

**Commissioners' Board Meeting**  
**Thursday, September 15, 2005**

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, September 15, 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 Commissioners Thomas J. Gajewski and Mark L. Scott in attendance. Also present were the Assistant to Chief Clerk Dalila Garcia, Solicitor Alan S. Miller, Esq. and County Administrator William E. Dennis. Chief Clerk Terry L. Styer was not present at this meeting. 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 September 6, 2005 Workshop Meeting and September 8, 2005 Commissioner's Meeting were approved with a motion made by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Gajewski and all voted yes to approve. Commissioner Schwank was not present for the September 8, 2005 meeting, therefore, she has abstained from voting on the September 8, 2005 meeting minutes.

**Consent Agenda Items**

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Scott and seconded by Commissioner Gajewski and all voted yes to approve the consent agenda, with the exception of item number 2 of resolution 307.05 (Human Resources recommendations). The Commissioners will vote on this item on September 20, 2005 after further discussion.
  - 306.05 A. Resolution authorizing 2005 Budget Transfers in the total amount of \$69,804.00 and appropriations in the total amount of \$82,480.00 per list dated September 9, 2005
  - 307.05 B. Resolution authorizing the Human Resource recommendation as per list dated September 13, 2005.
  - 308.05 C. Resolution authorizing execution of a Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Berks and the Berks County Industrial Development Authority effective November 1, 2005. \*See notes below.

- 309.05 D. Resolution authorizing payment of invoices under the following Community Development Disbursement Vouchers:
1. No. 1260-Property Rehabilitation Program-\$5,042.96
  2. No. 510-Home Grant Program-\$6,744.44
  3. No. 2160- Community Development Block Grant Program- \$7,581.51
- 310.05 E. Resolution reappointing Robert Ludgate Jr. to a four-year term ending 12/31/07 on the Berks County Planning Commission.
2. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per listing dated September 12, 2005.

### **Reports**

1. County Treasurer Nelson Long, was not in attendance to present the weekly Treasurer's report
2. County Controller, Sandy Graffius, presented her weekly Controllers' report

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

Dave Patti, Industrial Development Authority (IDA), spoke about the history of the IDA and its use of tax exempt funding to get businesses to come to the area. He explained that currently both the County and IDA share in the cost of two employees, Tom Mckeon, Director of Community and Economic Development and Terry Lampe, Brownsfield Coordinator, and that this agreement would "buy out" the County's share of these employees. It also indicates the IDA will rent office space from the County. Mr. Patti stated that the IDA would be taking over the total cost for this department, while the County would pay a fee for the IDA's services.

Mark Scott commented that he would like to see IDA become a self-sufficient agency without needing to use any taxpayer money to fund itself. Tom Gajewski stated he is looking at this as a one-year agreement to test the process.

John Morgan asked if the County would be willing to allow county employees to go to the Gulf States, to aid in "clean-up" efforts, with paid time off. County Administrator Bill Dennis stated that this is currently in the preliminary stages and that there are a number of issues to look at. For example, how many employees would be interested, how long would they be away, and what their effectiveness would be in these efforts. Mr. Dennis said that he would consult with County Department Heads to determine what the interest is among our employees. Commissioner Schwank also indicated that FEMA responded to a letter the County submitted indicating that our information would be entered into the FEMA database so that when and if they need our assistance, they would contact us.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:05 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Dalila Garcia, Assistant to the Chief Clerk