

Commissioners' Workshop Meeting
Tuesday, August 31, 2004

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, August 31, 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 County Administrator, William E. Dennis and First Asst. Solicitor, Christine Sadler and Chief Clerk Terry Styer.

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

II. PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES/PRESENTATIONS:

Commissioner Schwank presented a Proclamation on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners proclaiming September 2004 **National Preparedness Month**. Bob Osika, Emergency Management Director discussed the intent of establishing National Preparedness Month and read a list of Federal, State, and local agencies participating in this public awareness campaign. He indicated that the County would prepare a series of press releases, hold meetings with local Emergency Management officials and he will make an appearance on BCTV to educate the public and provide tips for in home emergency preparedness activities and kits in the event of any kind of disaster emergency that we may face.

Commissioner Schwank read a Proclamation on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners congratulating the Borough of Hamburg on their "*Taste of Hamburg-er Celebration*" marking the **100th Anniversary Celebration of the Hamburger**.

III. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS:

- A. Adopt Resolution that the Berks County Industrial Development Authority is hereby designated as the Industrial Development Organization for the County of Berks with full power and authority to represent said County in all matters relevant to and for all purposes of the Industrial Development Assistance Law for the period July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005.

Commissioner Schwank

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing execution of Memorandum of Agreement between The Heir of Paul A. Kube, the County of Berks and The McDonald & Woodward Publishing Company in regard to a thesis entitled "A Study of the Gruber Wagon Works at Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania." Cathy Wegener, Internal Services Superintendent of the Berks County Parks Department discussed this project and the need for the Memorandum Agreement.

Commissioner Gajewski

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing payment of invoices under the following Community Development Disbursement Vouchers:
 - a. No. 2096 – Community Development Block Grant Program
 - b. No. 472 – Home Grant Program
 - c. No. 1227 – Property Rehabilitation Program

- B. Adopt Resolution authorizing Commissioner Schwank, as Chair of the Board, to execute Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Labor and Industry, Grant Recipients Release, Assignment and Closeout forms pursuant to the terms of WIA Grant “Welfare to Work Program” numbered 015998515 for \$43,558.

Commissioner Scott

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing the Commissioners to sign the fiscal year 2003/2004 Budget Amendment Certification to the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare for the Berks Children and Youth Community –Based Placements expenditures.

IV. OTHER REQUESTS:

Budget Director:

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing 2004 budget Transfers in the amount of \$63,000 per listing dated, August 27, 2004.

Contract Coordinator:

- A. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per attached listing dated, August 27, 2004 and to ratify the agreement between the County of Delaware and the Berks Youth Center as of August 11, 2004.

V. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Controller Graffius presented the August 20, 2004 Controller’s report.

Commissioner Scott announced several meetings beginning with this afternoon’s meeting with the City of Reading and the County to discuss long-term fiscal planning issues and possible cooperative efforts that could be accomplished between the City and County.

Commissioner Gajewski then discussed the September 1, 2004, 7 PM meeting planned at the Ag Center for the purpose of discussing Regional Policing opportunities with interested municipal officials and police professionals and

representatives from the PA Department of Community and Economic Development.

VI. CITIZEN COMMENT/BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:05 AM.