

Commissioners' Workshop Meeting Tuesday, June 19, 2007

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, June 19, 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, Solicitor Alan Miller Esq., and Chief Clerk Terry Styer.

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

II. PRESENTATION

Commissioner Schwank presented a Certificate of Recognition to Tammy Mitgang, President of the Reading Musical Foundation for the 80th Anniversary of her organization.

Tim Daley, Criminal Justice Program Director and Andrew Price, Court Technology Program Development Specialist provided the Commissioners with a brief overview of the Quality of Life Mapping project which was described as a concept until such time as they are able to show a direct or indirect value to the county before pursuing any funding requests.

III. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS/REQUESTS:

Administrator:

- A. Bill Dennis presented his weekly report, attached.

Budget Department:

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing 2007 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$157,555 per listing dated June 15, 2007. Budget Director Bob Patrizio 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 June 15, 2007. Candy Noll, Contract Coordinator presented the list of contracts.

Career Link

- A. Adopt a resolution reappointing the following members to the Berks County Workforce Investment Board for three year terms ending 6/30/2010.

Alfred J. Weber

John J. Dever, Jr.

Robert D. Harrop

Peter P. Pellicano

Laura A. Rader

Michael J. Rowley

Dr. Nancy G. Allmon

Thomas McKeon

Daniel F. Luckey

Janell Shaffer-Yoder

Human Resource Director:

- A. Adopt a resolution approving the revisions to the Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement Policy. Beth Schiepan, HR Director, along with Sandy Graffius, Controller, explained that the policy allows for reimbursement after \$50.00 is accrued, since it costs the Controller's office that much to process the payment. They explained that if an employee has not reached \$50.00 by the end of the year, the actual amount will be reimbursed at that time. Commissioner Gajewski asked that the amount be reduced to \$25.00, feeling that \$50.00 is too much to expect an employee to have to accrue. Commissioner Schwank suggested that employees be reimbursed from petty cash if they cannot wait for reimbursement. Controller Graffius asked that the amount remain at \$50.00.

Planning Commission:

- A. Shannon Rossman, Intergovernmental Planner III, Mike Leventry, GIS Analyst for the Berks County Planning Commission and Paul DeBarry, P.E. with Borton Lawson Engineering gave a brief presentation on the following Act 167 Stormwater Management Plans

- **Sacony Creek – update**
- **Maiden Creek - update**
- **Swamp Creek**
- **Tributaries to the Schuylkill River in Berks County**

Public Hearing for Storm Water Plans continued:

Following the presentation the Commissioners convened a **public hearing** to gather public comments prior to the vote on these four resolutions which are being requested for approval at this meeting. Hearing no public comments, Commissioner Scott made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gajewski, and all voted yes to approve the following resolutions: * the entire text and attachments for these stormwater plans will be kept on file with the Berks County Planning Commission.

- 179.07 A. Resolution for Updated Act 167 Stormwater Management Plan for Sacony Creek.
- 180.07 B. Resolution for Updated Act 167 Stormwater Management Plan for Maiden Creek.
- 181.07 C. Resolution for Act 167 Stormwater Management Plan for Swamp Creek.
- 182.07 D. Resolution for Act 167 Stormwater Management Plan for Tributaries to the Schuylkill River in Berks County.

IV. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS:**Commissioner Schwank**

- A. Commissioner Schwank discussed some potential concerns for increased infestation of the Gypsy Moth in area forests and provided the Commissioners with some literature for future consideration of a County funded spray program if the infestation increases locally but not to a level that would trigger the DEP assuming the cost of the spray program. Commissioner Scott indicated he would support funding such a program if needed.
- B. Adopt a Resolution to support sponsorship of the Wallace Stevens PHMC state historical marker. Berks County would have to pay for half of the marker, about \$500.00.

Commissioner Gajewski

- A. Commissioner Gajewski reported that the county has received two responses from Rep. Caltagirone and Rep. Rohrer, in response to Berks County Resolution 150.07.

Commissioner Scott

- A. Commissioner Scott noted that he received the preliminary report from the consultant regarding the Crossley Farm Superfund Site in Hereford Township and was in the process of reviewing it.

V. PROCLAMATIONS

Commissioner Schwank presented the National Dairy Month Proclamation to the 2007 Dairy Princess, Stephanie Wiggins and the Little Miss Dairy Princess, Mikayla Davis. Miss Wiggins presented a short speech on the importance of dairy in your diet and Miss Davis sang a song about milk.

Miss Wiggins then invited all in attendance as well as all employees to the Commissioners balcony for an ice cream social.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk