

## **Commissioners' Board Meeting August 21, 2008**

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, August 21, 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 County Solicitor Alan Miller, Esq., and County Administrator William E. Dennis. Chief Clerk Terry L. Styer 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 12, 2008 Commissioner workshop minutes and the August 14, 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:
  - 227.08 A. Resolution authorizing 2008 Appropriations in the amount \$0 per listing dated August 15, 2008.
  - 228.08 B. Resolution authorizing Mark C. Scott, Chair of the Berks County Board of Commissioners to sign the "Grant Recipient's Release, Grant Recipient's Assignment of Refunds, Rebates, and Credits, and WIA Grant Closeout Tax Certification" for the WIA Grant for Berks County Employment and Training Office on behalf of the applicant. This funding was designed to provide training and placement services to individuals receiving TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) assistance.
  - 229.08 C. Resolution approving the County of Berks Hazardous Material Emergency Response Preparedness Assessment Update For Calendar Year 2007.
  - 230.08 D. Human Resource Recommendations per list dated August 19, 2008.
  - 231.08 E. Resolution designating the Berks County Industrial Development Authority to receive the State Local Economic Development Assistance funds for the 2008-2009 fiscal year in the amount of \$106,224.

- 232.08 F. Resolution authorizing the execution and submission of a grant application by and between the County of Berks (Juvenile Probation) and the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency with respect to Continuation of Subgrant Agreement No. 19634 for \$ 364,935.00 consisting of \$205,952.00 State Funds and \$158,983.00 County Funds for the project period 7/1/09 – 6/30/10.
- 233.08 G. Resolution to send a letter from the Board of Commissioners to the delegation from Berks County in the Senate and House supporting a supplemental appropriation in the adopted 2008-2009 Commonwealth Budget for funding for reimbursement of the Commonwealth share of full-time District Attorney salaries.
2. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per listing dated August 19, 2008.

### Reports

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

### Non Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Commissioner Barnhardt, seconded by Commissioner Leinbach, and all voted unanimously to approve the item listed below:

- 234.08 H. Resolution to award and execute as a contract to supply and install hardware, software and provide system integration and optimization services for the purpose of remoting and upgrading the County of Berks Communications Console System. The remote portion shall include establishing a new dispatch facility at the Direct Link facility for ten operators. The award shall be made to the following vendor; Motorola Inc., 1301 E. Algonquin Road, Schaumburg, IL; Hardware & Software - \$267,230.00, Installation & Services - \$512,052.00, Total: \$779,828.00

**Reports of Commissioners**

Veteran Frank Presock submitted an appeal regarding the denial by the Department of Veteran Affairs of van transportation to Wilmington, DE per the Van Policy in effect. (Detail is attached.) After discussion, Commissioner Barnhardt made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Leinbach, to uphold the decision of the Department of Veterans Affairs. All voted yes to approve the motion.

Commissioner Leinbach requested that the Board send a letter to the leadership of the State House and Senate, along with the Berks delegation, with copies to Doug Hill of CCAP and Governor Rendell, in support of the override effort for HB 1348 and SB 1247 regarding spot reassessment. Commissioners Barnhardt and Scott agreed to send the letter.

Commissioner Barnhardt made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Leinbach, and all voted yes to accept (with regrets) the resignation of Christopher M. Winters from the Berks County Housing Authority Board. Commissioner Barnhardt reminded the rest of the board that this was a joint appointment that will need replacement.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:55 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Sally O'Reilly, Assistant to Chief Clerk