

**Commissioners' Workshop Meeting
Tuesday, October 30, 2007**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, October 30, 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 Thomas W. Gajewski, Sr. called the meeting to order with Commissioner Mark C. Scott in attendance. Also present were County Administrator, William E. Dennis, Solicitor Alan Miller Esq., and Chief Clerk Terry Styer. Commissioner Chair Judith L. Schwank did not attend the meeting.

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

II. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:

Administrator:

- A. Bill Dennis' weekly report is attached. Robert Hardner, ERP Project manager reported on the progress vendor analysis and demonstration phase of the financial packages currently under evaluation. Mr. Hardner reported that a final recommendation on the package is expected by year's end with the implementation phase expected to begin in February of 2008.
- B. Adopt Resolution authorizing the nomination of Brian A. Gottschall to the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency and to the Governor of Pennsylvania for appointment as the Emergency Management Coordinator for Berks County, Pennsylvania.

Budget Department:

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing 2007 Appropriations in the amount of \$6,908,308 per listing dated October 26, 2007. Kim Grinage, Assistant 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 26, 2007. Candy Noll, Contract Coordinator presented the list of contracts.

Emergency Management

- A. Resolution authorizing the execution of a Supplement to Resolution 125.07 Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency Radiation Emergency Response Fund Grant Application and Agreement in the amount of \$10,360.00, for the period of July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008.

Human Resource Director:

- A. Human Resource Recommendations per list dated October 30, 2007.

Human Services:

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing Judith L. Schwank, Chair of the Board, to execute **TEFAP Inventory – Reimbursement Request** Form for the period (July, August and September) FFY 2006-2007, in the amount of \$7,632.30 for distributing 69,384.59 pounds of food at \$.11 per pound and to authorize Margaret Bianca, Executive Director, Greater Berks Food Bank for apply for the funds on behalf of Berks County.

III. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS:

- A. Resolution authorizing execution of a Certificate of Approval concerning a project by the Telford Industrial Development Authority for the benefit of St. Mary Roman Catholic Parish in Hamburg, Berks County. Tom McKeon, Industrial Development Authority, attended the meeting to explain the project.

Commissioner Gajewski

- A. Noted that Project Enduring Freedom is still in need of volunteers to help pack items for the Christmas shipment. Contact information is available from the Commissioners' offices.
- B. Reported that he has been in conversation with several veterans groups about the POW/MIA flags and will be submitting a resolution to fly the POW/MIA flag over county buildings where appropriate.
- C. Expecting to receive the written legal opinion giving approval to use extra interest income from reinvestments to help volunteer fire companies to pay for the new pagers.

Commissioner Scott

- A. Reminded the audience that local municipal and school districts races have a great deal of impact on citizens. He encouraged everyone to seriously consider these local races and most of all to get out and vote.

IV. CITIZEN COMMENT/BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

- A. Christian Leinbach, candidate for County Commissioner, addressed the Board noting that inaccuracies have been broadcast in Commissioner Gajewski's campaign advertisements. He listed the inaccuracies and gave rebuttal information and requested that Mr. Gajewski's ads be pulled from the airways. Commissioner Gajewski responded that all allegations were researched and that he stands by each statement.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:06 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk