

Commissioners' Board Meeting March 11, 2010

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, March 11, 2010, 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, Esq. called the meeting to order with Commissioner Christian Leinbach and Commissioner Kevin Barnhardt in attendance. Also present were Solicitor Alan Miller Esq., Chief Operations Officer Carl W. Staples, and Chief Clerk Terry Styer.

Commissioner Scott opened the meeting with a moment of silence and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the March 2, 2010 Commissioners' Workshop and the March 4, 2010 Commissioners' meeting were approved as presented.

Consent Agenda Items

- I. A motion was made by Commissioner Leinbach, seconded by Commissioner Barnhardt, and all voted yes to approve the items listed below including the one Non- Consent item.
 - 84.10 A. Resolution authorizing 2010 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$60,352 and 2010 Budget Appropriations in the amount of \$346,627 per listing dated March 5, 2010.
 - 85.10 B. Resolution authorizing The Berks County Chief Financial Officer to prepare and submit the IRS Form 8038-CP Return for Credit Payments to Issuers of Qualified Bonds on behalf of the County of Berks.
 - 86.10 C. Resolution authorizing Human Resource Recommendations per list dated March 9, 2010.

- 87.10 D. Resolution authorizing the County of Berks to approve the amendments of the Berks Area Transportation Authority (BARTA) Articles of Incorporation to reflect the modification of BARTA as a county transportation authority; and further authorizes execution by the Board of Commissioners of the Amended Articles of Incorporation, to be known as the Berks Area Regional Transportation Authority (BARTA).

***Non Consent Item**

- 88.10 E. Resolution authorizing the Berks County Jail System to make a one time emergency purchase of one (1) case of hydroshock 9mm rounds and twenty-three (23) cases of full metal jacket 9mm rounds so that the Jail has sufficient ammunition on hand to ensure the safety at the Berks County Jail System as well as having required ammunition for Spring firearm qualifications for correctional officers as stated in the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

* Prior to the vote Commissioner Barnhardt brought this item from the floor due to the urgent need for this purchase by the Jail. The Commissioner explained that the state contracted vendor from which the County purchases these ammunition supplies is on back order for nine to twelve months, therefore, this authorization allows the Warden to make this emergency purchase from another vendor.

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 March 8, 2010 noting that a contract between the County of Berks and Sinking Spring Borough for \$75,000 of Community Development Block Grant funds was added to this list from the Tuesday meeting. The funds are to be used for a traffic impact study encompassing all of the proposed road and street improvements outlined on the Borough's official map.
3. Motion to ratify and confirm payments set forth on Controller's Office vouchers listing dated March 11, 2010, as previously authorized by instructions issued March 11, 2010.

Reports

1. County Treasurer Nelson Long, CPA provided a copy of the weekly Treasurer's report.
2. Deputy County Controller Mark Hanson presented the weekly Controller's report.

Public Comment

Clerk of Courts Jim Troutman asked the Commissioners about any plans for the Veterans Affairs Department merging with the Office of Aging. His request focused on who was in charge and who had access to the Veterans' Records.

Chief Operations Officer Carl Staples responded that he was in charge of the Veterans Affairs Office and that from the view of the veteran using the agency services, there would be no changes to the function of the Veterans Affairs Office, no changes to the hours of operation and he assured Mr. Troutman that all protected records were secure and no one would gain access to those records without receiving proper certification to do so.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:55 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk