

Commissioners' Meeting Thursday, June 29, 2006

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, June 29, 2006 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 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 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 Gajewski and all voted yes to approve the June 20, 2006 Commissioners' workshop meeting minutes and the June 22, 2006 Commissioners' meeting minutes.

Consent Agenda Items

A motion was made by Commissioner Scott, and seconded by Commissioner Schwank and all voted yes to approve the items listed below noting that Resolution 201.06 L. and Resolution 203.06 N. would be postponed for further discussion.*see comments below.

Consent Agenda Items

1. Authorizing:
 - 179.06 A. Resolution authorizing execution of a letter of agreement with Arora and Associates, P.C., 4813 Jonestown Road, Suite 211, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, 17109, for property appraisal and acquisition of the rail corridor for the Hay Creek Trail Project.
 - 191.06 B. Resolution authorizing execution of an agreement with EHD Insurance to provide the County's Comprehensive Insurance coverage for July 1, 2006 through July 1, 2007.
 - 192.06 C. Resolution authorizing the allocation of the Homeless Assistance Program funding; and further authorizes the execution of the Assurance of Compliance Certificate with respect to the Homeless Assistance Program (HAP), and further authorizes Mary Henry-Moss, Human Service Grants Coordinator, the ability to distribute the remaining HAP Funds to the prior approved agencies as needed for the fiscal year 2006/2007.

- 193.06 D. Resolution authorizing the execution of the Human Services Development Fund (HSDF) Assurance of Compliance and further authorizes Mary Henry-Moss, Human Service Grants Coordinator, the ability to distribute the remaining HSDF Funds to the prior approved categorical cost centers as needed for the fiscal year 2006/2007.
- 194.06 E. Resolution authorizing a contract award, as a result of Request for Proposal #06-04-CN, a five-year Contract for the provision of legal services to eligible clients referred by Berks County Office of Aging to: John A. Goldstan, Esquire
539 Court Street, First Floor
Reading, PA, 19601
The term of the Contract shall be effective July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2011. The allotted amount for the first year of the Contract is not to exceed \$34,000. The awarded Contract will allow for the County to extend the Contract for additional periods upon the mutual agreement of the parties.
- 195.06 F. Resolution awarding a contract as a result of an invitation to bid a bridge rehabilitation project to Mar-Allen Concrete of Ephrata, PA for the Weidner's Bridge on Salem Road over the Little Swatara Creek in Bethel and Tulpehocken Townships in the amount of \$229,103.00.
- 196.06 G. Resolution Authorizing utilization of temporary agency for File Clerk in the Prison's Records Department, effective 6/30/06. Rate not to exceed \$12.00 per hour. This request is due to two (2) full-time vacancies in the Records Department. Utilization of the temporary agency will cease as soon as the two (2) full-time vacancies are filled.
- 197.06 H. Resolution authorizing Edward B. Michalik; MH/MR Administrator to approve and accept the capitation rates as proposed by the PA DPW in support of The Berks County Health Choices Program.
- 198.06 I. Resolution authorizing an agreement made by the County of Berks hereafter referred to as the "County" for and on the behalf of Berks County Mental Health/Mental Retardation Program to authorize the MH/MR Program Administrator, Dr. Ed Michalik or his successors. To execute all Administrative Entity Provider Agreements and to reference such approval by attachment of the annual standard Administrative Entity Provider Agreement as well as the listing of the specific contract amounts and providers as Appendices A and B to that resolution.

- 199.06 J. Resolution authorizing a contract between Berks County Prison and the Council on Chemical Abuse. This contract is for the period of July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2009; this eliminates the need for us to execute a full contract each year. The contract funding allocation for the Period July 1, 2006 through June 30,2007 is \$307,157.00 for Berks County Prison Services/Therapeutic Community (Cost Reimbursement).
- 200.06 K. Resolution approving a letter of support to the Strengthening Families grant application being made by the United Way, BCPS, BCAP, Opportunity House and the Conference of Churches.
- 201.06 L. Resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement between Berks County Children and Youth Services and the Court of Common Pleas of Berks County for the provision of Court-appointed Guardian Ad Litem for a period July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007 for \$188,558 per year contingent upon Department of Public Welfare funding reimbursement. **Hold for additional discussion.**
- 202.06 M. Resolution authorizing the execution of the NACo prescription drug card plan.
- 203.06 N. Resolution authorizing execution of an agreement between the County of Berks and Smith-Freeman & Associates concerning the marketing of a book for the Berks Heim Harvest Festival. In addition to the above agreement, Commissioner Gajewski suggesting an amendment to the resolution that would include language authorizing an application to the State Board of Charitable Affairs for this publication. Commissioners Scott and Schwank expressed that they were unclear about the entities involved in the agreement as well as being concerned for placing the burden for purchasing items such as needed furniture at the home, on the Volunteer Council, Commissioners Scott and Schwank suggested delaying this agreement and offered that if outdoor furniture was needed for the Heim residents the County should assume the responsibility to purchase it. Commissioner Gajewski indicated that waiting may prevent the opportunity for this publication to be done in time for the festival. Lacking the support to vote today, the board decided to pull this resolution from the Consent agenda.
2. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per attached listing dated June 26, 2006.

Reports

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

Citizen Comment/Business From The Floor

Dave Kurzweg, a resident of Laureldale Borough questioned a recent ad for the Community Development program that indicated that applications were not being accepted. Commissioner Schwank responded by saying that she believed that all the funds were already committed to projects previously submitted.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:07 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk