

Commissioners' Board Meeting January 8, 2009

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, January 8, 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 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 and then announced that the Commissioners met in executive session on Tuesday January 6 to discuss personnel matters.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Barnhardt made a motion that was seconded by Commissioner Leinbach to approve the December 30, 2008 Commissioner's meeting minutes, all voted yes to approve.

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:
 - 01.09 A. Human Resource Recommendations per list dated January 6, 2009.
 - 02.09 B. Resolution authorizing the execution of a Municipal Improvements Agreement between the Township of Bern and the County of Berks allowing the County to make certain improvements to the Gruber Wagon Works site.
 - 03.09 C. Resolution reappointing Jonathan Encarnacion, Reading, PA to a three year term ending 12/31/2011 on the Berks County Mental Health/Mental Retardation (MH/MR) Advisory Board.
 - 04.09 D. Resolution approving a \$60,000 grant application and a letter of support for the Berks County Public Libraries to apply to the ICMA Public Library Innovation Grant program to enable the county to establish a partnership between CareerLink~Berks County (a one-stop workforce development system which is part of a statewide network) and local public libraries.

- 05.09 D. Resolution appointing Dr. Robert Zeigenfus as Chairman to the Berks County Agricultural Preservation Board for an additional one year term from 1/1/09 through 12/31/09.

2. ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 1 OF 2009

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF BERKS, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE INCURRENCE OF LEASE RENTAL DEBT EVIDENCED BY A CERTAIN GUARANTY AGREEMENT OF THE COUNTY SECURING A GUARANTEED LINE OF CREDIT NOTE TO BE EXECUTED BY THE BERKS COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (THE "AUTHORITY") TO FINANCE A PROJECT FOR THE AUTHORITY CONSISTING OF (1) THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY AND THE RENOVATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF SUCH REAL PROPERTY FOR USE AS INDUSTRIAL PARKS; (2) THE ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS; AND (3) THE PAYMENT OF THE COSTS OF FINANCING SUCH PROJECT; BRIEFLY DESCRIBING SUCH PROJECTS FOR WHICH SUCH DEBT IS TO BE INCURRED;

3. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per listing dated January 8, 2009.

Reports

1. County Treasurer Nelson Long, CPA presented the weekly Treasurer's report and then requested input on the 2009 ARC contribution schedule. Following a discussion with the Commissioners, it was determined that the Treasurer would make 12 ARC Contributions based on the 2009 budget amount of \$12,850,000 and then adjust as necessary during the final month of 2009. The Chief Clerk was instructed to place this in the form of a resolution on next week's Commissioners meeting.
2. County Controller Sandy Graffius presented the weekly Controller's report.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:58 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk