

## **Commissioners' Board Meeting September 25, 2008**

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, September 25, 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 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 Barnhardt made a motion that was seconded by Commissioner Leinbach to approve the September 9, 2008 Commissioners' workshop minutes and the September 11, 2008 Commissioners' meeting minutes, all voted yes to approve.

### **Consent and Non-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:
  - 248.08 A. Resolution authorizing the Berks Heim private pay per diem rate increase.
  - 249.08 B. Resolution authorizing 2008 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$25,151 and 2008 Appropriations in the amount \$456,180 per listing dated September 19, 2008.
  - 250.08 C. Resolution authorizing a \$100,000 grant application by the Criminal Justice Advisory Board (CJAB) on behalf of the County of Berks with Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government's Innovations in American Government Program. No County match is required.
  - 251.08 D. Resolution authorizing Mark C. Scott, Esq., as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Berks County, to sign a grant application between the County and the PA Department of Community and Economic Development Community Development /Revitalization Program (DCED), in the amount of \$21,000 to aid in the purchase of a Crime Scene Vehicle.

- 252.08 E. Human Resource recommendations per list dated September 23, 2008.
- 253.08 F. Resolution authorizing tax forgiveness of 2007 County taxes for Parcel ID No. 92-4490-06-49-3449 owned by the Borough of Leesport in the amount of \$9.74 including all penalties and interest.
- 254.08 G. Resolution ratifying, confirming and approving the execution of Settlement Agreements in regard to employee litigation.
- 255.08 H. Resolution authorizing advertising an Ordinance AMENDING AND MODIFYING ORDINANCE NO. 5-04 PROVIDING FOR THE RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE USE OF THE BERKS COUNTY PARK SYSTEM.
- 256.08 I. Resolution rescinding Resolution No. 283-07 dated October 4, 2007 regarding the acquisition and condemnation of easements of the proposed Hay Creek Trail properties.
- 257.08 J. Adopt a resolution authorizing Mark C. Scott, Esq., as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Berks County, to sign a grant application between the County and the PA Department of Community and Economic Development Shared Municipal Services Grant program (DCED) in the amount of \$60,000 (DCED \$30,000 - County match \$30,000) to help defray the costs associated with the automation and integration of criminal justice records among the Berks County law enforcement agencies, Court of Common Pleas, and the Administrative Office of PA Courts (AOPC) and to authorize the Purchasing Manager to execute a contract with CODY Computer Services to implement those improvements and systems augmentations.
2. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per listing dated September 19, 2008.

### **Reports**

1. County Treasurer Nelson Long, CPA presented the weekly Treasurer's report.
2. Deputy County Controller Mark Hanson presented the Controller's report for the prior two weeks.

Commissioner Barnhardt discussed a concern with the process used by the Agricultural Preservation Board regarding the purchase of Agricultural easements in areas deemed as recreational in the County's Comprehensive plan. Commissioner Leinbach reported that the Lancaster County Agricultural Preserve Board makes compliance with the County Comprehensive Plan as part of their selection criteria. Commissioner Scott reflected on a similar conversation held by the prior board regarding the Comprehensive Plan's planned

growth area and that it was the belief at that time that the law prevented those criteria from being used by the Agricultural Land Preservation Board.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk