

Commissioners' Board Meeting November 5, 2009

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, November 5, 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 Chief Operations Officer Carl Staples, 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. The Commissioner also announced that an executive session was held on Monday, November 2, for personnel matters.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the October 27, 2009 Commissioners' Workshop and October 29, 2009 Commissioners' meetings were approved as presented.

Consent Agenda Items

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Barnhardt, seconded by Commissioner Leinbach, and all voted unanimously to approve the items listed below:
 - 315.09 A. Resolution authorizing 2009 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$95,753 and 2009 Appropriations in the amount \$225,998 per listing dated October 30, 2009.
 - 316.09 B. Resolution authorizing grant application for HAVA Financial Assistance, Amendment No. 4, Title II, Section 261, Fiscal Year 2009, between the County of Berks and the Commonwealth of PA, in the amount of \$3000, to be used for improving polling place accessibility for individuals with disabilities during the grant period October 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011.
 - 317.09 C. Resolution authorizing execution of Addendum No. 1 to the Engineering Services Agreement CA-106105-09 between the County of Berks and RPA Associates, Inc. for engineering and construction management services to modify the 12th Floor computer server room at a not to exceed amount of \$4,800.00.
 - 318.09 D. Human Resource Recommendations per list dated November 5, 2009.

- 319.09 E. Resolution to approve application for Grant-In-Aid funds from the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission for fiscal year 2009-2010. The grant amount is \$432,420.
- 320.09 F. Resolution authorizing execution of a Heritage Center Sign Agreement between the Township of Bern and the County of Berks which will allow the County to place the Heritage Center Sign within right-of-way of Red Bridge Road.
- 321.09 G. Resolution authorizing execution of a Service Agreement between the County of Berks and ReLTEK, LLC, 613 Washington Crossing, East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, to provide professional services relating to the management of the Colebrookdale Railroad.
- 322.09 H. Adopt a resolution to reappoint Piper Sherburne to a four year term as a public director, and Larry Kehl to a four year term as a farmer director on the Berks County Conservation District Board. Said terms will expire 12/31/13.
- 323.09 I. Adopt a resolution allocating \$6,975,000 of its Recovery Zone Facility Bond Allocation to the Shuman Development Group Reading Outlet Center Project, authorizing the proper officers of the county to execute and deliver any necessary documents and authorizing the taking of other necessary action in connection with the foregoing.
2. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per listing dated November 2, 2009.
3. Motion to ratify and confirm payments set forth on Controller's Office vouchers listing dated November 5, 2009, as previously authorized by instructions issued November 5, 2009.
4. Motion to approve payments set forth on disbursement voucher list #2376 for the Community Development Block Grant Program, DV # 2375 for the Community Development Block Grant Stimulus (ARRA)Program, and DV #626 for the HOME Grant Program as administered by the Berks County Community Development Office.

Reports

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

REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS**Commissioner Leinbach**

Commissioner Leinbach thanked Land Displays for the ads on their electronic billboards supporting the "Support your Local Fire Company" effort. Saying that the ads were supplied at no charge.

Commissioner Leinbach reported on a phone call received from PA Department of Transportation. He said that there will now be a conceptual review of Route 222 North, to explore expanding the highway to four lanes and upgrading three intersections along the route. The Commissioner said that he felt this is a positive direction, and that there is strong support from the business community.

Commissioner Barnhardt

Commissioner Barnhardt commended Election Services Director Debbie Olivieri and her staff for the excellent job they did with the municipal election.

The Commissioner also reported on the Berks County Tax Collection Committee meeting that was held last night. He thanked his Executive Assistant, Ryan Hunter, Solicitor Alan Miller and Chief Clerk Terry Styer for organizing the meeting and noted that officers were elected. He said that the County will now turn the process over to the Berks County Tax Collection Committee and let the Committee get to work.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:12 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk