

Commissioners' Board Meeting October 25, 2007

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, October 25, 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 Schwank to approve the October 16, 2007 Commissioner workshop minutes and the October 18, 2007 Commissioners meeting minutes, all voted yes to approve, with Commissioner Gajewski abstaining from the October 16 vote as he did not attend the meeting.

Consent Agenda Items

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Gajewski, seconded by Commissioner Scott and all voted unanimously to approve the items listed below:
 - 296.07 A. 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.
 - 297.07 B. Resolution reserving \$750,000 of Community Development Block Grant funds for 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.
 - 298.07 C. Human Resource Recommendations per list dated October 23, 2007.

2. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per listing dated October 19, 2007.

Reports

1. County Treasurer – County Administrator Bill Dennis read report for Nelson Long, CPA.
2. County Controller – Mark Hanson, Chief Deputy Controller, read report for Sandy Graffius, Controller.

Citizen Comment/Business From The Floor

Brett Habeker, owner and developer of 18 acres of farmland in Tilden Township presented the board with maps and documents depicting his recent assessment appeal proceedings and then presented his position with regards to a section of the Real Estate Tax Law that he believes is contrary to the current practice and procedure that the Berks County Assessment Appeals Board utilized in assessing a value to his unimproved but otherwise recorded subdivision plan. Following a long discussion with all three Commissioners, Solicitor Alan Miller, Esq. and Assessment Office Director Duane Rashlich, it was decided that a meeting with the Assessment Board Solicitor, County Solicitor and Mr. Habeker should occur to discuss the legal interpretation of this section of the law.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:10 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk