

**Commissioners' Workshop Meeting**  
**Tuesday, May 24, 2005**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, May 24, 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.

Commissioner Chair Judith L. Schwank out of town attending a conference so Commissioner Gajewski called the meeting to order with Commissioner Mark L. Scott in attendance. Also present were County Administrator William E. Dennis, Solicitor Alan Miller, Esq. and Chief Clerk Terry Styer. Commissioner Gajewski opened the meeting with a moment of silence and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

**II. PRESENTATIONS/ PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES:**

- A. Commissioner Gajewski will be presenting a Memorial Day Proclamation on behalf of the board at two area parades in Wyomissing and Sinking Spring.
- B. Commissioner Gajewski presented on behalf of the board, certificates of recognition to Guido Pichini, recipient of the President's Award and Pam Gockley, recipient of the Entrepreneur Achievement Award both presented by the Kutztown University Small Business Development Center.

**III. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:**

**Budget Director:**

- A. Adopt a resolution approving 2005 Transfers totaling to \$5,000.00 per list dated May 20, 2005, and 2005 Appropriations totaling to \$7,495.00. Bob Patrizio, Budget Director presented these transactions.

**Human Resources Director:**

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing the Human Resource recommendation as per list dated May 24, 2005. Beth Schiepan, Human Resource Director presented two recommendations for board approval

**Solicitor**

- A. Authorize execution of Amendment to Lease by and between the County of Berks and Robert J. Marrella and John M. Reshetar to amend and extend the Lease Agreement for an additional two month period commencing July 1, 2005 to lease property located at 441 Morgantown Road, Reading, Pennsylvania, for District Court 23-2-01 (District Judge Kennedy). County Solicitor Alan Miller explained this two month extension to evaluate this location.

**IV. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS:**

- A. Resolution to ratify and confirm the execution of a letter to the Mayor of Reading and City Council requesting a two-week delay from May 23, 2005 for any vote to be taken by City Council concerning the disposition of the Antietam Lake property.

**Commissioner Schwank**

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing executing and approving the submission of an Intermediate Punishment Plan, in accordance with Act 200-41, to the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, pursuant to the 2005-2006 grant funding cycle.

**Commissioner Gajewski**

- A. Resolution to re-appoint Nytza I. Santiago to a three year term ending 12/31/06 on the Children and Youth Services Advisory Board.
- B. Adopt Resolution authorizing payment of invoices under the following Community Development Disbursement Vouchers:
1. No. 2139-Community Development Block Grant funds - \$5,790.98
  2. No. 1247-Property Rehabilitation Program-\$6,900.00
  3. No. 497-Home Grant Program-\$4,476.58
- C. Adopt Resolution approving On-the-job Training Contracts as per list dated 5/20/05.
- D. Resolution Authorizing execution of Application for County Aid MS-339 (Liquid Fuels) in the allocated amount not to exceed \$30,000 for Lower Alsace Township to rebuild and stabilize a masonry retaining wall on Skyline Drive to prevent additional deterioration and possible undermining of the roadway. Commissioner Gajewski stated that he wanted this request to be removed from the agenda, as he was not involved in any discussions or meetings regarding the project. Corrie Crupi, Co-Chair of the Pagoda Skyline explained that Lower Alsace Township is attempting to address this hazardous roadway problem as an emergency repair and obtained a bid from a local contractor to repair and stabilize 200 feet of the worst part of this wall. To obtain this emergency funding she indicated the township had submitted a request to the County Engineer, William Westcott for \$30,000.00 in County Aid Funds. She then presented a packet of information for the Commissioner's review. The packet contained the constructions proposal, a letter from the Fire Marshall supporting the immediate repair together with a letter from the Home Depot offering to donate materials to the township for the repair.

Commissioner Gajewski asked who scheduled the meetings to discuss this project and why he was excluded. Commissioner Scott stated that this appears to be important repair work that needs to be addressed and in the interest of public safety, he felt he had enough information to vote on it. He then asked the Chief Clerk to read a statement prepared by Commissioner Schwank supporting the approval of this County Aid request.

**Commissioner Scott**

Commissioner Scott noted for purposes of disclosure that several executive sessions involving two or three Commissioners were held to discuss real estate negotiations for the purchase of the Antietam Lake property.

**V. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**VI. CITIZEN COMMENT/BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk