

Commissioners' Board Meeting October 4, 2007

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, October 4, 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 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 Thomas Gajewski 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

The minutes of the September 25 and September 27, 2007 meetings were tabled until next week.

Consent Agenda Items

- I. A motion was made by Commissioner Scott seconded by Commissioner Schwank and all voted unanimously to approve the items listed below:
 - 279.07 A. Resolution authorizing 2007 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$240,801 and 2007 Appropriations in the amount \$31,733 per listing dated September 28, 2007.
 - 280.07 B. Resolution approving the Human Resource Recommendations per list dated 2007. Commissioner Scott commended the County Solicitor for his efforts to implement the County's Total Compensation Philosophy program by consolidating his office to provide for new efficiencies while saving tax dollars. Both the Commissioners and Solicitor Miller expressed gratitude for Assistant Solicitor Al Crump, Esq. who has provide legal service to CYS as well as other County Departments for many years. Commissioner Scott also read a memo from CYS Director George Kovarie expressing his support for this reorganization of the legal department that will represent his agency. He also expressed appreciation for Al Crump Esq and his many years of service to the County.

- 281.07 C. Resolution approving the updated Military Leave policy.
- 282.07 D. Resolution appointing James Gilmartin of Hamburg, PA to and existing five year term that expires on 1/2/09 on the Berks County Municipal Authority.
- 283.07 E. Resolution authorizing the acquisition and condemnation of easements for the Hay Creek Trail. Commissioner Scott read from a memo provided by the County's that outlined the potential costs savings by providing a narrower width to the proposed 9.72 mile corridor of the Hay Creek Trail. According the Commissioner the estimated savings was approximately 3% of the total project costs but could add an additional year to the project and by factoring inflation into the equation that additional year would negate the projected savings. Commissioner Schwank also referenced statement from the memo's regarding the need to keep the width as proposed to accommodate trail maintenance and to enable the county to co-locate a equestrian trail which would need to be spatially separate from the pedestrian-bicycle trail.
- 284.07 F. Resolution appointing Charles Seidel of Windsor PA to an existing three year term that expires on 12/31/09 on the Berks County Agricultural Land Preservation Board.
- 285.07 G. Resolution authorizing William Westcott, County Engineer, to act as the County's Agent to complete all documentation including, but not limited to the Public Disaster Assistance Application and Agreement for Financial Assistance related to the efforts of the County of Berks seek in financial assistance to recover costs incurred during and after the severe flooding that impacted the County in June of 2006.
2. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per listing dated September 28, 2007.

Reports

1. County Treasurer – Nelson Long, CPA submitted a report that was read by Administrator Bill Dennis
2. County Controller – Sandy Graffius, Controller submitted a report that was presented by Deputy Controller, Mark Hansen

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:54 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk