

Commissioners' Board Meeting April 26, 2007

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, April 26, 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.



Today, April 26th is National Take your Daughters and Sons to Work Day. Thanks to our Special Projects Coordinator Carey Kaucher, approximately 60 of our employee's daughters and sons took part in this special day of activities including this morning's Commissioners meeting. These young citizens were welcomed by the Commissioners and hope that through their visit and talking with their parents and their parents co-workers, they begin to develop an appreciation for the important role they play in this community and more important the hope that our daughters and sons end their day with a desire to serve their community in whatever capacity they are able, now and into the future.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Scott made a motion that was seconded by Commissioner Gajewski to approve the April 17, 2007 Commissioner workshop minutes and the April 19, 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, with the exception of Resolution 105.07 E * which was voted separately.
 - 99.07 A. Amend Resolution 44-07 to approve a grant application with the PA Department of Community and Economic Development for \$300,000 to rehabilitate the RACC Bridge and the Trexler Mansion. **(held from last week)** Prior to the Vote of the Consent Agenda Commissioner Scott made a motion that was seconded and approved to add the following amendment to the proposed Resolution: *The priority of expenditures pursuant to this grant shall be in the first instance, applied to the rehabilitation of the RACC Bridge, with the residue of the grant being allocated thereafter to the rehabilitation of the Trexler Mansion.*
 - 102.07 B. Resolution authorizing 2007 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$14,300 per listing dated April 20, 2007.
 - 103.07 C. Resolution authorizing the execution and the submission of an Intermediate Punishment plan in accordance with Act 200-41 to the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency pursuant to the 2007-2008 grant funding cycle.
 - 104.07 D. Resolution to authorize Judith L. Schwank, Chairman, to execute Annual Supplemental Agreement No. 520651-H between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting through the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, and the County of Berks for reimbursement up to \$357,128.00 for transportation planning activities to be performed by the Berks County Planning Commission staff in accordance with the FY 2007-2008 Unified Planning Work Program
 - 105.07 E. Resolution authorizing execution of an agreement between the County of Berks and the Kutztown University Foundation, Inc. concerning the payment of certain annual sums received from New Morgan Landfill, Inc. to the Foundation for the Institute for the Advancement of Children's Environmental Health. Craig Hafer , Gavin Biebuyck and Steve Wheeler from the Berks County Environmental Advisory Council will be present to discuss this new funding plan.

*Commissioner Gajewski expressed concern that the County by adopting Resolution 27-06 made a commitment of \$100,000 to the municipalities south of the Conestoga Landfill. He felt that by approving this change to fund the Institute, the county is going back on its word and he could not support the change for that reason. He then offered a motion to utilize a separate \$100,000 from the Environmental Defense fund to the Institute, the motion died for lack of a second. A second motion was offered by Commissioner Gajewski to provide \$100,000 from the General Fund to the Institute annually instead of the settlement funds from the Landfill and that motion died for lack of a second as well. At this time Commissioner Scott made a motion to approve Resolution 105.07 as drafted for this meeting, Commissioner Schwank seconded the motion and both voted yes with Commissioner Gajewski voting no, the motion carried and the Resolution was approved. Commissioner Gajewski asked that the record reflect that his no vote in no way was intended to reflect negatively on the Children's Institute for Environmental Health nor the Kutztown Foundation.

- 106.07 F. Resolution authorizing execution of a Right-Of-Way Agreement in favor of D&E Systems, Inc. for the installation of two 4" PVC telephone conduits and fiber optic cable in the Ag Center telephone equipment room per contract #PC-2658-06.
 - 107.07 G. Resolution authorizing execution of a Sublease Agreement between the County of Berks and North Berks Recreation Corporation for the leasing of a portion of the County's leased premises in Windsor Township consisting of approximately 22.54 acres for use as athletic fields and ancillary facilities to serve the youth of northern Berks County for a six (6) year term ending January 8, 2013.
 - 108.07 H. Resolution amending Resolution 77.07 to correctly identify a new blanket contract number for Liberty Environmental Inc.
 - 109.07 I. Resolution to authorize Tetrahedron Consultants, Inc to provide technical review in regard to proposed quarry expansion in Richmond Township at a not to exceed fee of \$13,700.
2. Motion authorizing Judith L. Schwank, as Chairman of the Board, to execute Contract Agreements/Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per attached listing dated April 23, 2007.

Non Consent Agenda

- 110.07 J. Resolution to re-appoint Michael Setley to the Reading Regional Airport Authority for the period ending 1/1/08.

Reports

1. County Treasurer – Nelson H. Long CPA presented his report
2. County Controller – Sandy Graffius presented her weekly report

Citizen Comment/Business From The Floor

Charles A. Bortz, Environmental Coordinator for the Lehigh Cement, Evansville plant, asked the commissioners to delay the vote until company officials had a chance to meet with them individually in May.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk