

Commissioners' Board Meeting April 5, 2007

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, April 5, 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 27, 2007 Commissioner workshop minutes and the March 29, 2007 Commissioners meeting minutes, all voted yes to approve.

Consent Agenda Items

- I. A motion was made by Commissioner Gajewski, seconded by Commissioner Scott and all voted unanimously to approve the items listed below:
 - 86.07 A. Resolution requesting and urging Congress to amend necessary federal regulation to allow federal financial participation for medical benefits to incarcerated individuals until convicted and sentenced to secure detention.
 - 87.07 B. Resolution authorizing 2007 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$9,900, and 2007 Appropriations in the amount \$285,087, per listing dated March 30, 2007.
 - 88.07 C. Human Resource Recommendations per list dated April 3, 2007.
 - 89.07 D. Resolution authorizing Commissioner Schwank to execute a grant application to the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources seeking a matching grant under the Community Conservation Partnerships Program to rehabilitate the Stonecliffe Recreation Area. Total estimated cost of the project is \$480,000.

- 90.07 E. Resolution authorizing the County Administrator and Office of the Controller for the purpose of requesting and receiving "read-only" access to checking and savings accounts held for the County of Berks.
- 91.07 F. Resolution authorizing the execution of a Commercial Signature Card creating the County of Berks Election Funds account.
- 92.07 G. Resolution appointing Rev. Monsignor John B. McCann, STL, MSW, Douglassville, PA to complete the unexpired three year term (expiring on 12/31/08) of Rev. Thomas Kuller, who resigned, on the Berks County Mental Health/ Mental Retardation Advisory Board.
- 93.07 H. Resolution authorizing endorsement and support for "Let's Pick It Up Day" on Saturday April 21, 2006.
2. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per listing dated March 30, 2007.

Reports

1. County Treasurer –Bill Dennis, County Administrator read report for Nelson Long, CPA.
2. County Controller – Sandy Graffius, Controller, read report.

Cecelia Zuber, City resident, thanked everyone who helped with the recent clean up on Skyline Drive, and encouraged everyone to attend the next meeting of the Clean Up Committee, which was formed to cement relationships following the city trash campaign, on May 23, 2007, at 7:30 PM in the Penn Room at City Hall. The committee wants to expand their efforts to cleaning up the city as well. Citizens need to become involved to help clean up their part of the city.

Commissioner Gajewski has requested that the County Purchasing Manager prepare the bids for the Skyline Drive retaining wall in order to get the best price as one project rather than 3 separate ones.

Don Waldran, Blue Mountain Wildlife, Tilden Township, asked the Commissioners to co-sign a long term lease in order to be eligible for Growing Greener grant funds from DEP. Christine Sadler, Esq, 1st Assistant County Solicitor, has contacted the DEP Bureau of Mines, who suggested that the Bureau may not approve the County to enter

into a long term lease but would consider having Tilden Township co-sign the lease agreement.

Commissioner Scott noted that he had received information from his consultant regarding the Richmond Township study. He indicated that the DEP could be trusted with the blasting study. The consultant will submit a proposal for aquifer study. The Commissioner should have more information by April 16th.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:56 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk