

Commissioners' Workshop Meeting
Tuesday, September 20, 2005

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, September 20, 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 in attendance. Also present were, 1st Assistant County Solicitor Christine Sadler, Esq., and Assistant to the Chief Clerk Dalila Garcia. Commissioner Mark L. Scott, County Administrator William E. Dennis, Chief Clerk Terry L. Styer, and County Solicitor Alan S. Miller Esq., were not attendance. The Commissioner opened the meeting with a moment of silence and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

II. PRESENTATIONS/ PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES:

Cindy Kaufman, Berks County Chamber of Commerce, RiverFest Co-Chair and Gust Zogas, President Emeritus-RACC, RiverFest Chair presented an overview of the events that would be occurring during this year's RiverFest Celebration. The event will start on Friday September 23, 2005 until Sunday, September 25, 2005. For more information, go to www.Readingeagel/RiverFest.com.

Commissioner Gajewski presented a Proclamation for the 109th Anniversary of the Lutheran Home at Topton. Carol Miller was present to accept proclamation. She also invited the citizens of Berks County to come out and enjoy this event on Saturday, September 24, 2005 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Topton Canvas to celebrate their 109th Anniversary.

III. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:

Budget Director:

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing 2005 Budget Transfers in the total amount of \$31,500.00 and appropriations in the total amount of \$11,736.00 per list dated September 16, 2005. Bob Patrizio, Director of Budget present report.

Human Resources Director:

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing the Human Resource recommendation as per list dated September 20, 2005. Beth Schiepan H. R. Director presented the recommendations to the board. Commissioner Gajewski made a motion on item #4 on Human Resource recommendations and Commissioner Schwank 2nd that motion. All voted yes to approve item #4. The rest of the recommendations will be voted on during the September 23, 2005 meeting. Resolution 311.05 is attached to minutes.
- B. Adopt Resolution authorizing the revised Leave of Absence Policy. Jennifer Beihn, Assistant Director of Human Resources was present at the meeting and indicated that this policy has been reviewed and approved by the Department of Labor. This revision was done to give county employees a better understanding of our Leave of Absence Policy.

Purchasing Department

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing the execution of an Interlocal Contract for Cooperative Purchasing between the County of Berks and the Houston-Galveston Area Council. Kelly Laubach, Senior Buyer was present at meeting.
- B. Adopt Resolution authorizing the execution of Amendment #3 to Agreement #PC-1726-04 between the County of Berks and Waste Management of Pennsylvania, Incorporation concerning reviewed trash pickup schedule and fees. Kelly Laubach, Senior Buyer was present at meeting and asked if the Commissioners could vote on this item today. Commissioner Schwank made a motion and Commissioner Gajewski 2nd the motion; all voted yes to approve.

Contract Coordinator:

- A. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per listing dated September 19,2005. Candy Noll, Contract Coordinator read off items from contract agenda.

IV. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS:

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing the execution of a project called the Time-Limited Family Reunification Services Pilot Program for FY 05/06. To be run by Berks County Children Youth Services in conjunction with the Family Center. The grant amount is \$200,000.00, with no cost to the County. Judy Blimline, Director of Youth and Family Programs was present and indicated that this was a great program that would force Berks County Children Youth Services and The Family Center to work together to get children placed back into their homes and out of home placement. This program would only affect families who have identified issues and voluntarily placed their children in care. The program would provide services to reunify the families. This is a pilot program so the funds are not guaranteed for future funding of this project.
- B. Reorganization of the present "Berks County Communications Advisory Committee" to the "Berks County 9-1-1 Center Advisory Board." Committee members Richard Metzger, Leon Grim and David Miller were present. They would like the Commissioners to allow them to be involved in upgrades of system the Communications Center, day-to-day operations, and customer service issues. The three main departments that would have use for the Communication are Law Enforcement, Fire Department and Emergency Management Services.

Commissioner Schwank

- A. Resolution authorizing Commissioner Schwank to execute a grant application to the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation seeking a matching grant under the Community Conservation Partnerships Program to rehabilitate the Camp Joy swimming pool located in Bern Township. Total estimate cost of project is \$418,114.00. William Semmel, Director of Parks was present and discussed that the pool is structurally sound but is in need of funds for the replacement of the old cast iron pipes, to update the electricity, and to overall just bring the pool up to code. This pool has been around since 1939 and is part of Berks County history. Commissioner Schwank asked if Camp Joy provides a real service to the community and Mr. Semmel indicated that it is used by families, churches, and other groups for day and night camps and as a picnic area. Commissioner Gajewski indicated that this cost is not in the budget this year. Commissioner Schwank then questioned what our choices were. Mr. Semmel stated that if the repairs were not done, they would have to close the pool permanently.

- B. Adopt a Resolution designating the Berks County Industrial Development Authority to receive State Local Economic Development Assistance funds for the 2005-2006 fiscal year in the amount of \$107,525. Commissioner Schwank indicated that this funding is to be split 50/50 by Berks County Economic Partnership and the Berks County Industrial Development. Tom McKeon, Director of Community-Economic Development indicated that he would like the Commissioners to come up with a plan to utilize these funds for Community Development.

Commissioner Gajewski

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing payment of invoices under the following Community Development Disbursement Vouchers:
 - 1. No. 1261-Property Rehabilitation Program-\$20,018.00
 - 2. No. 511-Home Grant Program-\$4,204.23
 - 3. No. 2161- Community Development Block Grant Program-\$7,765.58
- B. Adopt a Resolution terminating the Lease Agreement dated October 24, 1996 for office space for Magisterial District Court 23-3-09 at 242 Exeter Street Reading, PA, and further authorizing the move of Magisterial District Court 23-3-09 to Courtroom 1 and the space formerly used as the Treasurer's office on the first floor of the Berks County Courthouse.

V. CITIZEN COMMENT/BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:35 AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Dalila Garcia, Assistant to the Chief Clerk