

## **Commissioners' Board Meeting April 2, 2009**

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, April 2, 2009, at 10:30 A.M. in the Board meeting room on the thirteenth floor 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 Christian Leinbach and Commissioner Kevin Barnhardt in attendance. Also present were the Chief Clerk Terry L. Styer, and County Solicitor Alan Miller, Esq.

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

### **Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Barnhardt made a motion that was seconded by Commissioner Leinbach to approve the March 24, 2009 Commissioner workshop minutes and the March 26, 2009 Commissioners meeting minutes, all voted yes to approve.

### **Consent Agenda Items**

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Leinbach, seconded by Commissioner Barnhardt, and all voted unanimously to approve the items listed below:
  - 78.09 A. Resolution to authorize Mark C. Scott, as Chairman of the Board to execute continuation of Subgrant No. 09-DA-ST-20133 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 \$274,396, for "Phase II-RIP-Level 3 & 4 Offenders," covering the period of 7/1/09-06/30/10.
  - 79.09 B. Resolution authorizing 2009 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$55,000.00 and 2009 Appropriations in the amount \$10,173.00, per listing dated March 27, 2009.
  - 80.09 C. Resolution authorizing the creation of a formal budget for the initiation of an Investigative Grand Jury in Berks County.
  - 81.09 D. Human Resource recommendations per list dated March 31, 2009.
  - 82.09 E. Resolution authorizing the execution of a grant contract agreement no. C000038901 between the County of Berks and the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) Community Revitalization Assistance Program for \$40,000 towards Sheriff's Office – Bookmobile Conversion project covering the period of 7/1/08-06/30/11.

- 83.09 F. Resolution appointing Edmond Doherty of Wyomissing, PA to the Berks County Office of Aging Advisory Council for a two year term, effective April 1, 2009 and ending March 31, 2011, to replace Nancy Snyder who resigned.
2. Motion authorizing Mark C. Scott, as Chairman of the Board, to execute Contract Agreements/Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per attached listing dated March 30, 2009.
  3. Motion to ratify and confirm payments set forth on Controller's Office vouchers listing dated April 2, 2009, as previously authorized by instructions issued April 2, 2009.
  4. Motion to approve payments set forth on disbursement voucher list # 2345 dated March 31, 2009, for the Community Development Block Grant Program, DV #610 for the HOME Grant Program, DV #2344-S for the Emergency Shelter Program, and DV #1359 for the Property Rehabilitation Program as administered by the Berks County Community Development Office

**Commissioner Barnhardt**

- A. Authorize sending a letter to the Berks legislative delegation in support of HB 1157, which moves state funding for county-operated Child Protective Services and Juvenile Justice Programs from a reimbursement arrangement to a quarterly advance payment system.

**Reports**

1. County Treasurer Nelson Long, CPA presented the weekly Treasurer's report.
2. Deputy Controller Mark Hanson presented the weekly Controller's report for County Controller Sandy Graffius.

Commissioner Leinbach reported that the proposed 1% sales tax bill is being pushed very hard by the Governor, and that the bill has changed somewhat as to the breakdown of the recipients of the tax revenue.

Commissioner Leinbach also noted that HB961 is expected to pass soon. This will extend the tipping fees paid to Counties for another three years.

Commissioner Leinbach reported that he attended two sessions regarding the Court Improvement Project while attending the County Commissioners of PA (CCAP) conference. He said that Supreme Court Justice Max Baer is spearheading this project and that Commissioner Hartwick of Dauphin County reported on how successful this project has been in Children and Youth Services in their county.

Commissioner Barnhardt reported on the Census 2010 Committee being formed to provide and assist with mapping data, promote employment, and perform promotional activities that will insure that everyone in Berks County is counted. He said that the group's facilitator, John Kramer will present the Commissioners with a proposal in the next few weeks regarding a request for office space and funding through the Community Development Block Grant program. He then thanked County staff for their involvement in the process to this date.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:05 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk