

Commissioners' Board Meeting
Thursday, July 8, 2004

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, July 8, 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 Thomas Gajewski and Commissioner Mark Scott in attendance. Also present were the Chief Clerk Terry L. Styer, Solicitor Alan S. Miller and County Administrator, William E. Dennis.

The Commissioners' Meeting Minutes for June 29, 2004 and July 1, 2004 were approved as published with a motion made by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Gajewski and all voting yes.

On motion by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Gajewski and all voting yes, the consent agenda was approved.

Consent Agenda

1. Resolutions:

- 334.04 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 the Section III of the Reading Regional Airport Industrial Park.
- 335.04 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.
- 336.04 C. 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.
- 337.04 D. 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 to allow for completion of high school.

- 338.04 E. Adopt Resolution appointing Frederick K. Hatt, 200 Spring Ridge Drive, Ste. 102-A, Wyomissing, PA to the Berks Municipal Authority to a five year term expiring 1/5/09 replacing Douglas F. Didyoung whose term expired 1/5/04 and to correct the expiration dates of John T. Connelley to 1/2/08 and for David S. Sobotka, Esq. to 1/2/06.
- 339.04 F. Adopt Resolution authorizing 2004 Budget transfers in the amount of \$187,674 per listing dated July 1, 2004.
2. Motion to approve and execute list of Contract Agreements / Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per attached listing dated July 1, 2004.

Reports

The County Controller (represented by Dick Tracy, Deputy Controller) and County Treasurer presented their weekly reports.

Agenda Items for Discussion

Commissioner Scott stated that this project idea began in 2003 with the prior Board of Commissioners. He commended Tom McKeon and Ken Pick for working to get this blighted area selected. He said that this area has been the site of increased criminal activity yet it sits only a block and a half away from a 5.9 million dollar reinvestment project for the Borough of West Reading.

Commissioner Gajewski stated that this project is listed with other Berks County economic revitalization projects that are targeted for application of State Funding.

On another topic, Commissioner Scott thanked his colleagues for agreeing to appoint members to the Berks Municipal Authority who will be willing to ask probing questions and scrutinize the Authority's finances, stating that the fees it pays for legal, accounting and auditing services are "excessive to extreme." He also questioned the need for the Authorities fund balance in excess of \$400,000.

Jim Troutman, Clerk of Courts, presented favorable comments of support towards the economic development projects discussed at today's meeting and expressed hope for additional State Funds.

Citizen Comment/Business From The Floor

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 AM.