

Commissioners' Board Meeting December 18, 2008

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, December 18, 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, Alan S. 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 minutes of the December 9, 2008 Commissioners' Workshop, the December 10, 2008 Special Meeting and the December 11, 2008 Commissioners' meeting, all voted yes to approve.

Consent Agenda Items:

- I. A motion was made by Commissioner Leinbach, seconded by Commissioner Barnhardt, and all voted unanimously to approve the items listed below including the three (3) non-consent items:
 - 338.08 A. Resolution authorizing 2008 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$158,376 per listing dated December 12, 2008.
 - 339.08 B. Human Resource Recommendations per list dated December 16, 2008.
 - 340.08 C. Resolution approving the amendments to the County's Natural Land, Farmland and Open Space Conservation Program.
 - 341.08 D. Resolution to amend the Berks County Solid Waste Management Plan.
 - 342.08 E. Adopt a resolution establishing the Berks County Open Records Policy.

- 343.08 F. Resolution re-appointing Norman Wilikofsky, Reading, PA, to the Berks County Municipal Authority. This is a five-year appointment effective January 6, 2009 and ending January 5, 2014.
- 344.08 G. Resolution re-appointing Cathy Pilat, Blandon, PA, to the Berks County MH/MR Advisory Board. This is a three-year appointment effective January 1, 2009 and ending December 31, 2011.
- 345.08 H. Resolution authorizing the appointment of Barry L. Schlouch, Blandon, PA to the Berks County Planning Commission to replace Robin Koch, who resigned. This is a four-year term effective January 1, 2009 and will expire on December 31, 2012.
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 December 12, 2008.

Non Consent Agenda

Public Defender Glen Welsh attended the meeting to request amendments to the two applications listed below as Resolution 346 and 347 to include additional funds.

- 346.08 I. Resolution authorizing the execution of an amended application for FY 2008 JAB#2008-JB-03 19845 (Juvenile Accountability Block Grant) which was approved by Resolution No. 332-08 on behalf of the Berks County Public Defenders Office increasing the funding from \$23,633 to \$28,932.
- 347.08 J. Resolution authorizing the execution of an amended application for FY 2008 JAB#2008-JB-03 19832 (Juvenile Accountability Block Grant) which was approved by Resolution No. 333-08 on behalf of the Berks County District Attorney increasing the funding from \$23,633 to \$28,932.
- 348.08 K. Resolution appointing Commissioner Christian Y. Leinbach to serve as the Commissioner Director for the Berks County Conservation District for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2009.

Reports

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

Public Comment:

Carlos Zayas resident of the City of Reading presented questions and raised concerns regarding the City and County working towards the rehabilitation of certain blocks of the City. He also suggested that the organization known as Our City Reading manages to secure funding for special city projects, the public input and community involvement is often missed and these same neighborhoods continue to be ignored. Commissioner Scott responded to Mr. Zayas and echoed some of his concerns with regard to other projects such as the RACC Bridge and Trexler Mansion that appeared to have "special access" to funding streams.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:07A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk