

Commissioners' Board Meeting
Thursday, May 19, 2005

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, May 19, 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, Esq., and County Administrator William E. Dennis.

A motion was made by Commissioner Scott seconded by Commissioner Gajewski and all voted yes to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2005 Workshop Meeting and May 12, 2005 Commissioner's Meeting.

Consent Agenda Items

1. A motion made by Commissioner Scott and seconded by Commissioner Gajewski to approve the consent agenda items unanimously with the exception of item F. Resolution 172.05 where Commissioner Scott was the only no vote.
 - 163.05 A. Resolution to appoint Lillie Foster to fill the unexpired term of Sherry Cameron to 12/31/05 on the Children and Youth Services Advisory Board. **Held from May 17, 2005 meeting.**
 - 168.05 B. Resolution authorizing the Human Resource recommendation as per list dated May 17, 2005.
 - 169.05 C. Resolution authorizing bank accounts and banking transactions for the Treasurer's office.
 - 170.05 D. Resolution authorizing execution by Judith L. Schwank, Chair of an application to Penn DOT for Federal Bridge Funds reimbursement for the preliminary engineering project costs for the rehabilitation of the Christman Road Bridge for \$427,500.00.
 - 171.05 E. Resolution authorizing payment of invoices under the following Community Development Disbursement Vouchers:
 1. No. 2138-Community Development Block Grant funds - \$52,355.48
 2. No. 1246-Property Rehabilitation Program-\$4,775.00
 3. No. 496-Home Grant Program-\$19,402.00
 - 172.05 F. Resolution in opposition to the Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA). Commissioner Scott indicated his belief that the County should not weigh in on this topic. He also stated his opinion that restricting free trade usually has negative implication on the industrial economy. Commissioner Gajewski stated his belief that the loss of jobs as a direct result of NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement) will happen again with CAFTA.

2. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per listing dated May 16, 2005.

Reports

County Treasurer, Nelson Long, CPA presented his weekly Treasurer's report.

County Controller Sandy Graffius presented her weekly report.

Agenda Items for Discussion

Commissioner Gajewski read many of the letters received from various entities (county commissioners and legislators) responding the Berks County's letter urging support of Tax Reform, Pension Reform and unfunded mandates.

Commissioner Schwank reported that an Election Board meeting is scheduled for noon today to discuss the recent voting machine malfunction discovered in two city precincts.

Citizen Comment/Business From The Floor

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:55 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk