

Commissioners' Board Meeting
Thursday, January 6, 2005

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, January 6, 2005, at 10:30 A.M. 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 Miller, and County Administrator, William E. Dennis.

The Commissioners' Meeting Minutes for the December 21, 2004 Workshop Meeting and the December 23, 2004 Commissioners' meeting were approved as published with a motion made by Commissioner Scott seconded by Commissioner Gajewski and all voted yes to approve.

Consent Agenda

1. Commissioner Gajewski made a motion to approve the following consent agenda but stated that he would abstain from voting on Resolution 01.05. A motion was then seconded and all voted yes to approve the consent agenda with the exception of Resolution 01.05 where Commissioner Gajewski abstained from the vote.

01.05 A. Resolution designating Dr. Robert C. Ziegenfus as Chair of the Berks County Agricultural Land Preservation Board for the term of January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005.

02.05 B. Resolution authorizing 2004 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$39,472 and Appropriations in the amount \$832,731 per listing dated January 6, 2005.

03.05 C. Resolution awarding a one year contract, as a result of Invitation to Bid #04-13-KL, for the supply and repair and/or installation of street light poles on an as-needed basis along specified sections of the West Shore Bypass and the Warren Street Bypass. The award shall be made to TELCO, Inc. with an office at 1224 Cross Keys Road, Reading, PA, 19605 at their bid price of:

Pole	\$545.00 ea.
Lamp Arm	\$500.00 ea.
Base	\$332.00 ea.
Labor per pole	\$1,136.00

As per the Invitation to Bid, the County may extend the contract for up to two additional one-year terms provided that TELCO agrees to hold the bid pricing fixed and firm. Estimated annual expenditure is \$50,260.00.

2. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per attached listing dated December 30, 2004.

3. Motion to approve Human Resource Recommendations list dated January 4, 2005.

Reports

1. County Treasurer, Nelson Long, CPA will present his weekly report to the Board when he returns next week.
2. Dick Tracey, Deputy Controller presented the weekly Controller's report to the board.

Agenda Items for Discussion

Jim Troutman, Clerk of Courts asked the board to be aware of the Criminal Case Management System that all PA Counties will be required to install and "go live" on June 1, 2005. He expressed concern for the implementation of this system that hold numerous unanswered questions as to what appears to be a labor-intensive process. The Commissioners expressed their desire to provide support his desire to see the State delay implementation of this requirement and asked Mr. Troutman to draft a letter for their signature.

Commissioner Scott then updated the Commissioners regarding a conflict of interest presented by Joselle Cleary Esq., and that she has withdrawn interest from representing the County in the Longswamp Township zoning matter. Commissioner Schwank indicated that she spoke with the Chair of the Longswamp Township Board of Supervisors and felt that there were more facts to explore prior to the County taking a legal position in this matter.

Royal Furer, Kathy Duffey and Rowland G. Van Togel, residents of the Brandywine School District urged the County to take a position in this matter as they felt the Supervisors were not properly representing the residents of Longswamp.

Commissioner Scott stated that he felt the zoning changes made by the township were inconsistent with the new comprehensive plan as this area was targeted as a future Industrial Growth area in that plan. He urged the other Commissioners to consider this matter quickly as the process for appeal ends January 28, 2005.

As a final comment unrelated to the above matter, Commissioner Scott suggested that the County should consider privatization of county operations where applicable and may wish to start by looking at the Park Office management.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk