

Commissioners' Workshop Meeting
Tuesday, June 7, 2005

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, June 7, 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 called the meeting to order with Commissioner Thomas Gajewski and Commissioner Mark L. Scott in attendance. Also present were County Administrator William E. Dennis, Solicitor Alan Miller, Esq. and Chief Clerk Terry Styer. Commissioner Schwank opened the meeting with a moment of silence and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

II. PRESENTATIONS/ PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES:

- A. Commissioner Gajewski presented a Certificate of Recognition, on behalf of the Board of Commissioners to Anthony F. Grimm for his 25 years of outstanding leadership as President of the Berks Chamber of Commerce.
- B. Commissioner Schwank announced that she will present at an upcoming Chamber function, a Proclamation representing the Board of Commissioners and the Citizens for Berks County honoring Anthony F. Grimm for his 25-year career as the President of the Berks County Chamber of Commerce
- C. Barb Coffin, Director for the Berks County Office of Aging presented a 10-minute film produced by the agency's Public Relations Director Nancee Lemmerhart in cooperation with BCTV depicting the many services and opportunities available to our aging population.
- D. John Kramer, Director of the Center for Community Leadership, Laurie Hague, Assistant Chief of Berks Juvenile Probation Office and John McCormack, Director of the Youth Center presented the results of the Juvenile Crime Forums including summaries of evaluations and development of action plans for community groups. For more information or if anyone is interested in working with a group in their community on the topic of juvenile crime, please contact Laurie Hague, Assistant Chief Juvenile Probation Officer at the Berks County Juvenile Probation Office at 610-478-3200 or at lhague@countyofberks.com.
- E. Berks County Controller Sandy Graffius presented the 2004 Year End Financial Report of County Operations.

III. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:

Human Resources Director:

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing the Human Resource recommendation as per list dated June 7, 2005.

IV. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS:**Commissioner Schwank**

Commissioner Schwank said she would be presenting an updated Memorandum of Understanding between the County and the County Conservation District to the Commissioners for approval at the June 14, 2005 meeting. The Commissioner then reminded everyone of the Fire Training Center' Burn Building Dedication this Saturday from 10 AM to 2 PM at Berks County Fire Training Center, 895 Morgantown Road, Reading, PA 19607 and the Household Hazardous Waste collection program scheduled for June 25 at the Exeter Township Municipal building.

http://www.co.berks.pa.us/berks/lib/berks/departments/recycling/brochures/household_hazardous_waste.pdf

Commissioner Gajewski

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing execution of application for County Aid MS-339 (Liquid Fuels) in the allocated amount not to exceed \$33,750 for Alsace Township to rebuild and stabilize a masonry retaining wall on Skyline Drive to prevent additional deterioration and possible undermining of the roadway.
- B. Adopt Resolution authorizing payment of invoices under the following Community Development Disbursement Vouchers:
 1. No. 1249-Property Rehabilitation Program-\$2,052.10
 2. No. 499-Home Grant Program-\$14,280.00
- C. Adopt Resolution approving On-the-job Training Contracts as per list dated 5/27/05.
- D. Adopt Resolution approving the revised allocation policy for 2006 – 2008 for the Berks CDBG Program and the Home Program. Ken Pick, Community Development Director was present to discuss the proposed changes to the SDBG Program and the HOME program. Commissioner Scott questioned the amount of funding set aside for the facilities located in the City of Reading attempting to remind the City of the history of this county's generosity by funding numerous city-oriented projects. He then suggested setting aside funds previously contributed to these projects towards the purchase of the Antietam Lake property. Ken Pick responded by agreeing that this funding change is possible provided it meets the federal funding guidelines. Commissioner Schwank described several examples of recipients that benefited from this funding stream such as the Children's Home of Reading and the Berks County Senior Citizens Council and that she would not want to see projects like those lose the funding they deserve.

- E. Commissioner Gajewski presented an idea for discussion and possible decision by the board at the June 23, 2005 meeting to allow Berks Crime Alert signs to be attached to all County Vehicles similar to a recent decision by the Cumru Township Police Department.
- F. Commissioner Gajewski presented a suggestion for discussion and possible consideration by the board at the June 23, 2005 meeting to demolish several deteriorated county owned buildings located at the intersection of Hilltop and County Welfare Roads in Bern Township. Discussion of demolition of county owned building.

Commissioner Scott

- A. Resolution to appoint Sherry Cameron to a three-year term ending 12/31/06 on the Children and Youth Services Advisory Board.
- B. Resolution to re-appoint Pamela Bowie to a three-year term ending 12/31/07 on the Children and Youth Services Advisory Board.
- C. Resolution to re-appoint J. Allen Daringer, esq. to a three-year term ending 12/31/07 on the Children and Youth Services Advisory Board.
- D. Resolution to re-appoint Pamela Hathaway to a three-year term ending 12/31/06 on the Children and Youth Services Advisory Board.
- E. Resolution to re-appoint Melissa Kreps to a three-year term ending 12/31/06 on the Children and Youth Services Advisory Board.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:57 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L Styer, Chief Clerk