

Commissioners' Board Meeting
Thursday, September 9, 2004

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, September 9, 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 August 31, and September 2, 2004 were approved as published with a motion made by Commissioner Scott seconded by Commissioner Gajewski, and all voting yes to approve.

On motion by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Gajewski, the following Consent Agenda was approved unanimously.

Consent Agenda

1. Resolutions:

- 392.04 A. Resolution Ratifying, confirming and approving execution of Continuation of Subgrant Agreement (2002-DS-13-14055) by and between the County of Berks (Prison Society) and the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD), for funding in the amount of \$87,411.00 (\$65,558.00 County funding) for the "Level of Service Inventory" project, for the period 1/1/05 – 12/31/05.

- 393.04 B. Resolution authorizing the appointment of Ike Matza, 60 Devon Drive, Reading PA 19606 to the Airport Authority for a three (3) year term to 1/1/06 replacing a term previous held by Connie DelSignore. Commissioner Gajewski expressed his appreciation to the Berks Chamber of Commerce for their recommendation of Mr. Matza who has vast experience in the Commuter Flight Business.

- 394.04 C. Resolution authorizing execution of License Agreement by and between the County of Berks and Earthrise Enterprises, Inc. for Earthrise to operate a limited menu snack shop on the second floor of the Berks County Services Center for the period commencing September 1, 2004 and ending August 1, 2005.

- 395.04 D. Resolution authorizing 2004 budget Transfers in the amount of \$27,000 per listing dated September 3, 2004.

2. Motion authorizing Authorize payment of invoices under the following Community Development Disbursement Vouchers:
 - a. No. 2097-S - Emergency Shelter Program
 - b. No. 2098 - Community Development Block Grant Program
 - c. No. 473 – Home Grant Program
 - d. No. 1228 – Property Rehabilitation Program

3. Motion authorizing a contract dated September 9, 2004 with Liberty Environmental Consultants to assist the Berks Environmental Advisory Committee in the review of an Air Quality Permit application submitted by Granger Energy at the Conestoga Landfill for an amount not to exceed \$10,000. There was a reluctant consensus of the board to utilize Growing Greener funds to cover the \$9,000 of this contract. Commissioner Schwank stated her support of this funding method but suggested that this not be considered a regular occurrence, as the Growing Greener funds should be reserved for land preservation and acquisition projects.

4. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per attached listing dated, September 2, 2004.

Reports

The County's Controller, Sandy Graffius and County Treasurer, Nelson Long, CPA provided their weekly reports to the board.

Agenda Items for Discussion

Commissioner Schwank announced news that a citizen was recently accosted at 8PM in one of the city parking garages that is utilized by County Employees. A discussion was held regarding the need to encourage the use of our Security Guards as employee escorts for those employees working late and walking to parking garages outside of this building.

Commissioner Gajewski indicated that he was working with the County Administrator Dennis and Chris Puszczkowski of Facilities on needed improvements to the parking garage plan for county employees.

Commissioner Scott suggested eliminated the waiting list as it seems to give the expectation of rights; in addition, he suggested that garage-parking permits only be granted with a specific business purpose or need related to their employment with the County.

County Controller Graffius suggested that the Sheriff Deputies park their personal cars in the same space that the cruisers leave vacant when they begin their shifts.

Citizen Comment/Business From The Floor

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned to salary board at 11:50 A.M.