

Commissioners' Workshop Meeting
Tuesday, February 15, 2005

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, February 15, 2005 at 10:30 A.M. in the thirteenth floor Board Room of the Berks County Services Center, pursuant to due notice to Board members and the public.

Due to the absence of Commissioner Schwank, Commissioner Gajewski Vice Chair, opened the meeting with a moment of silence and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Also in attendance were Commissioner Mark L. Scott, County Administrator William E. Dennis, Solicitor Alan Miller, Esq. and Chief Clerk Terry Styer.

II. PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES/PRESENTATIONS:

III. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS:

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing approval for the Family court Administrator to apply for an implementation grant with respect to the "Safe Havens: Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Grant Program." Lisa Siciliano, Family Court Administrator presented the request for this grant application in which she indicated will require no County match for funding.

Commissioner Schwank

Commissioner Gajewski

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing payment of invoices under the following Community Development Disbursement Vouchers:
1. No. 2122 -Community Development Block Grant funds - \$15,127.31
 2. No. 2121-S Emergency Shelter Program – 318.60
 3. No. 1235- Property Rehabilitation Program - \$26,000.00
- B. Adopt Resolution appointing Carlos Diaz-Luna, 1443 Church Street, Reading PA 19601 for appointment to the CYS Advisory Board to a term ending 12/31/05.

Commissioner Scott

- A. Adopt Resolution appointing Pellegrino J. Orlando, 361 Park Road, Fleetwood, PA 19522 to the Berks County Redevelopment Authority to the unexpired 5 year term (12/31/06) vacated due to the resignation of John Hvizda.

IV. OTHER REQUESTS:

Budget Director:

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing 2004 Budget Transfers in the total amount of \$133,505 and 2004 Budget Appropriations in the total amount of \$33,690 and 2005 Budget Transfers in the total amount of \$21,208 per list dated February 11, 2005.

Human Resources Director:

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing Human Resource recommendations dated February 15, 2005.

Purchasing Department:

Purchasing Director

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing the award, as a result of Invitation to Bid #04-16-RC, a one-year contract for the furnishing of office cleaning services for the CareerLink offices. The award shall be made to Tridon Services, Inc. with an office at 961 Marcon Blvd., Suite 108, Allentown, PA 18109 at their bid price of \$482.00 per week (\$25,064.00/year). 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. Contract Coordinator Candace Noll presented this bid proposal.

Contract Coordinator

- A. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per listing dated February 11, 2005 as presented by Candace Noll.

Solicitor

- A. Resolution authorizing acceptance of the proposal of Liberty Environmental, Inc. to review the air permit application of the Cabot Industries Supermetals facility located in Boyertown, PA at a Not to Exceed cost of \$4,600.00 and to provide a written opinion concerning such permit review. Commissioner Scott explained that the County's involvement in this application is simply a due diligence review with no negative intentions or suspicions on the part of the County.

V. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Commissioner Gajewski reported on his trip to Harrisburg to attend and participate in a Press Conference entitled a "Legislative Work Day for Tax Fairness" arranged by CCAP (County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania.) He arranged meetings with Representatives Thomas R. Caltagirone, Dante Santoni, Jr. and Douglas G. Reichley as well as a representative from Senator O'Pake's office to urge action by the State Legislature on tax reform legislation. He encouraged citizens to contact their representatives urging consideration for tax reform.

VI. CITIZEN COMMENT/BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Kathy Duffy, resident of the Brandywine Heights School District informed the board that another tract of land in Longswamp Township transferred to the developer who recently gained approval for high density zoning in Longswamp Township. (This tract is a separate tract from the prior discussions regarding the "Tercha and Radcliffe/Rohrbach" zoning application which is under appeal by a group of citizens representing the Brandywine Heights Taxpayers Association.) Ms. Duffy estimated that this with this newly transferred parcel, which was already zoned high-density, a total of 1,100 homes could be developed in a very short period of time. This would cause a further drain on resources in the school district and create an even larger burden on taxpayers already suffering from high real estate taxes.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:25 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L Styer, Chief Clerk