

Commissioners' Board Meeting
Thursday, February 10, 2005

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, February 10, 2005, at 10:45 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 February 1, 2005 Workshop Meeting and the February 3, 2005 Commissioners' meeting were approved as published with a motion made by Commissioner Gajewski, seconded by Commissioner Scott and all voted yes to approve.

Consent Agenda

1. Commissioner Gajewski made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items A through L, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Scott and all voted yes to approve. A motion to approve item M. was made by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Schwank and a discussion followed ending with a vote of Commissioner Scott and Schwank voting yes and Commissioner Gajewski voting no. *
 - 39.05 A. Resolution authorizing exoneration of local Tax Collectors of uncollected 2004 Berks County Property Taxes in the total amount of \$2,346,218.56, representing 7160 unpaid accounts, per listing dated February 3, 2005, and forward to Tax Claim Bureau for collection of same.
 - 40.05 B. Resolution authorizing Judith L. Schwank, Chair of the Board, to execute The Emergency Food Assistance Program –TEFAP Inventory – Reimbursement Request Form for the First Quarter (Oct. Nov. & December) FFY 2004-2005, in the amount of \$6,586.98 for distributing 65,869.82 pounds of food at \$.10 per pound and to authorize Margaret Bianca, Executive Director, Greater Berks Food Bank to apply for the funds on behalf of Berks County.
 - 41.05 C. Resolution supporting the *Blueprint for Local Tax Fairness: A Plan for Pennsylvania's Communities* as the right proposal to achieve effective local tax reform in Pennsylvania.
 - 42.05 D. Resolution approving the design and issuance of Berks County peacetime Veterans graveside flag holders.
 - 43.05 E. Resolution reducing the bond limits and saving premium costs for the Berks County Controller.

- 44.05 F. Resolution authorizing payment of invoices under the following Community Development Disbursement Vouchers:
1. No. 2120 -Community Development Block Grant funds - \$16,523.00
 2. No. 485 – Home Grant Program - \$ 4,166.40
- 45.05 G. Resolution approving an application to Penn DOT to encumber Liquid Fuels Funds for the Weidner's Bridge on Salem Road in Bethel and Tulpehocken Townships.
- 46.05 H. Resolution approving an Innovative HSDF Grant request for Office of Aging's In-Home-Care Management Program.
- 47.05 I. Resolution authorizing 2004 Budget Transfers in the total amount of \$597,847 and 2004 Budget Appropriations in the total amount of \$349,460 and 2005 Budget Transfers in the total amount of \$308,000 and 2005 Budget Appropriations in the total amount of \$50,000 per list dated February 4, 2005.
- 48.05 J. Resolution authorizing Human Resource recommendations dated February 8, 2005.
- 49.05 K. Resolution as a result of Invitation to Bid #04-14-KL a one-year contract for the furnishing of apparel items that will serve as uniforms for the staff of the Youth Detention Center. The award shall be made to Pennsylvania Correctional Industries with an office at 75 Utley Drive, Suite 102, Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, 17011-0047 at their bid prices of:
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| Polo Shirt, Co-ed, burgundy, small - X-large | \$21.00 each |
| Polo Shirt, Co-ed, burgundy, 2X large | \$23.00 each |
| Polo Shirt, Co-ed, burgundy, 3X large | \$25.00 each |
| Polo Shirt, Co-ed, burgundy, 4x large | \$27.00 each |
| Polo Shirt, Co-ed, black, small - X-large | \$25.00 each |
| Polo Shirt, Co-ed, black, 2x large | \$27.00 each |
| Polo Shirt, Co-ed, black, 3X large | \$29.00 each |
| T-Shirt, Short Sleeve, large - X-large | \$ 6.50 each |
| T-Shirt, Short Sleeve, 2X large | \$ 8.50 each |
| T-Shirt, Short Sleeve, 3X large | \$ 9.50 each |
| T-Shirt, Short Sleeve, 4X large | \$10.50 each |
| Oxford Shirt, Long Sleeve | \$25.00 each |
| Pants, Men's Cargo Pocket, sizes 30 - 42 | \$28.00 each |
| Pants, Men's Cargo Pocket, size 44 | \$29.00 each |
| Pants, Women's Cargo Pocket, sizes 4 -18 | \$28.00 each |
| Shorts, Co-ed Cargo, sizes 30 - 42 | \$24.00 each |
| Shorts, Co-ed Cargo, size 44 | \$25.00 each |

As per the Invitation to Bid, the County may extend the contract for up to two additional one-year terms provided that the vendor agrees to hold the bid pricing fixed and firm. Estimated annual expenditure is \$4,289.00.

- 50.05 L. Resolution authorizing execution of an Amendment to Commercial Office Lease for office space used by CareerLink at 501 Crescent Avenue, Reading, Pennsylvania.
- 51.05 M. Resolution authorizing the filing of a petition to intervene by the County in the Appeal to the Longswamp Township Zoning Hearing Board filed January 27, 2005 concerning the rezoning of two parcels known as the "Tercha" and "Radcliffe/Rohrbach" tracts and further authorizing David Balmer, Esq. to take all necessary actions to effectuate such petition to intervene.

* Commissioner Gajewski read a prepared statement that will be a part of these minutes regarding his position for Resolution 51.05 M.

2. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per listing dated February 7, 2005.

Non-Consent Item:

A motion was made by Commissioner Scott to authorize payment of \$1,400 from the County's Environmental Defense Fund to "perfect" the citizen's group zoning appeal before the Zoning Hearing Board of Longswamp Township. He explained that after filing what they thought was the original filing fee of \$600 they were informed that for this "type" of zoning appeal, the Township fee was \$2,000. Commissioner Scott said that the Citizens' timely filing of this action preserved the County's right to intervene and suggested that the County provide financial support to complete this filing. Commissioner Schwank seconded the motion and all voted yes to approve.

Reports

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

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk