

**Commissioners' Workshop Meeting  
Tuesday, January 10, 2006**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 10, 2006, at 10:30 A.M. in the thirteenth floor Board Room 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 County Administrator, William E. Dennis, Solicitor, Alan Miller Esq., and Chief Clerk Terry Styer.

**II. CERTIFICATES FOR STAFF RECOGNITION:**

Commissioner Schwank presented a Certificate of Recognition to Cathy Marburger, Deputy Criminal/Civil Court Administrator for her sustained superior performance to the county over her 30-year career.

**III. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:**

**Budget Department:**

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing Budget Transfers in the amount of \$ 52,854.00 and Appropriations in the amount \$ 9,514,299.00 per listing Bob Patrizio Budget Director presented his report and asked Ed Michalik to address the additional 9 million in funds as part of Health Choices program (state and federal funds.)

**Contract Submissions:**

- A. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per attached listing dated January 9, 2006. Candace Noll presented the contracts for approval.

**Human Resource Director:**

- A. Human Resource Recommendations as list dated January 10, 2006. Beth Schiepan Human Resource Director presented the list of recommendations to the board.
- B. Adopt Resolution approving the execution of a collective Bargaining Agreement by and between the County of Berks and the County Detectives Police Labor Organization (PLO) for the period 1/1/06 – 12/31/08. Jennifer Biehn presented this contract and recommended its approval.

**IV. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS:**

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing the County of Berks to execute the Family Center/Fatherhood Renewal Application 2006/2007. Judi Blimeline, Director of BCAP reported on these two state funded programs. She mentioned that Family Center program provided services to 88 County Families last year.
- B. Adopt Resolution approving the following Borough's Association Nomination to the to 911 Advisory Board: Thomas Kanuck, Birdsboro, PA and as alternate, Richard Happell Birdsboro, PA

**Commissioner Schwank**

- A. Adopt Resolution endorsing Berks County's participation in the Base Realignment and Closure Process (BRAC) for the possible acquisition of the Naval - Marine Corps Reserve Center (NMCRC-Reading) for public safety purposes. Commissioner Schwank described the potential for several County Public Safety related departments to use this facility and the surrounding 7 acres for 911 - Communications, Emergency Management, and a City Police Training Facility. Bob Osika Berks County's Emergency Management Director along with Craig Breneiser Berks County's 911 Communications Director expressed their support of this opportunity, especially since the process does not involve a cost to the county. Commissioner Gajewski asked if the County would be committed by participating in this process. Commissioner Schwank indicated that the county would not be committed to purchase the site by participating in this Base Realignment and Closure Process. Commissioner Scott said that he understood that if there were costs involved they would be minimal and at best less than fair market value for the property.
- B. Adopt Resolution authorizing the establishment of a Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA) as outlined by the Department of Defense.
- C. Discussion regarding the allocation of the \$100,000 from the Conestoga Landfill settlement for recreational use by the Southern Berks Municipalities and the request of the Open Space and Recreation Council to make recommendations to the Commissioners on the allocation of these funds.

**Commissioner Gajewski**

- A. Adopt Resolution reappointing Jacob Bowers to a five-year term ending 12/31/2010 to the BARTA Board.

**Commissioner Scott**

- A. Adopt Resolution reappointing Jonathan Encarnacion to a three-year term ending 12/31/2008 to the MH/MR Advisory Board

V. PROCLAMATIONS

- A. Commissioner Schwank presented a proclamation to Ann Sheehan, Executive Director of BCTV and Dr. Gust Zogas, BCTV Board Member in celebration of BCTV's 30th anniversary.
- B. Commissioner Gajewski presented a Proclamation for Martin Luther King Day to Kevin Poole from the M Voice who reminded everyone of a program scheduled to Honor Dr. King on Friday January 13<sup>th</sup> at RAAC from 8:00 to 9:30 PM.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:25 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Terry L Styer, Chief Clerk