

Commissioners' Board Meeting
Thursday, July 29, 2004

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, July 29, 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 Thomas Gajewski and Commissioner Mark Scott in attendance. Also present were the Chief Clerk Terry L. Styer, Solicitor Alan S. Miller and County Administrator, William E. Dennis.

The Commissioners' Meeting Minutes for July 20, 2004 and July 22, 2004 were approved as published with a motion made by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Gajewski and all voting yes.

On motion by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Gajewski, and all voting yes, the following consent agenda items were approved with one item added (change order) as presented at this meeting by County Engineer Bill Westcott.

Consent Agenda

1. Resolutions:

- 354.04 A. Resolution Authorizing an increase in the private pay rate at Berks Heim from \$185.00 to \$198.00, effective 09/01/04.
- 355.04 B. Adopt Resolution authorizing the execution of the Medical Assistance Transportation Program Grant Allocation Agreement/Expenditure Plan by and between the County of Berks and the Department of Public Welfare for fiscal year 04-05 in the amount of \$1,048,879.
- 356.04 C. Adopt Resolution appointing Yvonne Strohman, Community Prevention Partnership, 227 North Fifth Street, Reading, PA to the Berks County Children and Youth Advisory Board to fill the unexpired term of Richard Miller (to 12/31/04.)
- 357.04 D. Adopt Resolution appointing Gloria Seifrit, 1130 North Sixth Street, Reading PA 19601 to the Council on Chemical Abuse Board for a three year term (to 2/1/06) replacing James Gallen (term expired on 2/1/03.)
- 358.04 E. Adopt Resolution appointing Brian S. Craze, Sr., 16 St. Paulia Lane, Oley PA 19547 for a four year term (to 3/10/08) to the Parks Recreation Board to replace Eileen Schoener (term expired on 3/10/04.)

- 359.04 F. Adopt Resolution approving the application to the PCCD (Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency) in support of **The Pretrial Caseload Management Project**; (a case management software system.)
- 360.04 G. Adopt Resolution approving the application to the PCCD (Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency) in support of **The Berks County Re-Entry Project**; (a coordinated ex-offender reintegration project.)
- 361.04 H. Adopt Resolution appointing Jane-marie McEachern to the Berks County Library Board for a 3 year term (to 6/1/07) replacing Jack Romig (term expired 6/1/04.)
- 362.04 I. Adopt Resolution authorizing 2004 budget transfers in the amount of \$44,000 per listing dated July 23, 2004.
2. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per attached listing dated July 23, 2004.
3. Motion to Authorize payment of bills for week ending August 6, 2004 as presented by the County Controller and reviewed and approved by the County Budget Director.
4. Authorize payment of invoices under the following Community Development Disbursement Vouchers:
- a. No. 2090-S - Emergency Shelter Program
 - b. No. 2091 - Community Development Block Grant Program
 - c. No. 467 – Home Grant Program
 - d. No. 1223 – Property Rehabilitation Program
5. Authorize approval of change order to Edward A. Reider, Inc., 521 Van Reed Road, Wyomissing, PA 19610 for \$3,094.57 for the installation of two exhaust fans as part of a building code requirement for occupancy in the INS facility.

Reports

The County Controller, Nelson Long, CPA and County Treasurer, Sandy Graffius presented their weekly reports

*Agenda Items for Discussion**Citizen Comment/Business From The Floor*

County Employee Kevin Bohn expressed personal comments regarding the level of disciplinary action taken against him for a work related issue he did not deny being responsible for. Commissioner Schwank indicated to Mr. Bowman that the board was aware of the concerns and stated that they were being looked into, but added that this is a personnel matter and it would not be discussed publicly.

Commissioner Schwank noted that she participated in a damage assessment meeting at the Borough Hall in Birdsboro to evaluate the flood damage caused by recent storms. She said that the cooperation shown to the municipal officials and residents by county staff, The Red Cross and PEMA (Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency) was amazing.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM.