

Commissioners' Board Meeting
Thursday, August 04, 2005

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, August 4, 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. Commissioner Schwank then opened the meeting with a moment of silence and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the July 26, 2005 Workshop Meeting and July 28, 2005 Commissioner's Meeting were approved with a motion made by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Gajewski and all voted yes to approve.

Consent Agenda Items

1. Commissioner Scott made a motion to approve the following consent agenda including Ordinance 03-05. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gajewski and all voted yes to approve.

Ordinance No. 03-05

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF BERKS, PENNSYLVANIA, APPROVING AN INTEREST RATE MANAGEMENT PLAN; APPROVING THE FORM OF AN INTEREST RATE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT RELATING TO ITS GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES OF 1998 AND ITS GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES OF 1999.

- 266.05 A. Resolution authorizing 2005 Budget Transfers in the total amount of \$761,872 per list dated July 29, 2005. Bob Patrizio indicated that there will be a transfer out of the wages to supplies from the Elections department in the amount of 10,000.00.
- 267.05. B. Resolution authorizing the Human Resource recommendation as per list dated August 2, 2005.

268.05 C. Resolution authorizing the execution as a result of Request for Proposal #05-05-RC, a two-year agreement with the option of extending the agreement for additional periods upon the mutual agreement of the parties to provide surveying services in accordance with Act 43 and the regulation in 7Pa Code, Chapter 138e. The surveys shall be of farmland tracts being considered for easement purchase by the Berks County Agricultural Land Preservation Office, which administers the Berks County Agricultural Conservation Easement (ACE) Program that purchases agricultural conservation easements on farms limiting land to agricultural production in perpetuity. One firm will act as the primary provider of services and the other firm will serve as the backup provider of services in the event the workload exceeds the primary provider's capabilities. The County typically requires approximately 30 surveys annually. The estimated amount to be spent on surveys is \$150,000. The awards shall be made to the following vendors:

Primary: Spotts, Stevens & McCoy 1047 N. Park Road P.O. Box 6307 Reading, PA 19610-0307	Secondary: Alfred Benesch & Company 400 One Norwegian Plaza P.O. Box 1090 Pottsville, PA 17901
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269.05 D. Resolution authorizing payment of invoices under the following Community Development Disbursement Vouchers:

- 1.No. 1255-Property Rehabilitation Program-\$19,115.00
- 2.No. 505-Home Grant Program-\$29,137.39
- 3.No. 2149-S-Emergency Shelter Program-\$739.32
- 4.No. 2150- State Emergency Shelter Program-\$672.59
- 5.No. 2151- Community Development Block Grant Program-592,047.78

270.05 E. Resolution authorizing execution of Assurances of Compliance/Review with respect to the BCCYS 2005-2006 Implementation Plan and the FY 2006-2007 Needs Based Plan and Budget Estimate which assured that all mandated services covered by this Plan will be delivered dependent and commensurate with state and federal funding.

2. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per listing dated July 29, 2005.

Reports

1. County Treasurer, Nelson Long CPA, presented his weekly Treasurer's report
2. County Controller, Sandy Graffius was present. Mark Hanson also present presented her weekly Controllers' report

Citizen Comment/Business From The Floor

County Treasurer, Nelson Long CPA, indicated that the ATM machine is now available for employees and citizens use (cash only – no deposits) and is located in the lobby of the Court House.

Citizen Comment continued:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:55 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk