

**Commissioners' Board Meeting**  
**Thursday, July 7, 2005**

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Gajewski seconded by Commissioner Schwank to approve the June 28, 2005 Workshop Meeting minutes and the minutes of the June 30, 2005 Commissioner's Meeting with Commissioner Scott not voting on the 30<sup>th</sup> minutes as he was not present at that meeting. The motion carried.

**Consent Agenda Items**

1. Commissioner Gajewski requested and the board agreed to pull from the agenda, Resolution 239.05 until next week when the Sheriff is able to attend for the vote. He also requested to hold a separate vote on Resolution 235.05. Commissioner Gajewski then made a motion that was seconded by Commissioner Scott to approve the Consent agenda minus Resolution 235.05 and 239.05, all voted yes. Commissioner Scott made a motion to approve Resolution 235.05, Commissioner Gajewski seconded the motion with Commissioner Scott and Commissioner Schwank voting yes to approve and Commissioner Gajewski abstaining from the vote. The Resolution was approved.
  - 234.05. A. Resolution authorizing the Human Resource recommendation as per list dated July 05,2005.
  - 235.05. B. Resolution to approve County's Comprehensive Insurance Policy.
  - 236.05 C. Resolution Authorizing execution of Application for County Aid MS-339 (Liquid Fuels) in the allocated amount not to exceed \$33,935.00 to for Upper Bern Township to replace the bridge on Mill Hill Road.
  - 237.05 D. Resolution authorizing Commissioners' letter of support regarding a grant application for the U.S. Department of Labor Prisoner Re-Entry Initiative by Berks County Opportunity House, Berks Connection/Pretrial Services ("BCPS"), and Reading-Berks Conference of Churches.

- 238.05 E. Resolution authorizing payment of invoices under the following Community Development Disbursement Vouchers:
1. No. 1253-Property Rehabilitation Program-\$22,891.00
  2. No. 503-Home Grant Program-\$940.00
  3. No. 2145-S-Community Development Block Grant Program-\$22,411.83
  4. No. 2146- Community Development Block Grant Program-\$3,500.00
- 239.05 F. Resolution authorizing the posting of Crime Alert signs on certain County Vehicles. **HOLD for next week's agenda**
2. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per listing dated July 1, 2005.

**Reports**

County Treasurer –Treasurer Nelson Long, CPA presented his weekly Treasurer's report

County Controller – Sandy Graffius read the weekly Controller's report.

**Citizen Comment/Business From The Floor**

Barry Rorhbach, President of Crime Alert Berks County was present to discuss the success of the program and a new goal to post Crime Alert signs on municipal vehicles for better awareness to our citizens. He indicated that in the seven years that this non-profit organization began its mission they have received 1700 tips that resulted in 170 arrests and paid out \$60,000 in rewards for that information. Mr. Rorhbach described Crime Alert Berks County as an organization of interested citizens, businesses, service organizations, corporations and social clubs, which formed in 1998 to help our police departments in Berks County, Pennsylvania to obtain credible leads that will result in arrests of criminals and solving crimes.

Matt Pollis, from the Albany Township Environmental Action Committee attended the meeting to urge the Commissioners to approve a Sewage Sludge Ordinance similar to the Exeter Township Ordinance previously presented to the Commissioners for their review. Mr. Pollis was informed that the board supports the regulation and testing of farm fields by the producer or applicator and will continue to pursue information and legal direction prior to taking any action.

**Citizen Comment/Business From The Floor continued:**

Commissioner Gajewski then read a letter of support from Congressman Holden responding to the County Commissioner's letter opposing CAFTA (Central America Free Trade Agreement.)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk