

**Commissioners' Workshop Meeting**  
**Tuesday, May 18, 2004**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, May 18, 2004, at 10:30 AM, 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 Gajewski and Commissioner Mark C. Scott in attendance. Also present were Chief Clerk, Terry L. Styer, County Administrator, William E. Dennis and Solicitor Alan Miller.

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

The Board of Commissioners discussed and approved the following items for listing at the May 18, 2004 Meeting:

**II. PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES/PRESENTATIONS:**

- A. Commissioner Gajewski presented a Certificate of Recognition to Rohm and Haas for their Powder Coatings Research and Development receiving the OSHA Protection Program Star Worksite Award which was presented for outstanding effort to achieve one hundred fifty nine consecutive months of an injury free workplace
- B. Commissioner Gajewski presented a Certificate of Recognition regarding *the Olivet Boys & Girls Club* to Albert R. Boscov for his leadership and dedication for the Boscovs Department Stores and its employees that support non-profit youth organizations; to Robert W. Good for thirty-five years of dedicated service on the board of Directors and for receiving the Boys and Girls Clubs of American National Service to Youth Award; and to Adonis Roman, a seven year member of the club for his receipt of the Youth of the Year Award.
- C. Commissioner Gajewski presented a Certificate of Recognition to the Community Release Program of the Youth Center of Berks County for receiving the "Hammer Award" from the Reading-Berks Habitat for Humanity for the volunteer group of the year for 2003. Joe Cirulli, Director of Program Services, accepted the Certificate on behalf of the Youth Center and thanked the Commissioners and the Habitat for Humanity Organization for this successful program.

***III. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS:***

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing the County of Berks (Berks County Affordable Housing Trust Fund) to provide \$10,000.00 for the Downtown Revitalization Plan.
- B. Adopt Resolution authorizing the County of Berks to execute the Family Center/Fatherhood Renewal Application 2004/2005 in the amount of \$138,030.00.
- C. Authorize execution of Certification to the State Tax Equalization Board, of a list of conveyances or transfers of real estate during the month of April 2004.

***Commissioner Schwank***

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing the reappointment of Captain Francis Drexler, 815 Washington Street, Reading, Pennsylvania, 19601, to the Council on Chemical Abuse Advisory Board for a three-year term, appointment to expire 2/1/2007.

***Commissioner Gajewski******Commissioner Scott***

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing the execution of the Berks County MH/MR Mental Health Plan for Fiscal Year 2005/2006.
- B. Adopt Resolution authorizing subsidized adoption of a male child born 6/7/03 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 21710).
- C. Adopt Resolution authorizing subsidized adoption of a male child born 6/1/02 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 21710).
- D. Adopt Resolution authorizing subsidized adoption of a female child born 2/8/87 on request of BCCYS and in accordance with applicable federal regulations, at the rate of \$20.00 per day Maintenance, including physical and mental health care, and \$500.00 legal cost plus filing fees (Case Number 7204).

- E. Adopt Resolution authorizing subsidized adoption of a male child born 4/9/03 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 22689).
- F. Adopt Resolution authorizing Continuation of Maintenance for a female child born 5/29/04, on request of BCCYS and in accordance with applicable federal regulations, effective 5/29/04 through 5/29/05 in the form of Purchased Care from Bethany Children's Home at the per diem rate of \$115.00 to allow for completion of high school.
- G. Adopt Resolution authorizing Continuation of Maintenance for a female child born 5/22/04, on request of BCCYS and in accordance with applicable federal regulations, effective 5/22/04 through 5/22/05 in the form of Purchased Care from Bradley Center (MA paid per diem rate) to allow for completion of high school.
- H. Adopt Resolution authorizing subsidized permanent legal custodianship of a female child born 4/19/89 on request of BCCYS and in accordance with applicable federal regulations, at the per diem rate of \$21.00. (Case Number 15617).
- I. Adopt Resolution authorizing subsidized permanent legal custodianship of a female child born 4/1/89 on request of BCCYS and in accordance with applicable federal regulations, at the per diem rate of \$12.00. (Case Number 12351).
- J. Adopt Resolution authorizing subsidized permanent legal custodianship of a female child born 10/17/87 on request of BCCYS and in accordance with applicable federal regulations, at the per diem rate of \$12.00. (Case Number 12351).
- K. Adopt Resolution authorizing subsidized permanent legal custodianship of a male child born 8/29/91 on request of BCCYS and in accordance with applicable federal regulations, at the per diem rate of \$21.00. (Case Number 93).

**IV. OTHER REQUESTS:**

***Contract Coordinator:***

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per attached listing dated May 14, 2004.

***Facilities & Operations:***

- A. Bill Wescott, County Engineer, presented several change Order Requests for the renovation of the INS facilities, in the total amount of \$5,565.65:
1. Change Order Request No. GC-5, General Construction; Amount \$1,520.71. Life Skills Rm. F10 Patch and paint room.
  2. Change Order Request No. GC-7, General Construction; Amount \$3,915.24. Replace exterior door F38/A and new frame and hardware.
  3. Change Order Request No. P-2, Plumbing Construction; Amount (\$389.00). Rm. F41-Delete cutting floor, Rm. F10 new sanitary vent.
  4. Change Order Request No. E-3, Electrical Construction; Amount \$518.70. Dining Rm. F10-Increase fixtures by 4 and install U lamps.

***V. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:***

The board discussed and agreed for the Salary Board to advertise a change in the Tuesday Salary Board meetings from 9:30 AM to 9:00 AM.

***VI. CITIZEN COMMENT/BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR***

Commissioner Gajewski expressed appreciation for the Reading Eagle Newspaper's agreeing to post a listing, in their Business section, of the Economic Development organizations located in the area. He indicated that this was an initiative suggested some time ago by the Pro-Berks Alliance and was very pleased to see it come to fruition.

Commissioner Gajewski then commended the Reading Royals Hockey Team for their very successful season. He suggested that the Commissioners invite them to the next Commissioners meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk