

**Commissioners' Workshop Meeting
Tuesday, March 20, 2007**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 20, 2007, 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 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 County Administrator, William E. Dennis, Solicitor Alan Miller Esq., and Chief Clerk Terry Styer.

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

II. PRESENTATION

Steve Wheeler of Berks County Environment Advisory Council attended the meeting to offer expanded information regarding the proposed Cancer Cluster Study. Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Gajewski, and all voted unanimously to approve the following resolution.

- 71.07 A. Resolution authorizing acceptance of the proposal of Sciences International for the alleged cancer cluster in the Muhlenberg School District, and further authorizing execution of an Independent Contract Agreement between the County of Berks and Sciences International.

III. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS

Administrator:

- A. Weekly Report attached. Administrator Dennis asked Carey Kaucher, Special Projects Coordinator to discuss the Berks New Year's Eve Celebration 2007. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Kaucher for his efforts and asked him to present a projected budget to them in order to determine the amount of expected County contribution.

Budget Department:

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing 2007 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$80,000.00, and 2007 Appropriations in the amount of \$21,815.00 per listing dated March 16, 2007.

- B. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per attached listing dated March 16, 2007.
- C. Recommendation to award and execute, as a result of Invitation to Bid #07-01-MB, a contract to supply and install the equipment required to upgrade the two (2) suppression systems' control panels located one (1) each in the computer and telecommunications rooms of the County Services building for use by Information Technology.

The award shall be made to the following vendor;

George A. Kint, Inc.
T/A Kint Fire
1300 Crooked Hill Road
Harrisburg, PA 17106-0490

\$15,730.00

- D. Recommendation to award and execute, as a result of Request for Proposal #06-14-KL, a contract to provide assessment and strategic interoperability plan development for Berks County public safety communications. The project will provide an in-depth assessment of the 911 operations the functionality and capabilities of current public safety technology systems and system architecture to determine the suitability of systems to meet the needs of public safety operations. The assessment shall include a 3-5 year Public Safety Technology Strategic Plan that will be used as a guideline for adding to, upgrading replacing or enhancing public safety technology systems to serve the County. This shall include a conceptual design for the system and detailed cost analysis.

The award shall be made to the following vendor;

CTA Communications Inc
20715 Timberlake Road, Suite 106
Lynchburg, VA 24502
\$115,265.00 (Not to Exceed)

At the discretion of the County it may exercise the right to extend and amend the contract for Phase II , functional specification and project management based upon the results of the assessment and strategic interoperability plan, in accordance with the scope of work under the Request for Proposal and vendor's proposal for said phase.

HR Director:

- A. Human Resource Recommendations per list dated March 19, 2007.

Solid Waste Authority

- A. Adopt resolution approving a Disposal Capacity Agreement and an amendment to the Berks County Solid Waste Management Plan for the Western Berks Landfill. Rich Godshall, Vice President of Western Berks Landfill and Jane Meeks, Executive Director of the Berks Solid Waste Authority attended the meeting.

II. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS:

- A. Adopt resolution approving an amendment to a contract (ICA-2437-05) with Liberty Environmental Inc. extending the contract date and increasing amount by \$2,500 to a new amount not to exceed \$7,500 and amending the scope of services to include the consultant's to review and comment on the Access Energy air permit and to attend the and provide comments at the Public Meeting scheduled by the PA DEP. (Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources)

Commissioner Schwank

- B. Adopt Resolution appointing Carl Sabold to a three year term (expiring 2/1/10) on the Council on Chemical Abuse Advisory Board.

Commissioner Gajewski

- A. Commissioner Gajewski noted that the reports on regional policing have been made public to the municipalities. No immediate decisions have been made pending personnel issues with regards to regional policing.

Commissioner Scott

- A. Adopt Resolution re-appointing Robert L. Moore to a 4 year term (expiring 3/10/11) on the Berks County Parks and Recreation Board.
- B. Adopt Resolution re-appointing Robert Showalter to a 4 year term (expiring 3/10/11) on the Berks County Parks and Recreation Board.
- C. Adopt Resolution appointing Joseph "Bud" Haines to a 3 year term (expiring 2/1/10) on the Council on Chemical Abuse Advisory Board, replacing Robert Bagenstose, whose term expired.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:55 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L Styer, Chief Clerk