

Commissioners' Board Meeting January 31, 2008

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, January 31, 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.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Leinbach made a motion that was seconded by Commissioner Barnhardt to approve the January 22, 2007 Commissioner Workshop minutes and the January 24, Commissioners meeting minutes, all voted yes to approve.

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:
 - 31.08 A. Adopt Resolution authorizing 2007 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$64,353 and 2007 Appropriations in the amount \$5,450 per listing dated January 25, 2008.
 - 32.08 B. Human Resource Recommendations per list dated January 29, 2008.
 - 33.08 C. Resolution authorizing execution of Addendum A-4 to Blanket Consulting Agreement No. CA-3033-07 between the County of Berks and Keystone E-Sciences Group, Inc. for the review of Exide Corporation environmental permits.
 - 34.08 D. Resolution re-appointing Charles S. Mowbray, Wyomissing, PA to the Berks County Solid Waste Authority for a four year term ending 12/31/2011.
 - 35.08 E. Resolution re-appointing James Gilmartin, Hamburg, PA, to the Berks County Office of Aging Advisory Council for a two year term ending 12/31/2009.

- 36.08 F. Resolution re-appointing Joan M. Kohl, Reading, PA, to the Berks County Office of Aging Advisory Council for a two year term ending 12/31/2009.
- 37.08 G. Resolution appointing Mark Pinkasavage, Temple, PA, to the Berks County Housing Authority for the balance of the five year term left vacant by Ms. Jean Schwenger, who resigned. Mr. Pinkasavage's term will end 12/20/2010.
- 38.08 H. Resolution appointing Leslie Rebman, Douglassville, PA, to the Berks County Environmental Advisory Council for a two year term, ending 06/11/2009. This appointment has been vacant since 03/07/2007, when Ms. Kathleen Shellington resigned.
- 39.08 I. Resolution appointing Robert C. Bagenstose, Reading, PA to the Berks County Office of Council on Chemical Abuse to complete the term of Joseph "Bud" Haines who resigned January 14, 2008. The three (3) year term will end on 2/1/2010.
2. Motion authorizing Mark C. Scott, as Chairman of the Board, to execute Contract Agreements/Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per attached listing dated January 28, 2007.

Reports

1. County Controller Sandy Graffius presented the weekly Controller's report.

Reports of Commissioners

Commissioner Leinbach extended an open invitation for the Thursday budget meetings held in the Commissioners' Boardroom at 2:00 PM.

The Commissioners then discussed a proposed list of action items they would like to see on the agenda for a public meeting requested by the City of Reading and planned for the Commissioners Board room on the 6th of February 2008 at 5:00 PM. It was decided that Commissioner Leinbach would respond to the City suggesting that three main action items be included on the Agenda including, the RiverPlace Development project; the Naval/Reserve Center on Kenhorst Blvd. and the proposed Police Services study.

Commissioner Scott then reported that he intended to report for the benefit of the taxpayers and as determined to be legally acceptable, some of the examples of lawsuits and arbitration complaints and awards that are filed against the county by unions and unreasonable individuals especially when the result of which is very costly to the County and ultimately the taxpayer.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk