

Commissioners' Board Meeting September 4, 2008

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, September 4, 2008, 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. County Administrator William E. Dennis did not attend the meeting.

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 August 26, 2008 Commissioner workshop minutes and the August 28, 2008 Commissioners meeting minutes, all voted yes to approve.

Consent Agenda Items

- I. A motion was made by Commissioner Leinbach, seconded by Commissioner Barnhardt, and all voted unanimously to approve the items listed below:
 - 241.08 A. Resolution authorizing 2008 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$32,654 per listing dated August 28, 2008.
 - 242.08 B. Human Resource Recommendations per list dated September 2, 2008.
 - 243.08 C. Resolution authorizing the execution by Mark C. Scott, Esq., Chair, of a grant agreement between the Berks County Department of Parks and Recreation with the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts for \$10,000; \$5,000 goes to the county for The Parks Department Summer Concert Series and the remaining \$5,000 is re-granted to the Berks Arts Council for their annual programs. The grant is for activities that occur between 1/01/09 and 12/31/09.
 - 244.08 D. Resolution reappointing Joseph Griffin, Oley, PA, to a 4 year term on the Berks County Planning Commission, ending 12/31/11.

2. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per listing dated August 28, 2008.

Reports

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

Commissioner Scott presented a grant application idea submitted by Jeanne Trivellini former Supervisor from Douglas Township suggesting that the county apply to the PA Fish and Boat Commission for funds to upgrade the Beidler Mill and the Beidler House located in the of the Historic Allegheny Aqueduct Park. Commissioner Barnhardt made a motion to submit the application; Commissioner Leinbach seconded the motion and requested that it be amended to include the right of the Commissioners to evaluate this project and its funding together with the complete evaluation of all Parks projects before committing any additional County Funds. The amended motion was approved unanimously.

Upon Commissioner Scott's request, Commissioner Barnhardt offered a motion that was seconded by Commissioner Leinbach to authorize the Chair to sign and submit a verified statement of intent on the part of the county to officially oppose the abandonment proceedings of the Penn Eastern Line's Railroad spur in Colebrookdale Township.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:46 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk