

**Commissioners' Board Meeting**  
**Thursday, July 22, 2004**

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, July 22, 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 July 13, 2004 and July 15, 2004 were approved as published with a motion made by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Gajewski and all voting yes.

On motion by Commissioner Gajewski, seconded by Commissioner Scott, and all voting yes, the following consent agenda including the non-consent item was approved.

**Consent Agenda**

1. Resolutions:

- 347.04 A. Resolution authorizing Court Administration to apply for Grant of \$55,000 from the Berks County Community Foundation for the implementation of a Treatment Court program.
- 348.04 B. Resolution authorizing Judith L. Schwank, Chair of the Board, to execute The Emergency Food Assistance Program –TEFAP (Inventory – Reimbursement Request Form for the Third Quarter (May, June, July) FFY 2003-2004, in the amount of \$10,068.59 for distributing 100,685.86 pounds of food at \$.10 per pound and to authorize Margaret Bianca, Executive Director, Greater Berks Food Bank for apply for the funds on behalf of Berks County.
- 349.04 C. Resolution awarding contracts for RFPs as recommended by the Berks County Workforce Investment Board for:
  - 1. Reading Area Community College – Basic Education \$231,938
  - 2. ARBOR E & T – Out-Of-School Youth services \$280,884
  - 3. Goodwill Industries of Mid-Eastern PA - Post-Placement Retention Follow-up services \$179,122
- 350.04 D. Resolution authorizing George Kovarie, Executive Director or Berks County Children and Youth Services, to execute all approvals for extensions of care for eligible children as proposed in the annual Children and Youth Services budget.
- 351.04 E. Resolution authorizing 2004 budget appropriations in the amount of \$18,319 per listing dated July 16, 2004.

2. Motion to Award Invitation to Bid #04-07-RC, a one-year contract for the furnishing of medical grade oxygen to Messer Griesheim Industries, LLC, d/b/a MG Industries with an office at 3 Great Valley Parkway, Malvern, PA 19355 at their bid prices of:

medical grade oxygen in "D" aluminum cylinders	\$ 3.75 ea
medical grade oxygen in "E" aluminum cylinders	\$ 2.85 ea
medical grade oxygen in "H" aluminum cylinders	\$ 4.35 ea
rental of "D" cylinders	\$ .27 per day
rental of "E" cylinders	\$ .27 per day
rental of "H" cylinders	\$ .27 per day
emergency delivery surcharge	\$100.00 ea
same day delivery surcharge	\$ 40.00 ea

Estimated annual expenditure is \$21,542.10

3. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per attached listing dated July 15, 2004.

### **Reports**

The County Controller, Nelson Long, CPA and County Treasurer, Sandy Graffius presented their weekly reports and the Controller expressed her appreciation for her staff for the hard work and commitment towards getting her office functioning effectively.

### **Non-consent agenda Items**

- 352.04 F. Resolution authorizing Christine M. Sadler, Esquire, First Assistant County Solicitor on behalf of the Board of Commissioners, to decline fiscal year 2004 local Law Enforcement Block Grant in the amount of \$0.00 Asst. Solicitor Sadler explained that this action would allow the city of Reading to apply for funding to aid in Police Related programs including Weed and Seed effort of which the City will ultimately reimburse the Sheriff's office for overtime earned by their participation in the City's Weed and Seed efforts.

### **Agenda Items for Discussion**

Commissioner Scott discussed the Pottstown Landfill's last Post-closure Committee meeting in which the funding of a secondary review of the closure plan was discussed. He had learned of a Trust Fund that the Pottstown Hospital, upon their sale, plans to establish to provide health related grants to community organizations. He indicated that both Berks and Montgomery Counties and the member communities could front the money to cover the cost of the experts hired for the review (if funding is not provided by the DEP) and then apply for a grant to this trust fund to get reimbursement. Both Commissioners Gajewski and Schwank commended Commissioner Scott for taking the initiative to forward this project with Commissioner Schwank indicating her desire to ensure that Montgomery County was in agreement for funding this report.

Commissioner Schwank discussed the “seeding” effort of the City Weed and Seed project and in specific, the Community Gardens project which is scheduling an open house at the three city garden locations on Saturday (July 29, 2004) from 9 – 11 am.

Controller Graffius and Commissioner Gajewski commended both Commissioner Schwank and her Administrative Assistant Sandy Stief for the efforts made to beautify the County Courthouse property as well as the 10<sup>th</sup> Ward Flower Box Project.

**Citizen Comment/Business From The Floor**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:58 AM.