

## **Commissioners' Board Meeting Thursday, August 10, 2006**

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, August 10, 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 W. Gajewski, Sr. and Commissioner Mark C. Scott in attendance. Also present were the Chief Clerk Terry L. Styer, County Solicitor Alan Miller, Esq., and County Administrator William E. Dennis.

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 to approve the August 1, 2006 Commissioner workshop minutes and the August 3, 2006 Commissioners meeting minutes, and to amend the approved July 11, 2006 meeting minutes to include a memo dated July 8, 2006 by Commissioner Gajewski. With this item duly noted and added to the motion all voted yes to approve.

### **Consent Agenda Items**

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Gajewski and all voted unanimously to approve the items listed below:
  - 243.06 A. Resolution authorizing 2006 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$125,337 per listing dated August 4, 2006.
  - 244.06 B. 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.
  - 245.06 C. Resolution to forgive 2005 Outstanding County Real Estate Taxes for 4418 Mays Avenue, Reading PA in the amount of \$458.40.
  - 246.06 D. Human Resource Recommendations per list dated August 8, 2006.
  - 247.06 E. 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.

- 248.06 F. Resolution authorizing execution of an application for the NACO discount prescription program for the benefit of Berks County citizens. Commissioner Schwank reported that NACO estimated that nationally, Counties have saved constituents over 9.75 millions dollars to date with this program and at the recent National Conference it was noted the prescription card has become a significant benefit even for young people too old for coverage under their parents but just leaving college and between jobs. Commissioner Gajewski then discussed several logo and design options that will need to be decided by the Commissioners.

### **Reports**

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

### **Commissioner Schwank**

Commissioner Schwank reported on other issues discussed at the National Association of Counties (NACo) Annual Conference she recently attended, including citizenship documentation requirements and the impact many counties will face with that new federal requirement. Commissioner Scott then suggested that the county had the option of amending the INS reimbursement agreement to include a cooperative agreement with local law enforcement agencies who could work with our Sheriff or District Attorney to turn in Illegal Aliens for processing through the Immigration and Customs process. District Attorney, Mark Baldwin discussed a \$2.5 million dollar grant awarded for the Rt. #222 Gang Initiative of which some funds are potentially available to assist with a project of this nature. He offered to facilitate a meeting for further discussion.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:10 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk