

Commissioners' Workshop Meeting
Tuesday, June 14, 2005

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, June 14, 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 Mark L. Scott in attendance. Commissioner Thomas Gajewski was not at the meeting. Also present were County Administrator William E. Dennis, Solicitor Alan Miller, Esq. and Chief Clerk Terry Styer. The Commissioner opened the meeting with a moment of silence and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

II. PRESENTATIONS/ PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES:

- A. Commissioner Schwank presented a Proclamation to Marianne Deery, Mayor of Boyertown; Terri Geary, President of Berks-Mont Business Association proclaiming June 14th, 2005 as the 40th Annual Boyertown Sidewalk Expo Day.
- B. Commissioner Schwank then presented the 2005 Dairy Month Proclamation to the 2005 Dairy Princess, Amber Hallowell, Alternate Princess, Melissa Harper and the Little Miss Dairy Princess, Samantha Haag.
- C. Commissioner Schwank presented a Certificate of Recognition to John Stump for receiving the 2005 Berks County Master Farmer Award. John was one of only four farmers in Pennsylvania that were awarded this distinct honor. Mr. Stump thanked the board for this recognition and spoke on his support of the County's Agricultural Preservation program.

III. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:

Budget Director:

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing 2005 Budget Transfers in the total amount of \$173,590 and 2005 Appropriations in the total amount of \$42,578 per list dated June 10, 2005

Human Resources Director:

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing the Human Resource recommendation as per list dated June 14, 2005.

Purchasing Department

Bid award:

- A. Adopt Resolution awarding a contract as a result of Invitation to Bid #05-09-RC, for a one year supply (deliver via transport truck)
#2 fuel oil for use in heating to:
Farm & Home Oil Company
3115 State Road, Box 389
Telford, PA 18969

Fixed price – Transport Truck 60,300 gallons @ \$1.6164
Total contract estimate **\$97,468.92**

Contract Coordinator:

- B. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per listing dated June 10, 2005.

IV. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Schwank

- A. Blue Mountain Wildlife Inc. (BMW) presented a request for the County to enter into a lease for the Kernsville Dam Area property with the Commonwealth of PA Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation and then sublet the property to their organization to enable BMW to acquire grants from the PA DCNR for various environmental and conservation projects. Don Waldren, Vice President of Blue Mountain Wildlife Inc. and Matthew McGough, Planner with the Berks County Planning Commission presented the request to the board. Mr. Waldren explained that in order for this non-profit organization to apply for grants through the DCNR (Department of Conservation and Natural Resources) they must first obtain a long-term lease to this property. He explained that the plans for the funding would be to continue the desilting project, improve wildlife habitat and continue to improve and maintain the natural trails and natural areas. He indicated that they have over 160 volunteers to assist with this effort. Commissioner Schwank stated that she supported the concept of the County leasing the property on behalf of BMW but would ask that they obtain letters of support and possible commitment for assistance from the surrounding municipalities (if future maintenance of the property ever becomes an issue) before the County would agree to assume the lease. The Parks Solicitor Christine Sadler, Esq. was instructed to begin drafting documents for this lease agreement that would include an evaluation of liability exposure for the county along with language assuring the maintenance by BMW.

- B. Approve Resolution authorizing the Open Space Funding plan for the Schuylkill River Greenways project. Kurt Zwikl, Executive Director stated that by the county committing these funds over a four year period, he will be able to draw down additional State and Federal funds to complete the Thun Trail from Reading the Montgomery County in the next 3 to 4 years.

Commissioner Gajewski

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing payment of invoices under the following Community Development Disbursement Vouchers:
 - 1. No. 1250-Property Rehabilitation Program-\$5,236.98
 - 2. No. 500-Home Grant Program-\$1,446.00
 - 3. No. 2142-Community Development Block Grant Program-\$16,162.32
- B. Authorizing execution of a Personnel Agreement between the SCA (Single County Authority) for the County of Berks and the Department of Health, Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Programs effective July 1, 2005. George Vogel will be present to discuss this required agreement, which has no financial impact on the County.

Commissioner Scott

- A. Approve Resolution authorizing Provisional Rate schedule as proposed by George Kovarie, Executive Director of Berks Children and Youth Agency.
- B. Approve Resolution authorizing the allocation of the Homeless Assistance Program funding; and for the execution of the Assurance of Compliance Certificate with respect to the Homeless Assistance Program (HAP) and to authorize Mary Henry-Moss, Human Service Grants Coordinator, the ability to distribute the remaining HAP Funds to the prior approved agencies as needed for the fiscal year 2005/2006
- C. Resolution to appoint Mark Braun to a three-year term ending 12/31/2005 on the Children and Youth Services Advisory Board.

V. CITIZEN COMMENT/BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L Styer, Chief Clerk