

Commissioners' Board Meeting
Thursday, June 16, 2005

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, June 16, 2005, at 10:30 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 Mark L. Scott in attendance. Commissioner Thomas Gajewski was not at the meeting. Also present were the Chief Clerk Terry L. Styer, Solicitor Alan Miller, Esq., and County Administrator William E. Dennis. The Commissioner opened the meeting with a moment of silence and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

A motion was made by Commissioner Scott seconded by Commissioner Schwank to approve the June 7, 2005 Workshop Meeting minutes and the minutes of the June 9, 2005 Commissioner's Meeting.

Consent Agenda Items

1. A motion made by Commissioner Scott and seconded by Commissioner Schwank voted yes to approve the following consent agenda, the motion carried.

205.05 A. 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

206.05 B. Resolution authorizing the Human Resource recommendations as per list dated June 14, 2005.

207.05 C. 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**

208.05 D. Resolution authorizing the Open Space Funding plans for the Schuylkill River Greenway project.

209.05 E. 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

- 210.05 F. Resolution authorizing Provisional Rate schedule as proposed by George Kovarie, Executive Director of Berks Children and Youth Agency.
 - 211.05 G. 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
 - 212.05 H. Resolution 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.
 - 213.05 I. Resolution to appoint Mark Braun to a three-year term ending 12/31/2005 on the Children and Youth Services Advisory Board.
 - 214.05 J. Resolution to re-appoint James Gilmartin to a six-year term ending 6/30/2011 on the Reading Area Community College Board of Trustees.
 - 215.05 K. Resolution to re-appoint Dr. Samie Alley to a six-year term ending 6/30/2011 on the Reading Area Community College Board of Trustees.
- 2. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per listing dated June 10, 2005.
 - 3. Motion authorizing submission of the Stage 1 Plan for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Mental Retardation Plan for Berks County.

Reports

County Treasurer - Nelson Long, CPA

County Controller – Deputy Controller Mark Hanson presented the weekly Controller's report.

Citizen Comment/Business From The Floor

Commissioner Schwank noted that the County has prepared a response to CCAP's (County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania) budget impact statement being prepared statewide to be presented at a press conference scheduled for Tuesday June 21, 2005 in Harrisburg regarding the proposed statewide budget cuts in Human Service programs.

Robert Patrizio noted that the numbers being presented by the Governors Office are deceiving in that they appear to be larger but in reality because of funding restrictions placed on federal funds; most Counties will be facing an even larger increase in the county match for these state funds. His estimate was that Berks County would face an estimated 6.8% increase in General Fund revenue for next year's county budget for services such as those provided for Children and Youth, Office of Aging and many other Human Services agencies. Commissioner Schwank stated that over 40,000 citizens including children are assisted each year by those needed services.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:48 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk