

Commissioners' Board Meeting
Thursday, July 21, 2005

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, July 21, 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.

Consent Agenda Items

1. A motion made by Commissioner Gajewski, seconded by Commissioner Scott, and all voted yes to approve the following consent agenda with the exception of Mark Scott who voted no to Resolution 254.05. *see comments below.
 - 248.05. A. Resolution authorizing 2005 Budget Transfers in the total amount of \$684,460.00 per list dated July 15, 2005.
 - 249.05. B. Resolution authorizing the Human Resource recommendation as per list dated July 19, 2005.
 - 250.05 C. Resolution authorizing execution of Application for County Aid MS-339 (Liquid Fuels) in the allocated amount not to exceed \$130,000 to Amity Township for the construction of a box culvert along Monocacy Hill Road.
 - 251.05 D. Resolution authorizing payment of invoices under the following Community Development Disbursement Vouchers:
 1. No. 1254-Property Rehabilitation Program-\$6,621.00
 2. No. 504-Home Grant Program-\$11,221.00
 3. No. 2147-S-Emergency Shelter Program-\$22,411.83
 4. No. 2148- Community Development Block Grant Program-\$42,413.90
 - 252.05 E. Resolution approving the Office of Aging Senior Community Services Employment Program (SCSEP) Grant Agreement for \$103,287 (no County Match) for the fiscal year 2005/2006.
 - 253.05 F. Resolution to appoint Dean Sheaffer to fill the unexpired term until 6/30/2009 of Rev. Evelyn Aurand (who resigned) on the Reading Area Community College Board of Trustees.

- 254.05 G. Resolution authorizing execution of an ATM Lease Agreement between the County of Berks and Sovereign Bank for an automated teller machine in the lobby of the of the Berks County Courthouse. * Commissioner Scott expressed reservations to this contract if it was intended to be exclusive to one bank. The County Solicitor indicated that the five-year contract was intended by the bank to be exclusive stating that no other ATMs could be located there. The Commissioner indicated that while he agreed with this convenience of having an ATM in the building, he would not support any bank having exclusive rights to place one there.
2. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per listing dated July 15, 2005.

Reports

County Treasurer –Treasurer Nelson Long, CPA was not present to read his weekly Treasurer's report

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

Citizen Comment/Business From The Floor

Commissioner Gajewski stated that the county will be looking into a discount Senior Citizen Prescription Program for the County's Senior Citizens.

Commissioner Scott suggested that the county consider changing the time of the future Salary Board meetings to coincide with the Commissioners meeting (perhaps just before or following) in order to get the Cable TV coverage. His point was that future discussions regarding the "re-engineering" of county employee positions as a follow up to the voluntary severance plan will be an important topic of discussion that will have a major impact on the budget. Due to the many complexities this will involve he felt the citizens should have an opportunity to witness the deliberations.

A brief discussion on the Commissioners' attendance at the CCAP (County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania) conference scheduled for the week of August 8, 2005 led to a decision to cancel the August 9,2005 Commissioner's Workshop meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk