

Commissioners' Workshop Meeting
Tuesday, June 29, 2004

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, June 29, 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.

II. PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES:

- A. Commissioner Gajewski presented Certificates of Recognition for the Bethany Children's Home bicycle restoration project to:
- Hamburg's First Church of Christ Youth Group
 - Hamburg Borough Police Chief, Michael C. Painter
 - Sandy Grecu, owner of Spokes Bicycle Shop
- B. Commissioner Gajewski presented a Certificate of Appreciation to recognize Singer Equipment on the ground breaking for their new headquarters in the Morgantown Business Park.

The Board of Commissioners then discussed and approved the following items for listing at the July 1, 2004 Commissioners Meeting:

III. PRESENTATIONS:

- A. David Varone, Recycling Coordinator – presented an update of the County of Berks County Recycling and Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Programs. Dave provided an overview of the County's program and indicated that all of the detailed information regarding this program can be found on the County web site at:

<http://www.co.berks.pa.us/berks/cwp/view.asp?a=1171&q=443705>

and at:

<http://www.keystoneenvironmental.com>

At this time Dave presented to Commissioner Swank on behalf of the Board of Commissioners a medal signifying Dave Verone's service to his county while serving in the Army National Guard. The medal was presented to the County for assuring that Dave's job will be held while he served in the Guard during the past year. Commissioner Gajewski expressed appreciation for John Ravert, Director of the Berks Conservation District who filled in for Dave during his absence.

IV. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Schwank

- A. Adopt Resolution to amend the Neversink Mountain Acquisition Grant to Berks Conservancy– Shannon L. Rossman, Planner described the reasons for this proposed amendment. Commissioner Schwank stated that this amendment would continue to forward the goal of establishing the Neversink Mountain as a type of nature preserve. Both Commissioners Gajewski and Scott stated their support of the recommendations provided by the Open Space and Recreation Advisory Council. Commissioner Scott then questioned the status of the Earl Trust agreement that is between the City and County and stated his desire to see this come to a resolution before the end of his term.

Commissioner Gajewski

- A. Adopt Resolution certifying Section III, located in the Reading Regional Airport Industrial Park as a "blighted" area for CDBG funding purposes. Commissioner Gajewski reviewed this agreement and introduced Tom McKeon, Director of Berks Community and Economic Development. Tom described this process as necessary action needed to achieve the funding objective established for CDBG projects, which is for the elimination of blighted areas. Commissioner Schwank commended Tom and the Berks Industrial Development Authority for their active involvement in the County's Economic Development efforts. Commissioner Gajewski also thanked Tom and the Greater Berks Development fund.

Commissioner Scott

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing Continuation of Maintenance for a male child born 7/11/86, on request of BCCYS and in accordance with applicable federal regulations, effective 7/11/04 through 6/30/05 in the form of Purchased Care from Family Care Services Inc. at the per diem rate of \$200 to allow for completion of high school.

- B. Adopt Resolution appointing David S. Sobotka, Esq. of 311 Sharadin Road, Kutztown PA 19530 to the Berks County Municipal Authority to fill the unexpired 5 year term (to 12/31/05) of Gerald Sigal, Esq. who resigned effective June 17, 2004

V. OTHER REQUESTS:

Budget Director:

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing 2004 Budget transfers in the amount of \$37,000 and 2004 Budget Appropriations in the amount of \$83,670 per listing dated June 25, 2004.

Contract Coordinator:

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per attached listing dated June 25, 2004.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

VII. CITIZEN COMMENT/BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:35AM.