

Commissioners' Board Meeting April 12, 2007

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, April 12, 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. County Administrator William E. Dennis did not attend the meeting.

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 April 3, 2007 Commissioner Workshop minutes and the April 5, 2007 Commissioners meeting minutes; a minor change was noted by Commissioner Schwank and with that amendment the vote to approve was unanimous.

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:
 - 94.07 A. Adopt Resolution 94.07 amending Senior Citizens Tax Deferral Program, to increase the maximum household income from \$15,000 to \$35,000. Commissioner Scott described this program and asked Adam Krafczek, Esq. Solicitor for the Tax Claim Bureau to discuss the State Statue that provides counties the opportunity to make this program available as well as allow the increase in income limit requirements. He indicated that while this change will most likely increase the workload of the Tax Claim office, the change is long overdue. Commissioner Schwank asked that Sue Kissling, Director of Berks County Tax Claim Bureau consider methods to increase outreach efforts with the Office of Aging to better inform the County's Senior Citizens of this opportunity and further suggested that a new informational brochure in simple language could should be produced and distributed to that population. Commissioner Gajewski also suggested that due to the 9% interest charge that will be part of the program cost, citizens may wish to consider a home equity loan before they consider this option.

- 95.07 B. Adopt Resolution authorizing 2007 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$40,000 per listing dated April 5, 2007.
 - 96.07 C. Adopt Resolution authorizing lease amendment for MDJ Office for Judge Book, 23-3-07.
 - 97.07 D. Adopt Resolution encouraging the State House and Senate to approve legislation allowing sharing of criminal history information between County Departments such as Sheriff and Prison, as well as with local law enforcement, to eliminate duplication of efforts.
2. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per listing dated April 5, 2007.

Reports

- 1. County Treasurer – Nelson Long, CPA, read report.
- 2. County Controller – Mark Hansen, Chief Deputy Controller, read report.

Non-Consent Agenda

- 1. A motion was made by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Gajewski and all voted unanimously to approve the item listed below:
 - 98.07 E. Resolution authorizing execution of a contract amendment (addendum #A-3 Scope of Work to Blanket Consulting Agreement #CA 2483-05) with Ambient Air Quality Services (AAQS), Lincoln University, PA to provide a new scope of services for the review the DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) Air Quality Permit application in relation to the Major Facility Plan Approval Maximum Achievable Control Technology (MACT) for Air Toxics for the smelter at Exide Corp Laureldale Facility, in the amount not to exceed \$3,500.

Miscellaneous

Commissioner Schwank announced that the Salary Board approved the hiring of four new Sheriff's deputies to absorb the city central processing into the existing county facility. This will allow more city patrolmen to be on the street.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:03 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk