

## **Commissioners' Board Meeting January 17, 2008**

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, January 17, 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, County Solicitor Alan Miller, Esq., and County Administrator William E. Dennis.

Commissioner Scott opened the meeting with a moment of silence and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. He then asked for any public comments on the agenda items; Hearing none, the meeting continued.

Commissioner Scott announced that the Board held an Executive Session on Wednesday, January 16, 2008 to discuss personnel issues.

### **Approval of Minutes**

It was agreed that the approval of the January 8, 2007 Commissioners' Workshop and January 10, 2007 Commissioners' meeting minutes be delayed until the Tuesday, January 22 Commissioners' Workshop meeting.

### **Consent Agenda Items**

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Leinbach, seconded by Commissioner Barnhardt and all voting unanimously to approve the items listed below with the exception of Item C. which was held for further discussion\*:
  - 8.08 A. Resolution authorizing 2007 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$13,370 and 2007 Appropriations in the amount \$262,939 per listing dated January 11, 2008.
  - 9.08 B. Resolution authorizing the execution of the Gypsy Moth Suppression Agreement No. FPM 08-01/02/03 with the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources of the Commonwealth of PA and further to authorize payment of the invoice for the 2008 Gypsy Moth Suppression program.
  - 10.08 C. Resolution approving the Human Resource Recommendations per list dated January 14, 2008. \*Commissioner Scott asked Judge Rowley to discuss item 2 on the list of HR recommendations regarding the salary for his Law Clerk The Judge explained that President Judge Schmehl will be conducting a comprehensive review of all the Law Clerks and during the interim he was willing to accept the Cost Containment recommended starting salary of \$40,471. Hearing no additional changes, Commissioner Leinbach made a motion that was seconded by Commissioner Barnhardt and all voted yes to approve Resolution 10.08 as amended in item 2.

- 11.08 D. Resolution authorizing Mark C. Scott, Esq., Chairman of the Board, to execute TEFAP Inventory – Reimbursement Request Form for the period (October, November, and December) FFY 2007-2008, in the amount of \$6,921.98 for distributing 62,927.07 pounds of food at \$.11 per pound and to authorize Margaret Bianca, Executive Director, Greater Berks Food Bank for apply for the funds on behalf of Berks County.
  - 12.08 E. Resolution authorizing Berks County Treasurer to make twelve monthly retirement fund (ARC) contributions to the Berks County Retirement Fund estimated total \$6,325,000 to the end of December 2008.
  - 13.08 F. Resolution authorizing rescinding of Resolution 354-07 concerning the allocation of \$625,000 to the RiverPlace Development Corp.
  - 14.08 G. Resolution re-appointing James Adams, Reading , PA to the Berks County Industrial Development Authority for a five year term ending 12/31/2012.
  - 15.08 H. Resolution to appoint Maureen (Kelly) Mileski to the Berks County Board of Assessment Appeals for a four year term, replacing Arthur White, whose term expired. Ms. Mileski's term will end 12/31/2011.
  - 16.08 I. Resolution to appoint Lloyd Hopkins, Oley, PA to a 4 year term on the Berks County Planning Commission Board to replace David Thun, whose term expired in 2005. Mr. Hopkins' term will expire on 12/31/2009.
2. Motion authorizing the execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per listing dated January 11, 2007.

### **Reports**

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

Non-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:
  - 17.08 J. Resolution authorizing Mark C. Scott, Esq. as Chairman of the Board, to execute a Pass Through Agreement between the County of Berks and the Berks Advocates Against Violence to operate the Safe Havens Supervised Visitation Center effective September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2009. The allocation is not to exceed \$273,939.49 and is based upon the supplemental budget of \$200,000 and the remaining prior budget of \$73,939.49 awarded through a grant from the Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women to be utilized for the operation of said supervised visitation center.
  - 18.08 K. Resolution authorizing Mark C. Scott, Esq. as Chairman of the Board, to execute a grant application for funds under the 2008 Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement Orders Program with the US Department of Justice. District Attorney John Adams and Kimberly Mackey, Esq. of Berks Women in Crisis attended the meeting to request approval for the submission of all the required documents and agreements for this grant application which would request funding from the US Department of Justice in the amount of \$359,470; and is proposed to be distributed among the District Attorney's Office, Adult Probation as well as Berks Women in Crisis to help fund existing Protection Orders programs, policies and existing staff. It was explained that this would be 100% Federal Funded with no County matching funds required.

The Commissioners discussed the RiverPlace Amphitheater project generally along with the funds the County previously approved for Reading Area Community College (RACC) Bridge and Trexler Mansion and asked Ken Pick, Director of Community Development to investigate the possibility of transferring the funds that may have been approved by the Governor for the RiverPlace Amphitheater project and ask that they be re-allocated for the phase II construction of the RACC Bridge.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk