

Commissioners' Board Meeting
Thursday, April 22, 2004

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, April 22, 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 Chair Judith L. Schwank called the meeting to order with Commissioner Tom Gajewski, Commissioner Mark Scott, Solicitor Alan S. Miller and Acting Chief Clerk William E. Dennis present.

Commissioner Schwank followed with a moment of silence and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

On motion by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Gajewski, the minutes of the April 13, 2004 and April 15, 2004 Commissioners' meeting were approved as presented.

Commissioner Schwank presented for adoption a proclamation recognizing April 18, 2004 through April 24, 2004 as National County Government Week. She also recognized the number of children present in the audience who were visiting county offices as part of Bring Your Daughter/Son to Work Day.

On motion by Commissioner Gajewski, seconded by Commissioner Scott, the "Consent Agenda" was moved for approval with the exception of removing Item N from the consent agenda. Item N was *Authorizing the Board of Commissioners to agree to guarantee a bond issue by the Reading Regional Airport Authority in the amount of \$8,000,000.00*. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Adopt Resolutions:

- 207-04 A. Authorizing Judith L. Schwank, Commissioner, Chair, and Sandy Graffius, County Controller, to execute Certification of County funds for Agricultural Land Conservation Easement Purchase in the amount of \$95,644.06 or \$1,615.61 per acre for James P. Adam, Jan M. Adam, and David J. & Christine A.A. Williams, 535 Virginville Road, Hamburg, Pennsylvania, consisting of 59.2 acres of which 59.2 acres would be subject to the easement.

- 208-04 B. Authorizing Judith L. Schwank, Commissioner, Chair, and Sandy Graffius, County Controller, to execute Certification of County funds for Agricultural Land Conservation Easement Purchase in the amount of \$21,003.00 or \$1,615.62 per acre for James P. Adam, Jan M. Adam, and David J. & Christine A.A. Williams, 535 Virginville Road, Hamburg, Pennsylvania, consisting of 13.0 acres of which 13.0 acres would be subject to the easement.

- 209-04 C. Authorizing Judith L. Schwank, Commissioner, Chair, and Sandy Graffius, County Controller, to execute Certification of County funds for Agricultural Land Conservation Easement Purchase in the amount of \$220,800.00 or \$1,600.00 per acre for Donald L. and Mary A. Bender, 40 Montello Road, Sinking Spring, Pennsylvania, consisting of 138.0 acres of which 138.0 acres would be subject to the easement.
- 210-04 D. Authorizing Judith L. Schwank, Commissioner, Chair, and Sandy Graffius, County Controller, to execute Certification of County funds for Agricultural Land Conservation Easement Purchase in the amount of \$88,519.41 or \$1,642.29 per acre for Glenn A. Davis and Steven G. Davis, 184 Spring Road, Bernville, Pennsylvania, consisting of 53.9 acres of which 53.9 acres would be subject to the easement.
- 211-04 E. Authorizing Judith L. Schwank, Commissioner, Chair, and Sandy Graffius, County Controller, to execute Certification of County funds for Agricultural Land Conservation Easement Purchase in the amount of \$193,015.01 or \$1,665.36 per acre for Roy W. and Betty Jane Hetrick, 69 Hetrick Road, Bernville, Pennsylvania, consisting of 115.9 acres of which 115.9 acres would be subject to the easement.
- 212-04 F. Authorizing Judith L. Schwank, Commissioner, Chair, and Sandy Graffius, County Controller, to execute Certification of County funds for Agricultural Land Conservation Easement Purchase in the amount of \$161,280.00 or \$1,600.00 per acre for Elwood A. Moyer, 161 Seigfried Road, Bernville, Pennsylvania, consisting of 100.8 acres of which 100.8 acres would be subject to the easement.
- 213-04 G. Authorizing Judith L. Schwank, Commissioner, Chair, and Sandy Graffius, County Controller, to execute Certification of County funds for Agricultural Land Conservation Easement Purchase in the amount of \$75,200.00 or \$1,600.00 per acre for Rodney L. and Lena O. Schaeffer, 103 Seigfried Road, Bernville, Pennsylvania, consisting of 47.0 acres of which 47.0 acres would be subject to the easement.
- 214-04 H. Authorizing Judith L. Schwank, Commissioner, Chair, and Sandy Graffius, County Controller, to execute Certification of County funds for Agricultural Land Conservation Easement Purchase in the amount of \$158,560.00 or \$1,600.00 per acre for Clarence M. and A. Arlene Weaver, 1230 Tulpehocken Road, Richland, Pennsylvania, consisting of 99.1 acres of which 99.1 acres would be subject to the easement.

- 215-04 I. Authorizing the appointment of Ruth M. Perkins, 22 Plymouth Place, Wyomissing, Pennsylvania, 19610, to the Berks County Public Libraries Board, for a term to expire 06/02/06.
 - 216-04 J. Authorizing an increase in Maintenance subsidy from \$12.50 per day to \$15.00 per day for a female child born 12/10/90 on request of BCCYS and in accordance with applicable federal regulations (Case Number 15690).
 - 217-04 K. Authorizing 2004 Budget Transfers in the total aggregate amount of \$26,667.00; and 2004 Budget Appropriations in the total aggregate amount of \$150,501.00 per listing dated April 16, 2004.
 - 218-04 L. Authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per attached listing dated April 15, 2004.
 - 219-04 M. Adopt Resolution amending Resolution No. 193-04 to the extent of providing further authorization by the Board of Commissioners to apply for and be host municipality for a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program on behalf of and for the benefit of the Foundation for the Reading Public Museum.
- 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 March 2004.
 - 3. Enact Ordinance No. 02-04 authorizing County Park Rangers and their respective responsibilities and duties.

Reports

The County Controller presented her weekly report

Agenda Items for Discussion

- 1. Authorize change of Resolution number for Resolution #197-04 adopted on April 15, 2004, to Resolution #197-04A, due to a duplication of the resolution number.

Citizen Comment/Business From The Floor

No comments were received.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

William E. Dennis, Acting Chief Clerk