

**Commissioners' Workshop Meeting
Tuesday, March 7, 2006**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 7, 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 Solicitor Alan Miller Esq., and Chief Clerk Terry Styer.

II. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:

Budget Department:

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing 2005 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$238,354.00 and 2005 Appropriations in the amount \$35,443.00 and 2006 Appropriations in the amount of \$494.00 per listing March 3, 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 March 6, 2006. Candace Noll presented the list of contracts and amendments.

Berks County Youth Center

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing the execution of a Contract with the Urban Development Grant Program, PA DCED (Department of Community and Economic Development) in the total amount of \$25,000.00 on behalf of the Berks County Youth Center for the purchase of passenger vans for the transportation of the re-entry program juveniles to community service projects, work sites, counseling sessions, recreation activities, and medical appointments. John McCormack was present and explained that this was a contract to follow up on last year's grant application request for the purchase of vans.

III. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Schwank

- A. Adopt Resolution re-appointing Stanley H. Kita, Jr. to a three-year term ending on 2/1/09 on the Council on Chemical Abuse Advisory Board.

Commissioner Gajewski

- A. Adopt Resolution re-appointing Joan Lewis to a three-year term ending on 2/1/09 on the Council on Chemical Abuse Advisory Board.
- B. Adopt Resolution re-appointing Gloria Seifrit to a three-year term ending on 2/1/09 on the Council on Chemical Abuse Advisory Board

IV. PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES

- Commissioner Gajewski will present a Proclamation for the Tri-County Chamber of Commerce.
- Commissioner Schwank presented a Proclamation for Red Cross Month. Adrian Grieve – Executive Director of the Berks County Chapter of the American Red Cross was present to accept the Proclamation. Commissioner Schwank asked if they are still looking for volunteers for the Katrina Disaster. Mr. Grieve stated that yes they are looking for long-term volunteers anyone able to give up at least three months of their time. He also said that if you want to get involved contact your local faith-based community organization like your church because within the next 2-3 years they will be working on the physical rebuilding of the South that was effected by Hurricane Katrina.

V. CITIZEN COMMENT/BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

John Morgan, citizen of Ruscombmanor Township made an announcement that several of the Restaurants in Berks County are participating in a program called Good Time for Life, where for just one night, tonight - they will donate 15%-20% of their total dinner/lunch funds will go to the Berks County Aids Network.

There being no further business and following some general comments of the Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 11:05 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L Styer, Chief Clerk