

Commissioners' Board Meeting
Thursday, February 19, 2004

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, February 19, 2004 at 10:30 AM 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 Vice-Chair Tom Gajewski called the meeting to order with Commissioner Mark Scott, Solicitor Alan S. Miller, and Acting Chief Clerk William E. Dennis in attendance.

Commissioner Gajewski followed with a moment of silence and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. He advised those present that Commissioner Schwank was attending a Brookings Institution seminar and would not be present for

On motion by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Gajewski, the minutes of the February 10, 2004 and February 12, 2004 Commissioners' meeting were approved as presented.

Commissioner Scott read a proclamation citing February 22, 2004 through February 28, 2004 as National Engineer's Week. Mr. Weinheimer received the proclamation and thanked the Commissioners for their official acknowledgement.

On motion by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Gajewski, the "Consent Agenda" was moved for approval.

1. Adopt the following Resolutions:

- 109-04 A. Authorizing the execution of a contract agreement for construction Management Services related to Jail Expansion and Renovations.
- 110-04 B. Authorizing the execution of a contract between the County of Berks and Edward A. Reider, Inc., with an office located at 521 Van Reed Road, Wyomissing, Pennsylvania, 19610, for general construction services related to the Berks County Youth Center – Immigration Services Renovations.
- 111-04 C. Authorizing the execution of a contract between the County of Berks and Pagoda Electrical, Inc., with an office located at 2003 Friedensburg Road, Reading, Pennsylvania, 19606, for electrical services related to the Berks County Youth Center – Immigration Services Renovations.
- 112-04 D. Authorizing the execution of a contract between the County of Berks and Shannon A. Smith, Inc., with an office located at

420 South Cherry Street, Myerstown, Pennsylvania, 17067, for plumbing services related to the Berks County Youth Center – Immigration Services Renovations.

- 113-04 E. Authorizing the appointment of Lolly Leshner, 95 Leshner Road, Bernville, Pennsylvania, 19506, to the Berks County Agricultural Land Preservation Board, for a three-year term to expire 12/31/06.
- 114-04 F. Authorizing the reappointment of Edward W. Hartman, 209 Hartman Road, Reading, Pennsylvania, 19605, to the Berks County Agricultural Land Preservation Board, for a three-year term to expire 12/31/06.
- 115-04 G. Authorizing execution of a Grant Agreement by and between the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) and the County of Berks, in the amount of \$8,767.00 to conduct training activities within the County.
- 116-04 H. Authorizing execution of a Grant Agreement by and between Hazardous Material Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) and the County of Berks, in the amount of \$4,154.00 to conduct hazardous materials planning within the County.
- 117-04 I. Authorizing execution of a Grant Agreement by and between Hazardous Material Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) and the County of Berks, in the amount of \$4,500.00 to conduct hazardous materials training within the County.
- 118-04 J. Authorizing the execution of a contract amendment between the Council on Chemical Abuse and the County of Berks regarding Fiscal Year 2003/2004 allocation for the Berks County Prison Drug and Alcohol Treatment/Therapeutic Community.
- 119-04 K. Authorizing the reappointment of John C. Bradley, Jr., 716 Hopewell Street, Birdsboro, Pennsylvania, 19508, to the Berks County Solid Waste Authority Board, for a five-year term to expire 12/31/08.
- 120-04 L. Authorizing the execution of a lease agreement between the Borough of Hamburg and the County of Berks for District Court 23-3-06, located at 61 North Third Street, Hamburg.
- 121-04 M. Authorizing subsidized adoption of a female child born 6/29/91 on request of BCCYS and in accordance with applicable federal regulations, at the rate of \$16.00 per day Maintenance, including

physical and mental health care, and \$500.00 legal cost plus filing fees (Case Number 9169).

- 122-04 N. Authorizing subsidized adoption of a male child born 10/17/02 on request of BCCYS and in accordance with applicable federal regulations, at the rate of \$10.00 per day Maintenance, including physical and mental health care, and \$500.00 legal cost plus filing fees (Case Number 17587).
- 123-04 O. Authorizing Continuation of Maintenance for a female child born 3/7/86, on request of BCCYS and in accordance with applicable federal regulations, effective 3/7/04 through 3/7/05 in the form of Purchased Care from Northwestern Human Services at the per diem rate of \$28.72 to allow for completion of high school.
- 124-04 P. Authorizing 2003 Budget Transfers in the total aggregate amount of \$69,600.00; and 2004 Budget Transfers in the total aggregate amount of \$2,503.00 per listing dated February 12, 2004.
- 125-04 Q. Authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per attached listing dated 02/12/04.
- 126-04 R. Authorizing George Wagner, Warden, to send notice of the County's intention to terminate the contract between the County of Berks and CiviGenics, Inc.
2. Authorize execution of Certification to the State Tax Equalization Board, of a list of conveyances or transfers of real estate during the month of January 2004.

The County Controller presented her weekly report.

Agenda Items for Discussion

1. Commissioner Scott moved to adopt a resolution authorizing an amendment to the Agreement between the County of Berks and the Children's Home of Reading providing that the next two payments under such Agreement shall be deferred to March 31, 2008. It is the agreement of all parties that the remainder of payments will be made on time. Commissioner Gajewski seconded the motion and the motion carried.
2. Commissioner Scott moved to enact Ordinance No. 01-04 authorizing and directing the incurrence of lease rental debt in an aggregate principal amount of

Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000) to be evidenced by a Guaranty Agreement securing the Guaranteed Revenue Bonds—Series of 2004, issued by the Berks County Solid Waste Authority. The purpose of the refinancing is to take advantage of lower interest rates. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gajewski and the motion carried.

Citizen Comment/Business From The Floor

Commissioner Scott advised those present that he had viewed a program on Channel 12 that discussed the effect of carbohydrates on diets. His conclusion from this program was that there are key foods that extend life, and he believes cabbage to be one of these key foods. He recommended Wilcox Roadside Market outside Boyertown as an excellent location to obtain sauerkraut and other products fit for a healthy diet.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

William E. Dennis, Acting Chief Clerk