

**Commissioners' Board Meeting**  
**Thursday, January 13, 2005**

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, January 13, 2005, at 10:30 A.M. 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 Miller, and County Administrator, William E. Dennis.

The Commissioners' Meeting Minutes for the January 4, 2005 Workshop Meeting and the January 6, 2005 Commissioners' meeting were approved as published with a motion made by Commissioner Scott seconded by Commissioner Gajewski and all voted yes to approve.

**Consent Agenda**

1. Commissioner Gajewski made a motion to approve the following consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Scott and all voted yes to approve.
  - 04.05 A. Resolution approving the establishment of a Task Force to explore the creation of a Human Services Department or the County of Berks. Members to include: County Administrator, Bill Dennis, MH/MR Director Ed Michalik, Human Resource Director, Beth Schiepan, Juvenile Probation Director Bruce Grim, an additional Human Service department head, the County Commissioners and a Social Service Agency Leader outside of County Government.
  - 05.05 B. Resolution ratifying payment of invoices on Monday January 10, 2005 under the following Community Development Disbursement Vouchers:
    1. No. 2114-S Emergency Shelter Program - \$19,478.35
    2. No. 2113 – Community Development Block Grant Program - \$135,086.73
    3. No. 482 – HOME Grant Program - \$15,698.56
    4. No. 2115-S State Emergency Shelter Program - \$2,979.75
  - 06.05 C. Resolution authorizing Edward J. McCann, Director of Workforce Development, to sign On-The-Job Contract and Subsidized Employment Agreement per listing dated 1/7/05.

- 07.05 D. Resolution Adopt Resolution awarding, as a result of Invitation to Bid #04-16-RC, a one-year contract for the furnishing of office cleaning services for the 18 District Justice offices, and the Library System offices. The award for the District Justice offices and the Library System offices shall be made to Stubbs Inc., with an office at 613 North Third Street, Reading, PA, 19601 at their bid price of:

Library System	\$105.00/week
DJ Bentz	\$ 50.00/week
DJ Dougherty	\$ 46.00/week
DJ Gauby	\$ 53.00/week
DJ Greth	\$ 58.00/week
DJ Hall	\$ 40.00/week
DJ Hartman	\$ 56.00/week
DJ Kennedy	\$ 40.00/week
DJ Kowalski	\$ 50.00/week
DJ Lachina	\$ 40.00/week
DJ Leonardziak	\$ 48.00/week
DJ Mest	\$ 47.00/week
DJ Patton	\$ 62.00/week
DJ Scott	\$ 41.00/week
DJ Stitzel	\$ 60.00/week
DJ Stoudt	\$ 60.00/week
DJ Walley	\$ 45.00/week
DJ Xavios	\$ 50.00/week
DJ Young	\$ 53.00/week

As per the Invitation to Bid, the County may extend the contracts for up to two additional one-year terms provided that the vendors agree to hold the bid pricing fixed and firm.

- 08.05 E. Resolution ratifying, confirming and approving the January 4, 2005 execution of the Settlement Agreement in regard to a union grievance filed December 18, 2003 by the PSSU union.
- 09.05 F. Resolution authorizing 2004 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$ 54,874.00 and 2005 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$1,500 and 2005 Appropriations in the amount \$ 762.00 per listing dated January 7, 2005.
2. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per attached listing dated January 7, 2005.

### Reports

1. Terry Styer, Chief Clerk presented the Treasure's report on behalf of Nelson Long, CPA.
2. Mark Hanson, Deputy Controller presented the weekly Controller's report to the board.

**Citizen Comment:**

Kathy Duffy, Janet Falcone, and other residents in attendance from the Brandywine School District Tax Payers Association thanked the board for the involvement into the Longswamp Township zoning amendment and asked for an update on the County's position. County Solicitor Alan Miller Esq., and Commissioner Scott provided information that was available to date and stated that the board was awaiting a written opinion from Special Appointed Counsel Dave Balmer Esq., regarding the County's ability to appeal this zoning decision. Commissioner Scott then stated that he supports the County's involvement stating that his intention is to do what is right rather than what is easy.

Commissioner Schwank said that regardless of the outcome of this particular matter, we need to change procedurally how we fund joint comprehensive plans, such as more follow up, assurances of compliance with the County plans and establishing funding requirements of the municipalities to enact municipal zoning ordinances that will enforce that comprehensive plan's future growth and planning goals for that region. She also mentioned that the State Planning Board of which she Chair's is also interested in legislative change to the PA Municipalities Planning Code to better manage the Commonwealth's land use planning efforts.

**Adjourn to Election Board**

The meeting was adjourned to Election Board at 11:05 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk