

Commissioners' Workshop Meeting
Tuesday, July 6, 2004

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, July 6, 2004, at 10:30 AM, in the thirteenth floor Board Room 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 Thomas Gajewski in attendance. Also present were County Administrator, William E. Dennis and Solicitor Alan Miller. Commissioner Mark L. Scott and Chief Clerk Terry Styer were on vacation and not present.

Commissioner Schwank followed with a moment of silence and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

II. PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES:

Renee Carpenter, Purchasing Director, introduced representatives of Office Depot who presented a check in the amount of \$1,359.00 to the County for savings realized by making 100% of county purchases online. Mr. Maurer of Office Depot explained that Berks County was one of the first Pennsylvania counties to take advantage of this NACo sponsored program. Ms. Carpenter added that this process provides benefits such as time savings, reduction of in-house inventory and next day delivery.

III. PRESENTATIONS:

- A. Duane Rashlich, Director of Assessment, presented an update of the Assessment appeals process and the activities of the department. Mr. Rashlich provided an overview of the process for appeal and provided the public with detailed information regarding documentation and other requirements.

IV. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS:

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing the submission of a loan application on behalf of the Berks County Industrial Development Authority to the Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program for \$2,000,000 and an application for a grant of \$1,000,000 to the Brownfield's Economic Development Initiative. These funds are proposed for the development of Section III of the Reading Regional Airport Industrial Park. Commissioner Gajewski acknowledged and thanked all the economic development partners who participated in bringing this effort to this point.

- B. Adopt Resolution authorizing the submission of a loan application on behalf of the Berks County Redevelopment Authority to the Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program for \$1,000,000 and an application for a grant of \$500,000 to the Brownfield's Economic Development Initiative. These funds are proposed for the Penn Avenue Redevelopment Area in West Reading.

Commissioner Scott

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing Continuation of Maintenance for a male child born 4/22/85, on request of BCCYS and in accordance with applicable federal regulations, effective 4/22/04 through 4/22/05 in the form of Purchased Care from Concern at the per diem rate of \$77.14 to allow for completion of high school.
- B. Adopt Resolution authorizing Continuation of Maintenance for a male child born 4/22/85, on request of BCCYS and in accordance with applicable federal regulations, effective 4/22/04 through 4/22/05 in the form of Purchased Care from Devereux at the per diem rate of \$211.00 to allow for completion of high school.
- C. Adopt Resolution appointing Frederick K. Hatt, 200 Spring Ridge Drive, Ste. 102-A, Wyomissing, PA to the Berks Municipal Authority replacing Douglas F. Didyoung whose term expired 1/5/04.

V. OTHER REQUESTS:

Budget Director:

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing 2004 Budget transfers in the amount of \$187,674 per listing dated July 1, 2004.

Contract Coordinator:

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per attached listing dated July 1, 2004.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- A. Berks County Flag presentation – from US Army Spc. Daniel P. Hillbish - 3rd Infantry Division, 3-7 Cavalry, Ft. Stewart GA. Mr. Hillbish explained that while stationed in Kuwait, he had received a Berks County flag from Commissioner Schwank with the directive that he was personally responsible for returning the flag to Berks County. Mr. Hillbish kept the flag with him through his experiences in Kuwait and Iraq and in returning the flag thanked the County for thinking of him. He also encouraged everyone to support troops overseas by writing to servicemen, all of whom look forward to receiving mail. The Commissioners expressed their thanks to Mr. Hillbish for his service to Berks County and the nation.

- B. Commissioner Gajewski advised that the Boyertown Salvation Army was running low on food and he asked citizens to contribute protein items such as canned meats and fruits. The Salvation Army location is 409 S. Reading Ave., Boyertown, 610-367-4089.

VI. CITIZEN COMMENT/BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:15AM.