

## **Commissioners' Board Meeting March 29, 2007**

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, March 29, 2007, 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 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 March 20, 2007 Commissioner workshop minutes and the March 22, 2007 Commissioners meeting minutes, all voted yes to approve.

### **Consent Agenda Items**

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Gajewski, seconded by Commissioner Scott and all voted unanimously to approve the items listed below:
  - 83.07 A. Resolution authorizing Judith L. Schwank, as Chairman of the Board, to execute Continuation of Subgrant No. 06-DA-ST-16840 by and between the County of Berks (Adult Probation) and the Pennsylvania Commission of Crime and Delinquency, with respect to funding in the amount of \$311,814.00 for "Phase II – RIP – Level 3 & 4 Offenders," covering the period 7/1/07 – 06/30/08.
  - 84.07 B. Human Resource Recommendations per list dated March 27, 2007.
  - 85.07 C. Resolution for Day Care Plan agreement authorizing Judith L. Schwank, Chair, to execute a grant agreement between the County of Berks (Berks County Intermediate Unit) and the Pennsylvania Department of Welfare, regarding childcare services in the amount of \$16,897,645.00 for fiscal year July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.
  
2. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per listing dated March 26, 2007.

Reports

1. County Treasurer – Nelson Long, CPA, read report.
2. County Controller – Ron Rutkowski, Sr. Governmental Accountant, read report for Sandy Graffius, Controller.

Commissioner Schwank presented correspondence from John Hetrick, Earl Township Supervisor, regarding the Manatawny Creek Watershed. She noted that Earl Township has completed the purchase of the flood prone properties from the owners and that the township is looking for a financial assistance from both a Growing Greener Grant from the State and \$260,000 from the County. Commissioner Scott asked for additional information including the Township's consideration for conveyance of ownership of this land to the County for that \$260,000 contribution. Commissioner Schwank suggested a meeting with Mr. Hetrick to discuss future ownership and maintenance of this parcel before the County considers taking ownership.

Commissioner Schwank also proposed a resolution suggested by the National Association of Counties (NACo) regarding loss of Federal Entitlement Benefits making the counties become responsible for medical costs of federal inmates before they are sent to federal institutions. This resolution is to ask the Congress to change the legislation so that federal benefits do not lapse upon entrance to county prison for processing to federal prison. This resolution will be added to the April 3<sup>rd</sup> Commissioners' agenda for consideration.

Chief Clerk Styer informed the Commissioners that Berks County Historical Society for proper storage and reproduction and upon hearing no objection she would proceed with cataloging the books that date back to the 1800's , and arranging to have them copied and placed in appropriate Archival Storage with the Berks County Historical Society.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:05 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk