

Commissioners' Board Meeting July 17, 2008

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, July 17, 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 in attendance. Also present were the Chief Clerk Terry L. Styer, County Solicitor Alan Miller, Esq., and County Administrator William E. Dennis. Commissioner Kevin Barnhardt did not attend the meeting.

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

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Leinbach made a motion that was seconded by Commissioner Scott to approve the July 8, 2008 Commissioner workshop minutes and the July 10, 2008 Commissioners meeting minutes, all voted yes to approve.

Consent Agenda Items

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Leinbach, seconded by Commissioner Scott, and all voted unanimously to approve the items listed below:

- 188.08 A. **RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COUNTY OF BERKS, PENNSYLVANIA, APPROVING THE FINANCING BY THE BERKS COUNTY MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY OF A PROJECT FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALBRIGHT COLLEGE, WHICH PROJECT CONSISTS, GENERALLY, OF THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES ON THE COLLEGE'S CAMPUS AND THE FUNDING OF CERTAIN OTHER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ON THE COLLEGE'S CAMPUS, DECLARING THAT IT IS DESIRABLE FOR THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE IN THE AREA SERVED BY ALBRIGHT COLLEGE FOR THE AUTHORITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FINANCING OF THE PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT FOR FEDERAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE PURPOSES; AND AUTHORIZING OTHER NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE ACTION.**

- 189.08 B. Resolution authorizing 2008 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$976,681, and 2008 Appropriations in the amount of \$48,500 per listing dated July 15, 2008.
 - 190.08 C. Human Resource Recommendations per list dated July 17, 2008.
 - 191.08 D. Resolution authorizing the execution of a 2 year/24 month Contract Renewal between the County of Berks and Vision Benefits of America, Pittsburgh, PA 15236, commencing July 1, 2008 thru June 30, 2010.
2. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per listing dated July 14, 2008.

Reports

- 1. County Treasurer Nelson Long, CPA presented the weekly Treasurer's report.
- 2. Pam Santos, Sr. Governmental Accountant, presented the weekly Controller's report for County Controller Sandy Graffius.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

County Administrator Bill Dennis presented his weekly report.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Leinbach

The Commissioner reported briefly on his experience at the National Association of Counties NACo Annual Convention

Commissioner Scott

Commissioner Scott indicated that additional legal experts may need to be contracted if the County is to consider any attempts to preserve the Colebrookdale Rail Road Line.

The Commissioner also noted that the repairs to the RACC (Reading Area Community College) Bridge have increased by approximately \$65,000 and that more than likely the entire \$300,000 Grant from the Department of Community and Economic Development will be used for the bridge rather than half of the funds being used for the Trexler Mansion improvements.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk