

Commissioners' Board Meeting November 6, 2008

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, November 6, 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.

Presentation

Commissioner Barnhardt presented the Hall of Heroes website address at <http://www.berksheroes.com>, which he said is slated to be unveiled on Veterans' Day, November 11, 2008, and intended to permanently honor the loss of the brave men and women of Berks County who laid down their lives to defend our liberty and freedom. For the work involved in pulling this project together Commissioner Barnhardt thanked the county staff and U.S. Air Force Master Sergeant (retired) Larry Cohen; US Army 1st Sergeant (retired) Lee Mancias and Specialist 4th Class (retired) Diane Price, all of whom were members of this Berks County Veterans Task Force.

Commissioner Leinbach then introduced and encouraged citizen donations to the Keystone Soldiers – www.keystonesoldiers.com, a 100% volunteer non profit organization providing support for our soldiers as they are deployed on foreign lands.

Scott Gruber from National Penn and Dick Ehst from Sovereign Bank attended the meeting to continue discussions from last week regarding the Treasurer and Controller's request to move County's operating accounts to a new bank better able to handle online transactions and the assurance of an accurate interface with the County's Oracle Financial system. Commissioner Leinbach discussed what he believed may have been lacking in the comparative analyses of the two bank's on-line services and suggested that more detailed comparable information should be gathered prior to making a recommendation to the Commissioners for this selection. The Commissioners requested the Solicitor to develop whatever authorizing actions are necessary to complete this transaction for the November 13th Commissioners' meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Barnhardt made a motion that was seconded by Commissioner Leinbach to approve the October 28, 2008 Commissioner workshop and the October 30, 2008 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:
 - 295.08 A. Resolution authorizing 2008 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$109,867 per listing dated October 31, 2008. Budget Director Robert Patrizio presented this budget report
 - 296.08 B. Resolution to amend the 2008 County Federal CDBG Program. The reason for the changes are:
 1. Moving project to 2010.
 2. Township wants to complete project before end of year and has requested its allocation.
 3. 2008 payment made to BCIDA.
 - 297.08 C. Resolution to adopt the FY 2009 – FY 2013 Joint Consolidated Plan for the County of Berks and City of Reading
 - 298.08 D. Resolution to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the AOPC (Administrative Office of PA Courts) and the Court of Common Pleas to outline the parameters for recording current, active case information and data into the Common Pleas Case Management System (CPCMS) Dependency Module in Berks County and to request grant funds in the amount of \$4,192.00
 - 299.08 E. Human Resource Recommendations per list dated November 6, 2008.
 - 300.08 F. Resolution to award and execute as a result of Invitation to Bid #08-08-MB a three year contract to provide fixed rates for trash and recycling services to the County of Berks to Allied Waste Services of Schuylkill Valley; Cogle's Recycling Inc.; Waste Management of PA; as specified on the attached outline.
 - 301.08 G. Resolution to award and execute as a result of Invitation to Bid #08-05-AO, a one year contract to supply and deliver Medical Grade Oxygen to the Berks Heim with Praxair Distribution Mid-Atlantic dba GTS-Welco, 5275 Tilghman Street, Allentown, PA, 18104, as specified on the attached outline.
 - 302.08 H. Resolution to reappoint Ken Seidel, Shoemakersville, PA, to a 5 year term on the Industrial Development Authority Board, ending December 31, 2013.

Reports

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

Reports of Commissioners

Commissioner Leinbach commended the Berks County Election Services department, the many Poll Workers and volunteers who helped make this history making turnout for a national election a success in Berks County. He said "we were ready and the results showed that."

Commissioner Barnhardt reported that the Parks and Recreation department has accumulated 953 hours of cleanup and maintenance hours for the Antietam Park property. He then added his commendations to Deb Olivieri, Election Services Director and her staff for the successful election.

Commissioner Scott agreed with the above and added thanks to the voters for the record setting turnout.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:55 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk