

Commissioners' Workshop Meeting August 8, 2006

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, August 8, 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 Thomas W. Gajewski, Sr , Vice Chair, called the meeting to order with Commissioner Mark C. Scott in attendance. Commissioner Judith L. Schwank was attending the NACo (National Association of Counties) conference Also present were Solicitor Alan Miller Esq. and Chief Clerk Terry Styer. County Administrator William E. Dennis was not present.

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

II. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:

Budget Department:

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing 2006 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$125,337.00. Bob Patrizio, Budget Director, presented the report.

Contract Submissions

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing the County of Berks the use of the City of Harrisburg's PACC (PA Capital City) Automotive and Equipment Contract for use by the County of Berks on an as needed basis. Purchasing Manager Kelly Laucher presented the request.
- B. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per attached listing dated August 7, 2006.

District Attorney

- A. Adopt Resolution to forgive 2005 Outstanding County Real Estate Taxes for 4418 Mays Avenue, Exeter Township in the amount of \$458.40. District Attorney Mark Baldwin presented the request to forgive the outstanding taxes on this parcel seized as part of a drug trafficking arrest. The District Attorney explained that in order for this property to be sold to interested buyers, they needed to clear the title of outstanding taxes and submitted copies of letters indicating that Exeter Township and School District have both approved the requested refund.

Human Resource Director:

- A. The Human Resource Recommendations list dated August 8, 2006, was presented by Beth Schiepan, Human Resources Director.

Human Services

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing execution and submission of Medical Assistance Transportation Program (MATP) quarterly expenditure report for the fourth quarter of the fiscal year 2005-2006.

III. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS:**Commissioner Schwank**

Commissioner Schwank, while not in attendance, asked that the following statement be read into the record regarding the NACo Prescription Card Program sponsored by the County:

“The Prescription Drug Program is of great importance and we must have a plan to put it to use without delay. Therefore a meeting of county department and area agency heads needs to be convened to discuss card distribution. In order to succeed this must be a total county effort.”

Commissioner Gajewski

- A. Resolution authorizing execution of an application for the NACo discount prescription program for the benefit of Berks County citizens.
- B. Commissioner Gajewski read an excerpt from the July 31, 2006 issue of County News, the publication of the National Association of Counties. The article is entitled “Congress poised to slash state, local revenue sources,” and states that Congress is in the process of passing several bills that would increase federal revenue by slashing county taxes. County officials would be left to pay the bill by cutting services, increasing other taxes, or both.

Commissioner Scott

Commissioners Gajewski and Scott both expressed condolences to the family of Reading Police Officer Scott Wertz who was shot in the line of duty over the weekend.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:10 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L Styer, Chief Clerk