

Commissioners' Meeting Thursday, July 13, 2006

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, July 13, 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 Mark C. Scott in attendance. Commissioner Gajewski was not present for the meeting. Also present were County Administrator, William E. Dennis, Assistant Solicitor, Heidi Masano Esq., 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 Schwank with both voting yes to approve the June 27, 2006 Commissioners' workshop meeting minutes and the June 29, 2006 Commissioners' meeting minutes.

Consent Agenda Items

A motion was made by Commissioner Scott, and seconded by Commissioner Schwank with both voting yes to approve the items listed below:

Consent Agenda Items

1. Authorizing:
 - 206.06 A. Resolution approving execution of a Contract Agreement, by and between the County of Berks (Adult Probation) and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, in connection with the reimbursement of 2005-2006 County Supervision Fees; Contract ID – 06-05/06-SF, (PA Bureau of Probation and Parole Act 35 program).
 - 207.06 B. Resolution authorizing 2006 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$88,500 and 2006 Appropriations in the amount \$10,000 per listing dated July 7, 2006.
 - 208.06 C. Resolution authorizing amendments to the County's Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program
 - 209.06 D. Resolution authorizing the execution of PennDot form MS340 Application to encumber an additional \$150,000 in County Liquid Fuels Funds for the rehabilitation of the County Owned Weidner's Bridge Project number 05-06000-01.

- 210.06 E. Human Resource Recommendations per list dated July 13, 2006
- 211.06 F. Resolution authorizing execution of the HealthChoices Behavioral Health Agreement contract between the County of Berks and the Commonwealth of PA, Department of Public Welfare for a term commencing on October 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2009
- 212.06 G. Resolution authorizing execution of PA Department of Transportation Highway Occupancy Agreement #0506002 for the Union Canal-Blue Marsh connector trail project.
- 213.06 H. Resolution authorizing acceptance of a proposal from Bellairs Real Estate to perform an appraisal of the Antietam Lake property required by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources at a price not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00 from the Growing Greener Funds)
- 214.06 I. Resolution appointing John Goldstan, Esq. as special counsel to the Berks County Office of Aging effective July 1, 2006 at an amount not to exceed thirty-four thousand dollars (\$34,000.00) for the first year of the engagement and further authorizing the Solicitor's Office to petition the Berks County Court of Common Pleas for approval of such appointment.
- 215.06 J. Resolution authorizing an amendment to an office lease between the County of Berks and Ted K. Goropoulos or Reading for a building located at 501 Crescent Avenue, Reading (Career Link), among several items, extending an additional Five (5) years beginning September 1, 2006 through August 31, 2011.
- 216.06 K. Resolution authorizing the execution of a letter of agreement with Robert P. Grim, Esq. for the reimbursement of costs for professional services with Peter Terry, P.E. for an amount not to exceed \$5,000 for Traffic Engineering services and with Edward Schlaner, P.E. Land as an expert in land use development to provide services for an amount not to exceed \$4,500 for the Conditional Use Zoning Application of Gambone Development Company currently before the Maxatawny Township Supervisors.

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

A motion approving the limited use of county maintenance staff to be used on an as needed basis for the Reading Fair (Berks County Agricultural and Horticultural Association) was made by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Schwank and both votes yes to approve this request provided their use would fall under the direction of the Warden and Facilities Director.

Commissioner Schwank said that several calls have been placed to the DCNR (Department of Conservation and Natural Resources) to request support to the alteration and more cost effective manner of providing survey information to the State as part of their grant requirements for the Antietam Lake Property.

Commissioner Scott indicated that he was pleased the board agreed to fund the zoning consultants to assist with the Maxatawny Township zoning application. He encouraged continued preservation efforts to save sites like this one that has such a potential synergy that could exist when high tech, industrial development locates next to an educational institution like Kutztown University. He then discussed other potential zoning issues in the County that the board may wish to consider similar financial support.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:51 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk