

**Commissioners' Workshop Meeting
Tuesday, December 4, 2007**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, December 4, 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.

II. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:

Administrator:

- A. Bill Dennis presented his weekly report.

Budget Department:

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing 2007 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$62,543.75 and 2007 Appropriations in the amount \$100,000 per listing dated November 30, 2007 as presented by the Budget Director Bob Patrizio.
- B. Motion authorizing Judith L. Schwank, as Chairman of the Board, to execute Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator Candace Noll, per contract listing dated November 30, 2007.
- C. Adopt a resolution authorizing the Purchasing Manager to execute a contract as a result of Invitation to Bid #07-08-KL, a contract to manufacture, supply and deliver twenty thermoplastic polymer exterior CNC routed entrance and directional signs for various Berks County Parks & Recreation facilities to include, each, (2) Allegheny Aqueduct Historical Park, (3) Gring's Mill, (1) Antietam Lake, (2) Youth Recreational Facility, (1) Kaercher Creek Park, (2) Stonecliffe, (1) Berks Leisure Area, (2) Hunsickers Grove, (2) Red Bridge Park, (1) Beidler House, (1) Leesport Lock House and (2) Directional Signs. **The award shall be made to the following vendor; Grid Electric Inc. d/b/a Grid Sign Systems, 50 Senn Drive, Chester Springs, PA 19425 for \$38,123.00**

Human Resource Director:

- A. Human Resource Recommendations per list dated December 4, 2007 and presented by the Human Resource Director Beth Schiepan.

Public Defender / District Attorney

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing the execution of the FY 2007 JABG #18896 (Juvenile Accountability Block Grant) Application by and between the County of Berks (Chief Public Defender) and the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD), with respect to funding in the amount of \$28,847 (Federal Funds - \$25,962, Local Matching Funds - \$2,885.) covering the project period 4/1/08 to 3/31/09.
- B. Adopt Resolution authorizing the execution of the FY 2007 JABG #18821 (Juvenile Accountability Block Grant) Application by and between the County of Berks (District Attorney) and the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD), with respect to funding in the amount of \$28,847 (Federal Funds - \$25,962, Local Matching Funds - \$2,885.) covering the project period 4/1/08 to 3/31/09.

Both grant applications were presented by Glenn Welsh, Chief Public Defender.

Solicitor

- A. Resolution authorizing execution of the Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Berks and the Berks County Convention Center Authority for use of the Sovereign Center facility located at 700 Penn Street, Reading, by the County as a secure facility to house County personnel in the event of an emergency evacuation. Solicitor Miller explained that this agreement simply memorializes what was previously a verbal agreement between agencies.

III. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Gajewski made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Schwank to approve the following resolution. Commissioners Schwank and Gajewski voted yes, with Commissioner Scott voted no, citing another candidate who was equally qualified.

- 314.07 C. Resolution to send the nomination of Brian Boyer, Leesport, PA to the State Conservation Commission to be reappointed as a Public Director serving on the Berks County Conservation District Board of Directors for an additional four year term ending 12/31/2011.

Commissioner Schwank

- A. Commissioner Schwank noted that the December 27th meeting had not been previously cancelled, but was not opposed to cancelling it now. Commissioners Scott and Gajewski concurred.
- B. Commissioner Schwank presented a proposal from The Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) in the amount of \$87,452. She said that she felt that this was a more than reasonable amount to pay for the study and would like to see this study go forward under the new board. Commissioners Gajewski and Scott concurred. Commissioners Scott and Schwank noted that they had spoken to the two commissioners-elect about the study and they seemed to be in agreement. Commissioner Scott suggested that Mr. Barnhardt and Mr. Leinbach may want to make some public comment at one of the upcoming meetings. Commissioner Schwank suggested that this item be put on the agenda for the last meeting of the year, December 20th.

Commissioner Gajewski

- A. Commissioner Gajewski announced that Operation Enduring Freedom is in need of donations for postage. They can be contacted at 610-944-0745 or on the website at www.berksenduringfreedom.com. Email address is yourmilitary@aol.com.
- B. The Commissioner reported that 57 municipalities are in support of the Anti-Dumping Campaign of Crime-Alert Berks County.
- C. Commissioner Gajewski read a portion of HR1593, recidivism reduction legislation. He also noted an article regarding several correctional facilities that have started using the color pink on wall coverings and in the inmates clothing, which seems to be contributing to a reduction in recidivism.

Commissioner Scott

- A. Resolution to reappoint John Cleek to the Berks County Board of Assessment Appeals for a four year term ending 12/31/2011.
- B. Resolution to reappoint James Adamowicz to the Office of Aging Advisory Board for a two year term ending 12/31/2009.
- C. Resolution to reappoint Janice Carmen to the Office of Aging Advisory Board for a two year term ending 12/31/2009.
- D. Resolution to reappoint Brian C. Englehardt to the Council on Chemical Abuse Board for a three year term ending 12/31/2010.
- E. Resolution to reappoint Juanita Morales-Kremer to the Council on Chemical Abuse Board for a three year term ending 12/31/2010.

Commissioner Scott continued:

- F. Resolution to reappoint Frederick Stubs to the Council on Chemical Abuse Board for a three year term ending 12/31/2010.
- G. Resolution to reappoint Pamela Bowie to the Berks County Children & Youth Advisory Board for a three year term ending 12/31/2010.
- H. Resolution to reappoint Yvonne Stroman to the Berks County Children & Youth Advisory Board for a three year term ending 12/31/2010.
- I. Commissioner Scott noted that the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has approved the Pioneer Crossings application to build a power plant. According to a letter from Liberty Environmental, the only change that Pioneer Crossing had to make was to upgrade the engines in order to eliminate some output of formaldehyde.

The Commissioners recognized and commended both Gavin Biebuyck from Liberty Environmental Consultants and the Berks Environmental Advisory Council for their involvement and providing the County the ability to address environmental issues and DEP permit applications in a proactive rather than reactive manner.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:14 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry L Styer, Chief Clerk