

Question #1	Candidate Name
Answer to #1	Kevin S. Barnhardt
Question #2	Campaign/Candidate Address
Answer to #2	8 Eagles Lane Sinking Spring, PA 19608
Question #3	Campaign/Candidate Office Phone
Answer to #3	610-375-9482
Question #4	Campaign/Candidate Fax:
Answer to #4	N/A
Question #5	Campaign/Candidate Website
Answer to #5	BarnhardtForBerks.com
Question #6	Campaign/Candidate Email
Answer to #6	KBarnhardt01@comcast.net
Question #7	Political Party
Answer to #7	Democratic
Question #8	Campaign Organization
Answer to #8	Barnhardt for Berks
Question #9	Campaign Chairperson Name
Answer to #9	Dr. Robert Shuttlesworth
Question #10	Type
Answer to #10	Volunteer
Question #11	Campaign Treasurer Name
Answer to #11	Kevin Duncan
Question #12	Type
Answer to #12	Volunteer
Question #13	Campaign Manager
Answer to #13	Derek Harris

Question #14 Type

Answer to #14 Volunteer

Question #15 Campaign Manager Phone:

Answer to #15 484-955-3508

Question #16 Campaign Manager Email:

Answer to #16 DH824810@wcupa.edu

Question #17 Campaign Media Consultant

Answer to #17 N/A

Question #18 Type

Answer to #18 Volunteer

Question #19 Official Campaign Name

Answer to #19 Barnhardt for Berks

Question #20 Campaign Budget

Answer to #20 N/A

Question #21 Have you ever run for public office before?

Answer to #21 Yes

Question #22 If yes, what office and when:

Answer to #22 West Reading Borough Council 1982-1997, West Reading Mayor 1997-2006, Berks County Commissioner 2008-present

Question #23 Do you currently hold (or have you held) an elected office?

Answer to #23 Yes

Question #24 If yes, what office and when:

Answer to #24 Berks County Commissioner 2008-present

Section B - Campaign Qualifications/Issues/Positions

Question #1 Why are you running for this Office?

Answer to #1	As a public servant for the last 32 years, I feel a strong commitment to serving the residents of Berks County. I would like to continue the fiscal responsibility that has become the trademark of the current Board of Commissioners. I would also like to expand on my work with the economic development agencies to maintain and bring sustainable employment to Berks County.
Question #2	What qualifications/experience do you have that will enable you to fulfill the responsibilities of the office you are seeking? Include Educational Background.
Answer to #2	With 30 years of private industry experience and 32 years as an elected official, I have a unique and robust blend of public and private industry experience that has allowed me to develop strong leadership and management skills. As a former councilman, Mayor, and now as a County Commissioner, I have experience creating policies, managing a municipal and a county budget, serving as the civilian head of a 13-member police force, helping create the West Reading Main Street and Elm Street programs, and interacting with the public in various capacities. In private industry, I developed effective management skills, gained experience in sales, marketing, and business development. I believe my time in both the private and public arenas has provided a good balance and ability to understand the big picture when dealing with the unique nature of county government.
Question #3	Have you ever owned or operated a Business? If yes, please provide details.
Answer to #3	No Details:
Question #4	What are your primary goals if you are elected/re-elected to this office?
Answer to #4	1. Maintain the financial well-being and credit rating of the County. 2. Create an environment to maintain and recruit employers to Berks County. 3. Find suitable alternatives for diverting the mental health inmate population away from jails. 4. Enhance the services provided by Berks Heim. 5. Work with PA Fish and Boat Commission to re-open Kaercher Creek Park and improve the Angora Fruit Farm at Antietam Lake Park. 6. Explore the addition of other counties to the South Central Transit Authority. 7. Improve County assets then turn them over to local municipalities that are better able to maintain them. 8. Expand industrial and commercial tax base to lessen the burden on property owners and small businesses.
Question #5	What are the greatest challenges facing Berks County?
Answer to #5	1. Stagnant local tax base. 2. Uncertainty in state government as it applies to funding for mandated County programs. 3. Deteriorating road and bridge infrastructure. 4. Ensuring residents are educated appropriately for the available jobs in Berks County.
Question #6	If elected/re-elected, what would you do to address these challenges?
Answer to #6	1. Continue my personal efforts working with the area's economic development agencies and municipalities to try to bring businesses to Berks County to expand the commercial and industrial tax base. Offer the potential of a LERTA or a TIF to incentivize companies to locate or expand in Berks County. 2. Advocate for the County through my involvement with the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania. Explore evidence-based practices to try and make the most efficient decisions for our departments and programs. 3. Improve County-owned bridges that service large numbers of residents, remove structurally deficient non-regional bridges, repair County bridges then turn them over to municipalities through PennDOT's Turn Back Program. 4. Continue the County's financial sponsorship of Reading Area Community College.
Question #7	What specifically what would you do to improve the overall infrastructure (transportation/utilities) in Berks County?
Answer to #7	I currently sit on the Reading Area Transportation Study Committee (RATS) and am the Chair of the BARTA Board and South Central Transit Authority Board (SCTA). Through these organizations, we are constantly exploring more efficient options for travel and road improvements. BARTA and SCTA have invested in more energy efficient buses plus the formation of SCTA has allowed for Sunday bus service to be implemented in Berks County. RATS has also been instrumental in the plans for improvements to 222 North.

Question #8	What specifically would you do to spur economic growth for Berks County?
Answer to #8	I will continue to advocate to local municipalities and school districts for LERTAs and TIFs, where appropriate, to encourage businesses to locate or expand here.
Question #9	What specifically would you do to manage the County Budget and ensure the financial stability of Berks County?
Answer to #9	1. We hold budget meetings once a week throughout the year to analyze the County budget and plan for the future. 2. Hold County department heads accountable for their budgets. 3. Review County contracts on a regular basis. 4. Effectively manage limited resources from the state and federal government. 5. We fully funded the County pension. 6. Eliminate positions as departments become more efficient through technology.
Question #10	What would you do to promote more regional cooperation within Berks County?
Answer to #10	As the Chair of the Center for Excellence in Local Government I will advocate for collaboration among municipal officials on such items as infrastructure projects, cooperative purchasing agreements, and police regionalization discussions. I will continue to support the County's funding of the Berks County Emergency Response Team which is comprised of deputy sheriffs and police officers from a variety of municipalities. I will continue to work with the Chamber of Commerce and other community partners on the Reading Bridges work group to inform the public of upcoming bridge rehabilitations that will impact the traffic flow in our communities.

Section C - General/Other

Question #1	Do you do regular community serve? If so please describe you activities.
Answer to #1	Yes Details: 1. Berks Arts Council Board Member 2. Reading Public Museum Board Member 3. Greater Reading Convention and Visitors' Bureau Board Member 4. Chair of BARTA Board and South Central Transit Authority Board 5. St. John's Lodge No.435 Free and Accepted Masons 6. 1st Lieutenant Commander and Trustee of Scottish Rite Valley of Reading 7. Patriotic Order Sons of America 8. Childrens' Dyslexia Center Board of Governors 9. Berks Encore shopper and Meals on Wheels volunteer
Question #2	Please list any past or present affiliations with business and/or community organizations.
Answer to #2	Past: 1. West Reading-Wyomissing Lyons Club 2. Past Master, St. John's Lodge No. 435 Free and Accepted Masons 3. Past Thrice Potent Master of Reading Lodge of Perfection, A.A.S.R. 4. Chair of West Reading Main Street Authority 5. President of West Reading Main Street Foundation Present: 1. Berks Arts Council Board Member 2. Reading Public Museum Board Member 3. Greater Reading Convention and Visitors' Bureau Board Member 4. Chair of BARTA Board and South Central Transit Authority Board 5. St. John's Lodge No.435 Free and Accepted Masons 6. 1st Lieutenant Commander and Trustee of Scottish Rite Valley of Reading 7. Patriotic Order Sons of America 8. Childrens' Dyslexia Center Board of Governors 9. Berks Encore shopper and Meals on Wheels volunteer
Question #3	Have you ever been convicted of a non-summary crime?
Answer to #3	No
Question #4	Have you ever filed for bankruptcy?
Answer to #4	No
Question #5	Have you ever been or are you involved in any tax dispute or investigation with a government agency?

Answer to #5 No

Question #6 Have you ever been successfully sued?

Answer to #6 No

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Question #1 Electronic Signature - Print Candidate's Full Name

Answer to #1 Kevin S. Barnhardt

Meeting Notes

Meeting Date -

Other Comments
