

Commissioners' Board Meeting Thursday, January 12, 2006

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, January 12, 2006 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, County Solicitor Alan 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.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Scott made a motion that was seconded by Commissioner Gajewski to approve the December 20th, 2005 Workshop/Commissioner's and the January 3rd workshop and January 5th, 2006 Commissioners' meeting minutes with corrections requested by Commissioner Gajewski for the January 5th meeting minutes. With those corrections noted, all voted yes to approve.

Resolutions and Contracts:

- I. A motion was made by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Gajewski and all voted unanimously approve the Resolutions and Contracts listed below:
 - 20.06 A. Resolution authorizing Budget Transfers in the amount of \$52,854.00 and Appropriations in the amount \$ 9,514,299.00 per listing.
 - 21.06 B. Resolution authorizing Human Resource Recommendations as listed.
 - 22.06 C. 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.
 - 23.06 D. Resolution authorizing the County of Berks to execute the Family Center/Fatherhood Renewal Application 2006/2007.
 - 24.06 E. 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
 - 25.06 F. 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.

- 26.06 G. Resolution authorizing the establishment of a Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA) as outlined by the Department of Defense.
 - 27.06 H. Resolution designation a process for the awarding of \$100,000 for 2006 from the Conestoga Landfill settlement for recreational use by the Southern Berks Municipalities and to request of the Open Space and Recreation Council to make recommendations to the Commissioners on the allocation of these funds.
 - 28.06 I. Resolution reappointing Jacob Bowers to a five-year term ending 12/31/2010 to the BARTA Board.
 - 29.06 J. Resolution reappointing Jonathan Encarnacion to a three-year term ending 12/31/2008 to the MH/MR Advisory Board.
2. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per listing dated January 9, 2006.

Reports

- 1. County Treasurer – Nelson Long, CPA
- 2. County Controller – Mark Hanson, Deputy Controller

Citizen Comment/Business From The Floor

Commissioner Gajewski noted that the County's cash flow was significantly higher (\$10 million) than last year.

Commissioner Scott discussed a recent interpretation of the law regarding the net benefits to communities for landfill development and expansion due to a recent Supreme Court Decision. He said that this may have significant impact on the way landfills such as Conestoga and Pioneer Crossing establish the DEP required Community Harms / Benefits analysis.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:58 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk