

Commissioners' Workshop Meeting
Tuesday, October 23, 2007

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, October 23, 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.

IV. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS/REQUESTS:

Administrator:

- A. County Administrator Bill Dennis gave his weekly report, attached.

Budget Department:

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing 2007 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$233,194, and 2007 Appropriations in the amount of \$424,818, per listing dated October 19, 2007. 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 October 19, 2007. Kelly Laubauch, Purchasing Manager, presented the list of contracts.

Community Development

- A. Adopt a Resolution granting \$750,000 of Community Development Block Grant funds to the Armorcast Redevelopment Area which has been declared a blighted area as defined by the Pennsylvania Urban Redevelopment Law Act No. 385 of 1945, as amended. Ken Pick, Community Development Director was present to discuss this project.

Human Resource Director:

- A. Human Resource Recommendations per list dated October 23, 2007. Beth Schiepan, Human Resource Director discussed the recommendations.

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

- A. Noted the passing of Howard "Bud" VanHorne stating that Bud was involved in many volunteer activities at Berks Heim, as well as the American Cancer Society, especially Daffodil Days
- B. Reported on her commitment to the voters that she made in 2003 when she refused to accept any pay raise authorized prior to her next term of office and presented information indicating that she has donated about \$6,350 to date to Friends of Berks County Parks and stated further that this amount will be closer to \$7,000 by the end of her term.

Commissioner Gajewski

- A. Noted that he has given his pay raise funds to Crime Alert Berks County, but did not have the figures available at this meeting.
- B. Announced that Operation Enduring Freedom is in need of volunteers to help with packing the shipments for Christmas delivery to the servicemen. They can be reached at 610-944-0748 or 610-678-5623 or at www.operationenduringfreedom.com.
- C. Reported that the NACo Prescription Card saved Berks County citizens approximately \$8,189 in September and estimated that a yearly savings of about \$100,000 for those card uses was likely.
- D. Noted that the College Council Report shows a combined economic impact of 3 colleges of about \$1.2 billion contributed, and that the majority of graduated of Berks County colleges remain in the county to live and work.
- E. Reported that a tip to Crime Alert Berks County alerted police to an illegal dumper on Skyline Drive where Police arrested the man still on the scene.

Commissioner Scott

- A. Noted to the purchasing department that Veterans Affairs would like to request some scanners to scan veteran's information into digital format for easier access and storage.
- B. The Commissioners received a letter from Union Township asking about the release of the funds for legal fees. It was noted that the Township will submit invoices and the county will reimburse them up to the \$30,000 agreement.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:08 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L Styer, Chief Clerk