

Commissioners' Board Meeting
Thursday, October 6, 2005

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, October 6, 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 Scott in attendance. Also present were the Chief Clerk Terry L. Styer, Solicitor Alan Miller, Esq., County Administrator William E. Dennis. 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 September 27, 2005 Workshop Meeting and September 29, 2005 Commissioner's Meeting were approved (noting a minor typographic correction) with a motion made by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Gajewski and all voted yes.

Consent Agenda Items

Following a discussion and discussion to remove items B (Resolution 341.05 and G (Resolution 346.05) A motion was made by Commissioner Gajewski, seconded by Commissioner Scott and all voted yes to approve the remaining items on the consent agenda.

- 340.05 A. Resolution authorizing 2005 Budget Appropriations in the total amount of \$161,000.00 per list dated September 23, 2005.

- 341.05 B. Resolution authorizing the appropriation of \$212,020 for the express purpose of funding BARTA's eligible expenses for the period July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006. **HOLD for future meeting**

- 342.05 C. Resolution authorizing payment of invoices under the following Community Development Disbursement Vouchers:
 - 1. No. 1263-Property Rehabilitation Program-\$3,087.00
 - 2. No. 2163- Community Development Block Grant Program- \$25,808.64
 - 3. No. 512-HOME Grant Program-\$12,949.00

- 343.05 D. Resolution approving the Berks County Workforce Investment Board's recommendation to award a contract to operate a TANF Youth training program in partnership with the PA CareerLink~Berks County to the following service providers: **Schuylkill Valley School District**, Solomon Lausch, Ph.D., Superintendent, Administration Center, 929 Lakeshore Drive, Leesport, PA 19533-8631 **and Junior Achievement of Berks County, Inc**, Robin Costenbader-Jacobson, President & CEO, 601 Penn Street, Suite 105, Reading, PA 19601, Program operations are schedule to begin on October 15, 2005. The amount of the proposed contract budget for **Schuylkill Valley School District** is **\$31,549**. The amount of the proposed contract budget for **Junior Achievement** is **\$29,982**.
- 344.05 E. Resolution authorizing the application to the PA DCED (Department of Community and Economic Development) for a regional policing study for seven municipalities in Berks County including Womelsdorf, Wernersville and Robesonia Borough and Marion, Lower Heidelberg, South Heidelberg and Heidelberg Township.
- 345.05 F. Resolution authorizing execution of a contract to Tetrahedron Environmental Consultants, Oxford, PA to review the DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) landfill expansion permit application in relation to the expansion of the Conestoga Landfill in New Morgan, PA not to exceed \$10,000.
- 346.05 G. Resolution authorizing the formal establishment of a line item revenue stream to set aside funding sources for the purpose of programs involved in health related environmental issues. **Hold for future meeting.**
2. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per listing dated September 26, 2005.

Reports

1. County Treasurer Nelson Long, CPA presented his weekly Treasurer's report.
2. Deputy County Controller, Mark Hanson, presented the weekly Controllers' report

Miscellaneous Business:

The board discussed Resolution 346.05 at length agreeing that the language of this resolution that proposed to designate future revenues for environmental related projects in the county needs to be precisely defined. Commissioner Scott expressed strong concern that the Environmental Defense Fund which was set up at the end of 2004 (received as part of legal settlements from area Landfills) as a fund balance reserve be maintained a reserve of funds specific for litigation and legal defense of environmental matters in the county.

Public Comment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:03 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk