

Commissioners' Workshop Meeting
Tuesday, May 3, 2005

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, May 3, 2005 at 10:30 A.M. in the thirteenth floor Board Room 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 L. Scott in attendance. Also present were County Administrator William E. Dennis, Solicitor Alan Miller, Esq. and Chief Clerk Terry Styer. Commissioner Schwank opened the meeting with a moment of silence and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

II. PRESENTATIONS:

1. Paul DeBarry, P.E. with Borton Lawson Engineering presented the **Sacony Creek Act 167 Stormwater Management Plan** update and the **Maiden Creek Stormwater Management Plan**. Mr. DeBarry explained that the new DEP policy enacted in 2002 requires that stormwater discharge management must address water quality in addition to water quantity. He also explained the new regulations change what we used to refer to as detention (or holding) basins to basins with "best management practices" which will now allow the infiltration (or slow discharge through filters) of the storm water to recharge the groundwater. Following the presentation Commissioner Schwank convened a public hearing for the purpose of taking comments on these two proposed plans. Hearing no comments, the public hearing was adjourned and the regular Commissioners meeting resumed. Commissioner Schwank commended Shannon L. Rossman, Intergovernmental Affairs Planner with the Berks County Planning Commission for successfully coordinating with the municipalities involved and completing these plans. At this time Commissioner Scott made a motion to approve the following Resolutions. Commissioner Gajewski seconded the motion and all voted yes.

- 146.05 A. Resolution approving the **Sacony Creek Watershed Stormwater Management Plan Update**, including all volumes, figures, and appendices, and forward the Plan to the Stormwater Management Section of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for approval.
- 147.05 B. Resolution approving the **Maiden Creek Watershed Stormwater Management Plan**, including all volumes, figures, and appendices, and forward the Plan to the Stormwater Management Section of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for approval.

III. PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES

1. Commissioner Schwank will be presenting, on behalf of the Board of Commissioners, a Proclamation for **Youth Day**, proclaiming May 5th 2005, as Youth Day at the morning breakfast meeting scheduled to kick off this event.
2. Commissioner Gajewski presented, on behalf of the Board of Commissioners, a Proclamation for **Older Americans Month** for the month of May. Barbara Coffin, Director of the Berks County Office of Aging, Jim Miller President, Berks County Senior Citizens Council, Inc., Martha Sitler Director of Client Services, Berks County Senior Citizens Council, Inc., and Nancee' Lemmerhart Information Specialist, Berks County Office of Aging were in attendance to accept the proclamation.
3. Commissioner Gajewski presented, on behalf of the Board of Commissioners, a Certificate of Recognition to the **Reading Royals** for their record setting season. Ray Delia, General Manager, was present to accept on behalf of the team.
4. Commissioner Gajewski presented, on behalf of the Board of Commissioners, a Certificate of Recognition to Capt. Huascar Rivera of the **Pennsylvania State Police Troop L** in recognition of their 100th Anniversary.

Budget Director:

- A. Adopt a resolution approving 2004 Transfers totaling to \$46,277,933.00 per list dated April 22, 2005, and 2005 Transfers for \$25,000.00 and 2005 Appropriations totaling to \$7,490.00. Bob Patrizio, Budget Director explained the resolution.

Human Resources Director:

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing the Human Resource recommendation as per list dated May 3, 2005. Beth Schiepan, Human Resource Director presented the list of recommendations.

Purchasing Department**Contract Coordinator:**

- A. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per listing dated April 29, 2005. Candace Noll, Contract Coordinator explained the list of contracts on this week's agenda.

Bid award:

- B. Adopt Resolution awarding a contract as a result of Invitation to Bid #05-04-KL, a one year contract to provide annual inspections and as-needed maintenance, repair and recharging of portable fire extinguishers and fixed wet and dry extinguish systems (kitchen hoods) to and for members if the Berks County Cooperative Purchasing Council (BCCPC) of which the County of Berks is a member. The contract award for the county's portion is estimated to be 78% or \$14,954.08 shall be made to the following vendor presented by Kelly Laubach Senior Buyer, Purchasing Department.

Simplex Grinnell, LP
Meadows Business Center
6330 Hedgewood Drive, Suite 250
Allentown, PA 18106

IV. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS:

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing Liberty Environmental to review the application, when submitted to DEP by JP Mascarro, to construct a landfill gas to electric facility at the Pioneer Crossing Landfill in the amount not to exceed \$5,000.00. It was proposed that this consulting fee be paid from Growing Greener Funds.

Commissioner Schwank

- A. Commissioner Schwank reminded everyone to go to the polls on May 17th to vote for the Growing Greener II bond referendum. The ballot question states ***"Do you favor authorizing the Commonwealth to borrow up to \$625,000,000, for the maintenance and protection of the environment, open space and farmland preservation, watershed protection, abandoned mine reclamation, acid mine drainage remediation and other environmental initiatives?"*** She explained that Growing Greener is a vital part of the State's effort to improve the quality of life in Pennsylvania by utilizing these bond funds to pay for programs critical to the preservation of the Commonwealth's environment, from protecting natural areas and working farms to cleaning our streams, rivers and lakes. In addition, this effort will allow us to create new jobs, revitalize our communities and sustain our families. For more information go to the following web address: <http://www.growinggreener2.com>

Commissioner Gajewski

- A. Adopt Resolution endorsing the **Berks Municipal Partnership** as a Forum for the discussion of Regional Issues and Solutions among Units of Local Government within Berks County. John Kramer, Director of the Center for Community Leadership of Berks County requested this resolution in an attempt to establish an organization that would meet regularly to discuss ways in which municipalities and school districts can work together to address juvenile crime, develop land use plans, share facilities, conduct joint programs and establish channels for on-going communication between these entities and to build on what has already begun in Berks County to foster intergovernmental cooperation. Mr. Kramer stated that Berks is known around the State as a leader in intergovernmental cooperation.
- B. Adopt Resolution authorizing payment of invoices under the following Community Development Disbursement Vouchers:
1. No. 2136-Community Development Block Grant funds - \$1,647.35
 2. No. 2135-S Emergency Shelter Program - \$ 2,519.50
 3. No. 495-Home Grant Program - \$ 883.00
 4. No. 1244-Property Rehabilitation Program - \$4,001.00

Commissioner Scott

- A. Commissioner Scott stated that he met recently with the Berks Agricultural Preserve Board to request their involvement and assure that the land held in easements in Longswamp Township remains protected.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Eric Simms, a citizen from Exeter Township presented the Commissioners with a petition stating the community's opposition to amended plan for a Crosstown Connector project designed to connect Rt. 562 and Rt. 422 (bus.) with a north/south local street. Commissioner Gajewski indicated that Exeter Township is seeking funding for the original plan. The board of Commissioners agreed that a public hearing should be established prior to the finalization of any construction plans for this roadway.

CITIZEN COMMENT/BUSINESS FROM

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:30A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L Styer, Chief Clerk