

Commissioners' Workshop Meeting
Tuesday, May 29, 2007

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, May 29, 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, Assistant County Solicitor Heidi Masano, Esq. and Chief Clerk Terry Styer. County Solicitor Alan Miller Esq. did not attend the meeting.

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

II. PRESENTATION

Berks County Common Pleas Judge Peter Schmehl gave a brief presentation on Berks County Drug Court which began operations in January 2005. He described the court as a "marriage of treatment and the criminal justice system" and serves the community in a reality-based common sense approach to the drug and/or mentally ill, non-violent offender. He reported on the success rate of the court by showing the drop in recidivism of these offenders by being part of this program.

Commissioner Gajewski presented a Proclamation congratulating Berks PRIDE on recent accomplishments - George Vogel accepted the Proclamation on behalf of Carlos M. Martinez, Jr., a student at Reading High School, and a member of Berks PRIDE, who was unable to attend due to final exams.

Scott Rehr, Executive Director of the Berks County Prison Society / Berks Connections together with Sheila Bressler, Berks Coalition to End Homelessness Chair, Carolyn Bazik - Chair, Coalition Planning Committee, Karen Parish - Coalition Consultant discussed an upcoming workshop and the newly completed Strategic Plan to End Homelessness in Berks.

III. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:

County Administrator

Bill Dennis presented his weekly report, attached.

Budget Department:

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing 2007 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$9,200. Bob Patrizio, Budget Director, presented the report.

- B. 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 May 24, 2007. Candy Noll, Contract Coordinator presented the list of contracts.

CareerLink

- A. Adopt a resolution to award a contract to operate **Business Development Services** in partnership with the Pennsylvania CareerLink ~ Berks County to the following service provider: **Educational Data Systems, Inc. (EDSI)**, 15300 Commerce Drive North, Suite 200, Dearborn, Michigan The amount of the proposed contract budget for the period July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008 is \$292,561. Program operations are scheduled to begin on July 1, 2007. Ed McCann, Chief Operating Officer, Berks Co. Workforce Investment Board, attended the meeting to discuss this contract.

Human Resource Director:

- A. Human Resource Recommendations per list dated May 29, 2007. Craig Stott, Deputy Human Resource Director presented the two HR recommendations.

Solicitor

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing tax forgiveness of the following parcels, including all penalties and interest:
1. .017 acres, 614 S. 15 1/2 Street, Reading (16-5316-39-37-4058) 2006 County taxes. \$41.70
 2. .40 acres, 637 S. 15 1/2 Street, Reading (16-5316-39-36-4835) 2006 County taxes. \$97.87

IV. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Schwank

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing the execution of an Addendum A-3 to Agreement CA-2498-05 Tetrahedron Consultants, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$7,810 to provide consulting services for the proposed expansion of the Western Berks Sanitary Landfill, Cumru Township, Berks County.
- B. Adopt a resolution to endorse passage of Senate Bill 246 and House Bill 720 known as the Clean Indoor Air Act of 2007 encouraging smoke free workplaces and businesses. The Commissioner said that this is a good time to submit to the State Legislature with the Governors current health care initiative. She also encouraged public feed back on the subject.

Commissioner Gajewski

- A. Resolution to appoint Michael Rivera of Bern Township, to the Council on Chemical Abuse Advisory Board to replace David C. Naugle who recently resigned. 3 year term ends 2/1/2010.

Commissioner Scott

- A. Commissioner Scott noted that he is in support of deleting the Harms Benefit analysis from Tetrahedron Consultants, Inc. contract for consulting services for the proposed expansion of Western Berks Sanitary Landfill.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:58 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L Styer, Chief Clerk