

**Commissioners' Workshop Meeting
Tuesday, February 21, 2006**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, February 21, 2006 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 and Commissioner Mark L. Scott in attendance. Also present were County Administrator William E. Dennis, Solicitor Alan Miller Esq., and Chief Clerk Terry Styer.

II. STAFF RECOGNITION:

Sandra Graffius Berks County Controller, presented the results of PRG Schultz Management Report that studied five years of the County's accounts payable records to determine accuracies and double payments. According to the Controller this five-year analysis that included 541,000 transactions amounting to over \$891 million had an error rate of only 0.002% totaling to a net recovery of \$19,207.67. She then thanked her staff and credited the accounts payable section of her department for this low error rate.

III. PRESENTATION:

Irene Reed, Berks County Commission for Women and Editor of **Berks County Women in History Profiles, Vol. 1** was present to discuss this new book designed to be "an exciting glimpse into the lives of Berks County Women current and past."

IV. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:

Budget Department:

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing 2005 Budget Appropriations in the amount of \$3,023.00, and 2006 Appropriations in the amount \$90,000 as per listing dated February 16, 2006. Bob Patrizio presented this week's budget report.

Contract Submissions:

- A. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per attached listing dated February 16, 2006. Candace Noll presented the list of contracts and amendments.

Human Resource Director:

- A. Human Resource Recommendations as list dated February 21, 2006. Beth Schiepan presented one recommendation to the board.

Solicitor:

- A. Resolution authorizing Judith L. Schwank, Chair, to execute an Application for Exemption of Real Estate Taxes for the Antietam Lake Property.

V. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS:

- A. Authorizes exoneration of local Tax Collectors for unpaid 2005 Berks County Property Taxes in the total amount of \$3,100,419.39, representing 6742 unpaid accounts per listing dated February 14, 2006 and forward to Tax Claim Bureau for collection of same.

Commissioner Scott

Commissioner Scott read from several e-mails both supporting and admonishing his position on the request from the Reading Public Museum to hang of a mural created by Artist Keith Haring on the County Services Center building.

VI. PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES

Commissioner Schwank presented on behalf of the Board a proclamation for National Engineer's Week. Accepting the Proclamation was Richard P.Aulenbach, P.E., Reading Chapter PSPE State Director.

VII. ADJOURN

There being no further business and following some general comments of the Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 11:08 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L Styer, Chief Clerk