

## **Commissioners' Meeting Thursday, May 25, 2006**

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, May 25, 2006 at 10:45 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 C. Scott in attendance. Also present were the County Solicitor Alan Miller, Esq., County Administrator William E. Dennis and Chief Clerk Terry L. Styer.

Commissioner Schwank opened the meeting with a moment of silence and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Scott made a motion that was seconded by Commissioner Schwank to approve the May 16, 2006 Commissioners' workshop meeting minutes and the May 18, 2006 meeting minutes Commissioner Gajewski was not present for the vote which was approved by Commissioners' Schwank and Scott,

### **Consent Agenda Items**

1. Following a discussion on the listed resolutions and motions listed below, the Chair called for a vote noting that she would abstain from voting on Resolution 159.06 – item B. due to any possible conflict of interest since her step son is employed by BFI (copy of abstention notice is attached to these minutes) and further that Commissioner Scott did not support the proposed Conestoga Landfill Grant Application and noted that his reasons were that only that the most directly affected municipalities, Caernarvon and Robeson Townships should be the recipient of these funds as they were the original municipalities from which the Borough of New Morgan was originally carved and ultimately the Conestoga Landfill created; he also added that the process should be less cumbersome than the Open Space Recreation Grant application for this particular funding request. Hearing no other objections Commissioner Scott moved, Commissioner Schwank seconded and noting that Commissioner Gajewski arrived at 10:59 AM the following list was approved by all with the one no vote and abstention noted:

- 158.06    A.    Resolution authorizing 2006 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$87,466.00 per listing dated May 19, 2006.

- 159.06 B. Resolution authorizing the execution of a contract as a result of Invitation to Bid #06-01-KL (REBID) to supply general trash removal and recycling services for all County of Berks facilities.

The award shall be made to the following vendors;

**BFI Waste Services of PA. LLC**

P.O. Box 197, 50 Orchard Lane

Leesport, PA 19533

**General Trash Removal Zone 1 - \$78,116.00**

**General Trash Removal Zone 3 - 14,840.00**

**Total - \$92,956.00**

**Waste Management**

197 Swamp Creek Road

Gilbertsville, PA 19525

**General Trash Removal Zone 2 - \$7,380.00**

**Rural Recycling Program - \$64,925.00**

**County Recycling Center - \$57,120.00**

**County Department Recycling Program - \$21,420.00**

**Total - \$150,845.00**

- 160.06 C. Resolution approving the 2006 Total Compensation Document. (copy attached to these minutes)
- 161.06 D. Resolution authorizing the execution of PennDot form MS340 Application to unencumber \$195,000 in County Liquid Fuels that have been allocated by the County to Rockland Township for the Henry Road bridge replacement project Number 99-06234-02.
- 162.06 E. Resolution accepting the proposal from Schuylkill Valley Engineering, Inc., located at 4338 Pottsville Pike, Reading PA and dated 5/11/06 to provide Geotechnical Engineering Services for the County of Berks Prison Addition and Renovations for an estimated lump sum total of \$8,645.00 plus expenses not to exceed \$250.00 (total proposal \$8,895.00).

2. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per listing dated, May 22, 2006.
3. Motion authorizing the proposed application form for the new "Conestoga Landfill" Open Space and Recreation Grant.

**Reports**

1. County Treasurer – Nelson Long CPA, presented the weekly Treasurer's report
2. County Controller – Sandy Graffius presented the Controllers' report.

**Citizen Comment/Business From The Floor**

The subject of the recent Maxatawny Zoning application was then discussed. Commissioner Scott suggested the County become more involved in Zoning issues and hiring expert witnesses and consultants to provide the necessary testimony needed to support these land use applications that present a threat to the County's Comprehensive plan and some of the limited industrially zoned areas in the County. Both Commissioners Schwank and Gajewski agreed that the idea has merit. Commissioner Schwank suggested that the IDA become involved and mentioned that she learned from a recent meeting with the IDA, Maxatawny and Kutztown officials that her belief was that they are all interested in the highest quality and best use of the site. Commissioner Scott suggested that in the interest of protecting high quality economic development sites, the county should be looking at methods in addition to zoning efforts that would preserve the dwindling Industrial Tracts that are remaining in the County.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk