

Commissioners' Board Meeting February 19, 2009

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, February 19, 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, Esq. called the meeting to order with Commissioner Christian Leinbach and Commissioner Kevin Barnhardt in attendance. Also present were County Solicitor Alan Miller, Esq., and County Administrator William E. Dennis. Chief Clerk Terry L. Styer was not present.

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 February 10, 2009 Commissioner workshop minutes and the February 12, 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:
 - 33.09 A. Resolution authorizing 2008 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$29,500 and 2009 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$195,040 per listing dated February 13, 2009.
 - 34.09 B. Resolution to amend resolution 139-08 for distribution of HAVA Interest-1 funds between the County of Berks and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of State.
 - 35.09 C. Resolution of the Berks County Board of Commissioners authorizing tax forgiveness of 2008 County taxes, including all penalties and interest for the following parcels owned by Reading School District:
 1. 1051 Benners Court, PIN #10531629089339 in the amount of \$31.27
 2. 1060 Benners Court, PIN #10531629089229 in the amount of \$41.95
 3. 1220 Elm Street, PIN #09531770118834 in the amount of \$76.29
 4. 214 Locust Street, PIN #09531770113540 in the amount of \$3,878.33
 5. 218A Locust Street, PIN #09531770113545 in the amount of \$45.77
 6. 220A Locust Street, PIN #09531770113517 in the amount of \$66.66
 7. 222 Locust Street, PIN #09531770113518 in the amount of \$57.21
 8. 224 Locust Street, PIN #09531770116311 in the amount of \$20.59
 9. 226 Locust Street, PIN #09531770113613 in the amount of \$20.59
 10. 230 Locust Street, PIN #09531770113636 in the amount of \$18.30
 11. 235 Locust Street, PIN #09531770114742 in the amount of \$3.05

Be it further resolved and it is hereby resolved that in regard to 200 N. 13th Street, PIN #09531770211612, the Berks County Board of Commissioners agree to waive the penalty and interest in the amount of \$1,739.14, and the Reading School District agrees to pay the 2004 County tax in the amount of \$2,851.75.

2. Motion to approve payments set forth on disbursement voucher list # DV #2339 and DV #1356 dated February 12, 2009 for the Community Development Block Grant Program, and the Property Rehabilitation Program as administered by the Berks County Community Development Office.

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, in her absence. Mr. Hanson also offered thanks to Controllers Office employees Judi Lumis and Ray Austin for their hard work and diligence in reconciling the General Fund account to the penny for December 2008.

Commissioner Scott reported that all three Commissioners attended the presentation yesterday at Montgomery County Community College by the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission and the Montgomery County Planning Commission. This was in regards to the R6 rail extension and proposed improvements to Route 422 between Douglassville and King of Prussia. The Commissioners were asked if the County would help to financially support the second phase of the project, which is a feasibility study. Montgomery, Chester and Berks Counties are each being asked to put in \$15-20,000. At this point, Berks County's portion is expected to come from BARTA.

Commissioner Leinbach made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Barnhardt, and all voted yes to support the request for the Phase Two study and to supply the requested funds.

A press conference is being held on Friday, February 20, at 10 AM in the Montgomery County Commissioners Office regarding the above.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:50 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally O'Reilly, Assistant to Chief Clerk