

Commissioners' Board Meeting August 16, 2007

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, August 16, 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 August 7, 2007 Commissioners workshop minutes and the August 9, 2007 Commissioners meeting minutes, all voted yes to approve, with Commissioner Schwank abstaining from voting on the August 7th minutes as she did not attend the meeting.

Consent Agenda Items

- I. A motion was made by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Gajewski, and all voted unanimously to approve the items listed below:
 - 239.07 A. Resolution authorizing 2007 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$120,000 per listing dated August 10, 2007.
 - 240.07 B. Resolution granting \$750,000 of Community Development Block Grant funds to the Fleetwood Tannery Redevelopment Area which has been declared a blighted area as defined by the Pennsylvania Urban Redevelopment Law Act No. 385 of 1945, as amended.
 - 241.07 C. Human Resource Recommendations per list dated August 14, 2007.
 - 242.07 D. Resolution to approve application for Grant-In-Aid funds from the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission for fiscal year 2007-2008. The grant amount is \$462,209.
 - 243.07 E. Resolution for approval of the Integrated Children's Services Plan.

- 244.07 F. Resolution authorizing the Purchasing Manager to execute Addendum A-3 to Blanket Consulting Agreement No. CA-3033-07 between the County of Berks and Keystone E-Sciences Group, Inc. to review Exide Corporation's supplemental RCRA permit application at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00.
2. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per listing dated August 13, 2007.

Reports

1. County Treasurer – Nelson Long, CPA, read report.
2. County Controller – Sandy Graffius, Controller, read report.

Commissioner Gajewski noted that the first arrest was made in response to a call to Crime Alert Berks “Stop Dumping on Berks” Initiative. A \$450 reward was paid.

Clerk of Courts James Troutman responded to the allegations from the Tuesday, August 14th Commissioners' meeting regarding alleged intimidation of a candidate whose ballot petition Mr. Troutman challenged in court. Mr. Troutman said he objected to the allegation of abuse of power because he was accompanied by a Deputy Sheriff; and of a conflict of interest because he personally served the papers during his work day as the Clerk of Courts. Mr. Troutman said he was insulted at these false statements regarding allegations made about his actions when he personally provided service (as per a court order by Judge Lash) to the home of Green Party Candidate Jessica Ashman to notify her as well as Jennaro Pullano as early as possible of his petition challenge. Mr. Troutman also objected to Mr. Baker's comments that reflected false statements towards the entire governing body of Berks County. He stated for the purpose of this record, that he did in no way attempt to intimidate anyone. He said the service of the paperwork “took all of 30 seconds,” and “was very cordial.” He also pointed out that at no time in the “very lengthy and very detailed court proceedings was this issue even raised. He thanked the board for allowing him this time.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:50 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk