

Commissioners' Board Meeting
Thursday, January 20, 2005

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, January 20, 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 11, 2005 Workshop Meeting and the January 13, 2005 Commissioners' meeting were approved as corrected 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.
 - 10.05 A. Resolution authorizing re-appointment of Thomas Schmoyer, Nancy Sellers and Maxi Shirey to the Berks county Council on Chemical Abuse Advisory Board for three-year terms expiring February 2, 2008.
 - 11.05 B. Resolution authorizing payment of invoices under the following Community Development Disbursement Vouchers:
 1. No. 2116- Community Development Block Grant funds - \$172,690.31
 - 12.05 C. Resolution approving application to the DCED (Pennsylvania Community and Economic Development) ESG (Emergency Shelter Grants) program on behalf of homeless shelter agencies in Berks County in the amount of \$291,400.00
 - 13.05 D. Resolution authorizing the re-appointment of Brian Clements, to the Berks County Solid Waste Authority for a five-year term expiring 12/31/09.
 - 14.05 E. Resolution authorizing Judy Schwank, as Chairman of the Board, to execute a Highway Safety Project Grant extension (No. 403-226-A) termination date from February 28, 2005 to September 30, 2005 by and between the County of Berks and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, Bureau of Highway Safety and Traffic Engineering, with respect to the Berks County 403 Criminal Justice Project (DUI Initiatives). All other terms and conditions of the existing Grant Agreement remain the same.

- 15.05 F. Resolution authorizing 2004 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$30,895 and 2005 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$1,000.000 and 2004 Appropriations in the amount \$969,163 and 2005 Appropriations in the amount of \$26,077 per listing dated January 14, 2005.
- 16.05 G. Resolution authorizing Human Resource recommendations as per list dated January 18, 2005.
2. Motion authorizing the utilization of temporary agency for an Office Support III position - Emergency Management Agency, effective 1/21/05 while department recruits for a replacement for Jane Mountz who retired effective 1/11/05. Rate not to exceed \$16.50

Reports

1. Nelson Long, CPA. presented the Treasurer's report
2. Sandy Graffius, Controller presented the weekly Controller's report to the board.

Citizen Comment:

Tom Cooper, a citizen from Chester County presented information to the Board that he gathered from Dennis Louwerse, Executive Director/CEO, Berks Area Transportation Authority and a member of the Schuylkill Valley Metro Task Force. Mr. Cooper informed the board that a consultant hired by the task force will be presenting information that favors a diesel rail line rather than the electric line that was proposed four years ago for the existing rail line from Reading to Philadelphia. He suggested that preference should be given to a proposal for electric line rail service due to the access to Center City Philadelphia without changing trains and he suggested that there would be no difference in cost projections between the two proposed uses of the existing Norfolk Southern Rail line. Mr. Cooper was thanked for his information. Commissioner Gajewski indicated that he would call for additional information. Commissioner Schwank suggested that the county invite the Task force to present their information public meeting here at the Government Services Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk