

**Commissioners' Board Meeting**  
**Thursday, April 28, 2005**

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, April 28, 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.

- ❖ **Today, April 28<sup>th</sup>, is National Take your Daughters and Sons to Work Day. Thanks to our Special Project Coordinator Carey Kaucher, approximately 65 of our employees' daughters and sons will be taking part in this special day of activities including this morning's Commissioners meeting. We welcome these young citizens and hope they are able to experience this year's theme of "Sharing Power & Possibility" and hope that through their visit and talking with their parents and their parent's co-workers, they begin to develop an appreciation for the important role they play in this community and more important the hope that our daughters and sons end their day with a desire to serve their community in whatever capacity they are able, now and into the future.**

Commissioners Schwank, for the benefit of the many daughters and sons attending this meeting, asked the public officials in attendance to introduce themselves and explain what their job at the county involves.

The Commissioners' Meeting Minutes for the April 19, 2005 Workshop Meeting and April 21, 2005 Commissioner's Meeting were approved as published with a motion made by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Gajewski and all voting yes to approve.

**PRESENTATIONS/ PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES:**

Commissioner Schwank announced that she would present, on behalf of the Board of Commissioners, a proclamation to the Reading Rotary Club, recognizing April 28, 2005 as Reading Rotary's Taiwan Group Study Exchange Day.

**Consent Agenda Items**

1. Commissioner Gajewski made a motion to approve the following consent agenda, Commissioner Scott seconded the motion and all voted yes approving the consent agenda with the exception of the Budget resolution, which will be considered next week with the budget resolutions reviewed at that time.
  - 136.05 A. Resolution approving a 45-day extension of time for the County's offer to purchase the Antietam Lake property to the City of Reading.

- 137.05 B. Resolution authorizing the Human Resource recommendation as per list dated April 26, 2005.
- 138.05 C. Resolution authorizing Judith L. Schwank, Chair, to execute Annual Supplemental Agreement No. 520651-F between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting through the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and the County of Berks for reimbursement up to \$329,606.00 for transportation planning activities to be performed by the Berks County Planning Commission staff in accordance with the FY 2005-2006 Unified Planning Work Program.
- 139.05 D. Resolution authorizing Judith L. Schwank, Chair of the Board, to execute The Emergency Food Assistance Program –TEFAP Inventory – Reimbursement Request Form for the Second Quarter (January, February, March), FFY 2004-2005, in the amount of \$8,487.67 for distributing 84,876.73 pounds of food and to authorize Margaret Bianca, Executive Director, Greater Berks Food Bank to apply for the funds on behalf of Berks County.
- 140.05 E. Resolution authorizing the execution of MS-339, Application for County Aid, for allocation of County Liquid Fuels Tax Funds in the amount of \$132,019.00 to Union Township for replacement of the bridge on Hallman Road, Penn Dot project number #00-06240-02CA.
- 141.05 F. Resolution authorizing a contract with the Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Programs, Pennsylvania Department of Health for the provision of prevention services in Berks County for the period July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2010.
- 142.05 G. Resolution under the Federal CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) Program declaring that the Penn Avenue Redevelopment Area will qualify as a slum, blighted, deteriorated or deteriorating area and therefore meeting the criteria for funding under the qualifications defined by the Pennsylvania Urban Redevelopment Law Act No. 385 of 1945, as amended.
- 143.05 H. Resolution authorizing payment of invoices under the following Community Development Disbursement Vouchers:
  - 1. No. 2133-S–Emergency Shelter Program -\$14,500.00
  - 2. No. 2134–Community Development Block Grant Program \$33,995.72
  - 3. No. 1243-Property Rehabilitation Program-\$40,393.00
  - 4. No. 494-Home Grant Program - \$4,623.50

- 144.05 I. Resolution authorizing execution of Title IV-E Independent Living Program Certification of Executive Officers, for submission to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare-Independent Living Coordinator.
  - 145.05 J. Resolution approving contract Amendments between the County of Berks and Community Care Behavioral Health Organization.
2. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per listing dated April 25, 2005.

**Reports**

1. Administrator William Dennis read the weekly Treasurer's report
2. Deputy Controller, Mark Hanson read the weekly controller's report

**Agenda Items for Discussion**

Commissioner Scott commented on the Lower Alsace Township meeting held on April 27, 2005 in the Antietam High School to discuss the future of the Antietam Lake property. He hoped to correct the information published in the newspaper regarding the various proposals currently on the table with the City of Reading for this property such as the suggestion that if the cost to repair the dam is \$4 million then that puts the Greth offer up to 9 million because their offer to purchase the land at \$5 million also includes a commitment to cover the cost of repairing the dam. He reminded everyone that the County's offer of \$2.5 million is immediate, the developer's offer is contingent upon Lower Alsace Supervisors approving changes to their zoning ordinance for these parcels and contingent upon the developer obtaining utilities such as sewer and water at a "reasonable rate." He said that there are too many conditions to count on as this is a solid offer. He ended by saying that the only cash offer is the County offer.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:12 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk