

Commissioners' Board Meeting
Thursday, August 18, 2005

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, August 18, 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. Commissioner Schwank then opened the meeting with a moment of silence and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the August 2, 2005 Workshop Meeting and August 4, 2005 Commissioner's Meeting were approved with a motion made by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Gajewski and all voted yes to approve.

Consent Agenda Items

Commissioner Gajewski made a motion that was seconded by Commissioner Scott to approve the following consent agenda. Commissioner Gajewski then requested that item number three of Resolution 272.05 be removed from that resolution and voted on separately. Unanimously agreeing to that change to consent agenda was approved unanimously by all three Commissioners.

- 271.05 A. Resolution authorizing 2005 Budget Appropriations in the total amount of 600,000.00 per list dated August 12, 2005

- 272.05. B. Resolution authorizing the Human Resource recommendation as per list dated August 16, 2005. (as amended above)

- 273.05 C. Resolution authorizing the Human Resource Director to execute a contract with MetLife for the establishment of a Short Term Disability and Long Term Disability program in conjunction with recommended changes to the paid time off policy which will be implemented effective January 1, 2006 for Management/Confidential employees.

- 274.05 D. Authorizing Commissioner Schwank, as Chair of the Board, to execute Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Labor and Industry, Grant Recipients Release, Assignment and Closeout forms pursuant to the terms of WIA Grants totaling to \$2,998,087.00.

- 275.05 E. Resolution amending the County's CDBG and HOME programs.

- 276.05 F. Resolution authorizing payment of invoices under the following Community Development Disbursement Vouchers:
1. No. 1256-Property Rehabilitation Program - \$14,404.81
 2. No. 506-Home Grant Program-\$893.00
 3. No. 2152-S-Emergency Shelter Program-\$4,900.00
 4. No. 2153- Community Development Block Grant Program- \$15,845.49
 5. No. 2154- Community Development Block Grant Program-\$163,395.53
 6. No. 1257- Property Rehabilitation Program-\$16,834.57
- 277.05 G. Resolution authorizing On-The-Job Training contracts and subsidized employment agreements as per list dated 08/05/05.
- 278.05 H. Resolution approving the execution of an application to be considered for a 10-county pilot group with CCAP (County Commissioners Association of PA) to initiate the new Human Resources services model for county human services agencies. Included with this application is a commitment of \$75,000.00 if the County is selected to participate.
- 279.05 I Resolution approving execution of a Contract Agreement, by and between the County of Berks (Adult Probation) and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, in connection with the reimbursement of 2004-2005 County Supervision Fees; Contract ID – 06-04/05-SF, (PA Bureau of Probation and Parole Act 35 program).
- 280.05 J. Resolution approving 2006-2007 Integrated Children's Service Plan. The system would encompass all child serving systems co-located and cross trained to perform child welfare, juvenile justice, and behavioral health case management and referral services.

Non-Consent Agenda Items

A motion was made by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Schwank to approve the following resolution. Commissioner Gajewski indicated that he would have to vote no but wanted the record to reflect that his no vote was for the starting salary amount and not Ms. Olivieri who he described as the right person for the job. He expressed his concern for the morale of other employees regarding this starting salary and did not wish to put the county in a position of upgrading those salaries to conform with this decision.

Non-Consent Agenda Items continued:

Commissioner Schwank indicated that there were only two applicants for this position and that the County is fortunate to be able to bring in a new director fully capable of getting the county prepared for the November Election. Commissioner Scott stated his support for Ms. Olivieri and her salary but felt the board should have researched the employment market prior to terminating the former director. The Chair called for the vote with Commissioner Scott and Commissioner Schwank voting yes and Commissioner Gajewski voting no. The motion carried.

- 281.05 K. Resolution approving the appointment of Deborah Olivieri as Director of Election Services, Election Services Department, effective August 29, 2005 at the rate of \$59,537 annually. Cost Containment Committee has approved Request to Fill Position form for this position. Budget 01-105.

A motion was then made by Commissioner Gajewski, seconded by Commissioner Scott and all voted yes to approve Resolution 282.05 brought from the floor by George Kovarie, Children and Youth Director.

- 282.05 L. Resolution approving execution of the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, Office of Children, Youth and Families State Transition Grant (STG) Application FY 2005-06 in the amount of \$1,087,442.
2. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per listing dated August 15, 2005.

Reports

1. County Treasurer, Nelson Long CPA, presented his weekly Treasurer's report
2. County Controller, Sandy Graffius was present. Mark Hanson also present presented her weekly Controllers' report

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk