

**Commissioners' Board Meeting**  
**Thursday, May 13, 2004**

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, May 13, 2004 at 10:30 AM 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 Judith L. Schwank called the meeting to order with Commissioner Mark Scott, Solicitor Alan S. Miller and Acting Chief Clerk William E. Dennis present. Commissioner Gajewski was on vacation the week of May 10, 2004 and was not present for the meeting.

On motion by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Schwank, the minutes for May 4, 2004 and May 6, 2004 were approved:

On motion by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Schwank, the following proclamations were approved:

Adopt Proclamation regarding *Nurses Day at Berks Heim*, May 19, 2004.

Adopt Proclamation regarding *National Transportation Week*, May 9, 2004 through May 16, 2004. Christopher Stullwell in attendance.

On motion by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Schwank, the consent agenda was approved with the exception of Item A, which was tabled.

**Consent Agenda**

1. Adopt Resolutions:

244-04 A. Authorizing the County of Berks (Berks County Affordable Housing Trust Fund) to provide \$10,000.00 for the Downtown Revitalization Plan.

245-04 B. Authorizing execution of entitlement grants by and between the County of Berks (Community Development) and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, the federal Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG) Program, and the federal Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program) for the following contracts:

A. Contract #B-04-UC-42-0003 in the amount of \$3,257,000.00;

B. Contract #S-04-UC-42-0002 in the amount of \$121,589.00;

C. Contract #M-04-UC-42-0206 in the amount of \$794,075.00.

- 246-04 C. Authorizing Certification of Statement of Berks County Children and Youth Receipts and Expenditures for the period 7/1/03 through 3/31/04.
- 247-04 D. Authorizing subsidized adoption of a male child born 8/19/01 on request of BCCYS and in accordance with applicable federal regulations, at the rate of \$10.00 per day Maintenance, including physical and mental health care, and \$500.00 legal cost plus filing fees (Case Number 6387).
- 248-04 E. Authorizing subsidized adoption of a female child born 5/3/97 on request of BCCYS and in accordance with applicable federal regulations, at the rate of \$11.00 per day Maintenance, including physical and mental health care, and \$500.00 legal cost plus filing fees (Case Number 14841).
- 249-04 F. Authorizing subsidized adoption of a female child born 5/3/94 on request of BCCYS and in accordance with applicable federal regulations, at the rate of \$16.00 per day Maintenance, including physical and mental health care, and \$500.00 legal cost plus filing fees (Case Number 14841).
- 250-04 G. Authorizing subsidized adoption of a male child born 3/9/02 on request of BCCYS and in accordance with applicable federal regulations, at the rate of \$0.00 per day Maintenance, including physical and mental health care, and \$500.00 legal cost plus filing fees (Case Number 19717).
- 251-04 H. Authorizing subsidized adoption of a male child born 1/9/03 on request of BCCYS and in accordance with applicable federal regulations, at the rate of \$0.00 per day Maintenance, including physical and mental health care, and \$500.00 legal cost plus filing fees (Case Number 8555).
- 252-04 I. Authorizing subsidized adoption of a male child born 12/3/94 on request of BCCYS and in accordance with applicable federal regulations, at the rate of \$16.00 per day Maintenance, including physical and mental health care, and \$500.00 legal cost plus filing fees (Case Number 17078).
- 253-04 J. Authorizing an increase in Maintenance subsidy from \$10.00 per day to \$20.00 per day for a male child born 11/24/02 on request of BCCYS and in accordance with applicable federal regulations (Case Number 22151).

- 254-04 K. Authorizing 2004 Budget Transfers in the total aggregate amount of \$20,026.00 per listing dated May 10, 2004.
- 255-04 L. Authorizing the Berks County Director of Facilities and Operations to execute all change orders for the Berks County Fire Training Center Project in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Contract Documents in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 with the understanding that any change orders in excess of such amount must be reviewed and approved by the Board of Commissioners.
- 256-04 M. Authorizing a Contract Administration, G701 Change Order, by and between the County of Berks (Berks Heim), the Architect (L. Robert Kimball & Associates), and the Contractor (The Quandt Group, Inc.), to provide excavation and site work for the installation of an upgrade to the electrical service to be installed by Met-Ed for the Berks Heim project, in the amount of \$45,000.00.
- 257-04 N. Authorizing the execution of the Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Construction Manager, for pre-construction services for schematic design for the County of Berks Jail Expansion and Renovation Project, between The County of Berks and Shoemaker/Burkey in the amount of \$19,740.
- 258-04 O. Authorizing the allocation and expenditure of federal monies under various waiver agreements through contracts between SAM, Inc., and providers of mental retardation services (for the period 01/01/04 – 03/31/04), with allocation of funds and resulting contracts reviewed and approved by the MH/MR Administrator, ensuring appropriate oversight as recommended by legal counsel.
- 259-04 P. Authorizing the execution of an Amendment to Agreement between County of Berks and Community Care Behavioral Health Organization, Contract No. CMC 531099 (Amendment No. 3).
2. Authorize refund of 2002 and 2003 County Property Taxes at the request of the Board of Assessment Appeals (attached list).

The County Controller and County Treasurer presented their weekly reports.

**Agenda Items for Discussion**

1. Adopt Resolution authorizing a contract between the County of Berks and the City of Reading for the County to provide Physical Agility Testing candidates for placement on a civil service list for the position of Firefighter/Fire Driver in the City of Reading Department of Fire and Rescue Services. Estimated contract total is \$8,000.00. Mr. Dennis asked that this item be removed until a future meeting. Motion of Commissioner Scott and second by Commissioner Schwank tabled this item.

**Citizen Comment/Business From The Floor**

Mr. Rodriguez was present to express his concern over the funding of a study of illegal aliens proposed by Commissioner Scott to the Reading School District Empowerment Team. He stated his concern in obtaining private information on the students. He also questioned the necessity of the study since undocumented students are required to be taught. Commissioner Scott explained that his proposal is not an attempt to identify students; it is an attempt to quantify the possible impact on school district finances and define a means of acquiring additional financing from other than beleaguered taxpayers. He continued by saying that we need talent to address what will become a federal issue. The more people who are aware of this condition, the more pressure that will be put on the federal government. Commissioner Schwank advised that she still had not seen the proposal, to which Commissioner Scott answered that work was still be done to develop it.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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William E. Dennis, Acting Chief Clerk