

**Commissioners' Board Meeting**  
**Thursday, July 14, 2005**

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, July 14, 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 L. Scott in attendance. Also present were the Chief Clerk Terry L. Styer, Solicitor Alan S. Miller, Esq., and County Administrator William E. Dennis. Commissioner Schwank then opened the meeting with a moment of silence and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gajewski seconded by Commissioner Scott to approve the July 05, 2005 Workshop Meeting minutes and the minutes of the July 07, 2005 Commissioner's Meeting.

**Consent Agenda Items**

Commissioner Gajewski made a motion to approve the following consent agenda  
Commissioner Scott seconded the motion and all voted yes.

- 239.05. A. Resolution authorizing the posting of Crime Alert signs on certain County Vehicles.
- 240.05. B. Resolution authorizing 2005 Budget Transfers in the total amount of \$31,000 and 2005 Budget Appropriations in the total amount of \$2,852 per list dated July 8, 2005.
- 241.05 C. Resolution authorizing the Human Resource recommendation as per list dated July 12, 2005.
- 242.05 D. Resolution authorizing a one year contract, as a result of Invitation to Bid #05-10-RC, the supply and deliver via tank wagon, #2 fuel oil for use in heating to and for members of the Berks County Cooperative Purchasing Council (BCCPC) of which the County of Berks is a member. The award shall be made to the following vendor;  
Richland Partners, LLC d/b/a Leffler Energy  
225 E. Main Street, P.O. Box 278  
Richland, PA 17087  
**\$99,246.32** (The County's portion is an estimated 29,140 gallons with an estimated annual expenditure of \$48,812.41.
- 243.05 E. Resolution authorizing Commissioner Schwank, Chair to execute the **Federal Equitable Sharing Agreement**, effective through September 30, 2008 and the **Federal Annual Certification Report** on behalf of the District Attorney's office.

- 244.05 F. Resolution authorizing the execution of a Grant Agreement and designating the Greater Berks Food Bank as the lead agency for the County of Berks to participate in the State Food Purchase Program for the 2005-2006-program year as well as the execution of a Waiver for the 50% contribution requirement.
- 245.05 G. Resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement between the County and the Central Pennsylvania Workforce Development Corporation (CPWDC) acting on behalf of a consortia of Workforce Investment Boards in the State and to commit an annual contribution of \$10,000 for products and services as listed in Exhibit A, and to execute Intergovernmental Agreements with the City of Reading and other Municipalities in the County as described in Exhibit B of the Agreement.
- 246.05 H. Resolution appointing Kathleen B. Shellington to fill the unexpired term of David Kantner (to June 11, 2007) on the Berks Environmental Advisory Council.
- 247.05 I. Resolution authorizing the execution of a grant agreement between the County of Berks and the DCNR (Department of Conservation and Natural Resources) for \$17,000 to be used towards the purchase of Hazecam equipment and software.  
\*see notes below

### **Reports**

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

County Controller – Sandy Graffius read the weekly Controller's report.

### **Citizen Comment/Business From The Floor**

Commissioner Gajewski brought Resolution 247.05 from the floor and added it to the consent agenda to follow up on the County's application for this grant with the County Environmental Advisory Council to discuss this project in greater detail. Heather explained that this grant will allow the county to install a haze camera on top of the Berks County Courthouse and enable the citizens to monitor haze on the horizon. She indicated that this would be a very useful tool for people with allergies or asthma. Ms. Burkhart indicated that the pictures from this haze camera will be available in real time to the public on the EAC website at <http://www.co.berks.pa.us/eac/site/default.asp>

**Citizen Comment/Business From The Floor continued:**

When asked if this camera monitored air quality she responded by saying no but this is a first step. The EAC is hoping to provide a link from the EAC web site to the DEP air quality monitors around the area to provide the real time air quality data to our citizens in addition to the view of the haze. Commissioner Gajewski commended the members of the EAC and in particular Heather Burkhart for her involvement on this project and Senator Michael O'Pake for his assistance in obtaining these funds from the State.

Commissioner Gajewski then announced that he met with a group of citizens formed to seek funding for the repairs that are needed on Skyline Drive He indicated that they are looking for funding from the County Liquid Fuels Fund, City Liquid Fuels Fund and Corporate Funding. Commissioner Schwank indicated that we might be able to utilize some funds from the new Penn Dot grant.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:57 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk