in regard to the Berks County 700 MHz Digital Project Public Safety Radio Network.
- B. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of a Lease Agreement between the Borough of Boyertown and the County of Berks for the Earl/Fancy Hill Site in regard to the Berks County Emergency Response Radio Project.
- C. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of an Access Easement Agreement with the Hamburg Municipal Water Authority for the Albany/Pulpit Rock Site in regard to the Berks County Emergency Response Radio Project.

Solicitor

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing tax forgiveness of 2009 County taxes including any penalty and interest for Chapel Drive, Richmond Township (Parcel No. 72-5423-01-29-8135), owned by Richmond Township.

III. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Barnhardt

Commissioner Barnhardt commented that yesterday he and his Executive Assistant Katie Daley, spent a few hours in the Oley Valley touring preserved farms with Kim Fies, of the Berks County Agricultural Land Preservation Office. Commissioner Barnhardt commented that it is encouraging to see these farms continue to provide the best possible product to Berks County.

Commissioner Leinbach

Commissioner Leinbach commented that courtesy of the Veteran's Affairs Department he was reminded that yesterday was Gold Star Mother's Day. It was founded by Grace Darling Seibold, mother of First Lt. George Vaugh Seibold, a pilot, who was killed in action over France in 1918. Commissioner Leinbach proceeded to read a quote from the Gold Star Mother's Group of their mission.

Commissioner Scott

Commissioner Scott commented that he had received some visits and comments regarding the Pleasantville Bridge over Covered Bridge Road, which is hit at least once a year by a truck. Commissioner Scott commented that some suggestion has been made that the barricade has been successful to date preventing trucks from striking the bridge. But every time the barricade is struck the force of the impact causes the stones in the abutment to be jostled loose and must be repaired. Some suggestions have been to install a horizontal hanging bollard before you get to the bridge abutment. Commissioner Scott also informed the public of his injury to his leg which resulted from an accident he suffered during a torrential rain storm at his trout farm this past weekend while he was trying to secure the trout run structure.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:56 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryjo Gibson, Chief Clerk