

Commissioners' Board Meeting October 15, 2009

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, October 15, 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.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the October 6, 2009 Commissioners' Workshop and October 8, 2009 Commissioners' meetings were approved as presented.

Consent Agenda Items

- I. A motion was made by Commissioner Barnhardt, seconded by Commissioner Leinbach, and all voted unanimously to approve the items listed below:
 - 290.09 A. Resolution authorizing 2009 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$38,080 and 2009 Appropriations in the amount \$10,954,690 per listing dated October 9, 2009.
 - 291.09 B. Resolution authorizing an addendum to a lease agreement between the County of Berks and Susan L. Scholl, Pottstown, PA, increasing the monthly rent on office space located at 26 Scholl Drive, Oley, PA for Magisterial District Court 23-3-03 to \$1,029.00 per month effective November 1, 2009.
 - 292.09 C. Human Resource recommendations per list dated October 13, 2009.
 - 293.09 D. Resolution authorizing the execution of a grant application and agreement between the County of Berks and the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for the Antietam Lake Valve House.
 - 294.09 E. Resolution authorizing execution of a Consulting Agreement between the County and Wheeler Environmental for water, air, and soil sample testing in the area of Exide Technologies (pursuant to agreement reached between the County and the private landowners. The amount of the proposal is \$13,700, payable from the Environmental Defense Fund.

2. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per listing dated October 9, 2009.
3. Motion to ratify and confirm payments set forth on Controller's Office vouchers listing dated October 15, 2009, as previously authorized by instructions issued October 15, 2009.
4. Motion to approve payments set forth on disbursement voucher list # 2373 for the Community Development Block Grant Program, and DV #1374 for 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. Chief Deputy Controller Mark Hanson presented the weekly Controller's report for County Controller Sandy Graffius.
 - A. Commissioner Leinbach reported on the meeting he attended in Harrisburg on Tuesday with the Secretary of the Department of Transportation, regarding Route 222 North. He said he felt it was a frustrating and disappointing meeting, feeling that PA DOT was pretending that they'd done something, and spent the first part of the meeting talking about the expense of building a limited access highway, which is not what the County wants. Once presented with the option of expanding the existing 2 lane highway from Reading to Kutztown to 4 lanes, PA DOT ordered a conceptual study for this project. The Commissioner said that he expects to hear some sort of report within the next 30 days.
 - B. Commissioner Barnhardt noted that he traveled to Washington, DC with other Criminal Justice Advisory Board (CJAB) members to meet with the Berks delegation regarding funding for the Community Re-entry Center. They requested \$300,000 for each of the next 3 years for study and operational expenses.
 - C. Commissioner Scott reported that he received a proposal from Transystems for document preparation, project management and improvement costs for the intersection of Philadelphia Avenue and the Colebrookdale Spur in Boyertown. He said that the consulting costs to prepare bid documents would be \$16,130, and that construction costs for the intersection improvements were projected to be \$65,000, which would come from either the Environmental Defense Fund or Liquid Fuels. Commissioner Barnhardt made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Leinbach, and all voted yes to approve the following resolution:

- 295.09 E. Resolution authorizing execution of an agreement between the County of Berks and Transystems for document preparation, project management and improvement costs for the Colebrookdale Spur intersection with Philadelphia Avenue in Boyertown. The amount of the proposal is \$16,130, payable from the Environmental Defense Fund.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk