

Commissioners' Meeting Thursday, March 23, 2006

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, March 23, 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 C. Scott in attendance. Also present were the County Solicitor Alan Miller, Esq., Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk 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 with all voting yes to approve the March 14, 2006 workshop and March 16, 2006 Commissioners' meetings minutes.

Consent Agenda Items

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Gajewski and all voted yes to approve the items listed below including resolution 102.06 that was brought to the floor by Christine Sadler, Esq., First Assistant Solicitor.
 - 94.06 A. Resolution approving the relocation of the Veteran's Affairs office from the Berks Leisure Park to the Berks Heim Main Building. The proposed location is in the lower level office area (previously the Berks Heim Human Resources office). Commissioner Gajewski asked the record to reflect the fact that Leigh Tallas, Director of Veterans Affairs participated in this office relocation search and supports this final decision to move his office.
 - 95.06 B. Resolution authorizing 2005 Appropriations in the amount \$6,000.00 and 2006 Appropriations in the amount \$ 604,800.00 per listing March 17, 2006.
 - 96.06 C. Resolution authorizing Human Resource Recommendations as per list dated March 21, 2006.

- 97.06 D. Resolution authorizing Day Care Plan agreement authorizing execution of a grant agreement between the County of Berks (Berks County Intermediate Unit) and the Pennsylvania Department of Welfare, regarding childcare services in the amount of \$8,986,319.00 for fiscal year July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.
- 98.06 E. Resolution authorizing the execution of Lease Agreement between the City of Reading and County of Berks for a certain tract of land situate in Lower Alsace Township, 619 Skyline Drive, Berks County, to construct, install and maintain communications and related equipment, effective March 20, 2006 and ending on March 29, 2056.
- 99.06 F. Resolution authorizing the re-appointment of Larry E. Kehl, from Fleetwood, PA to a four- year term on to the Berks County Conservation District as a Farmer Director for a term ending 12/31/09.
- 100.06 G. Resolution appointing M. Scot Case of Reading, PA to a term ending 6/11/07 on the Berks Environmental Advisory Committee.

Non Consent Agenda Items:

- 101.06 H. Resolution authorizing execution by Judith L. Schwank, Chair, of the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Reading and County of Berks in regard to allocation of funds from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$13,098.60 to be applied for overtime costs for Berks County Law Enforcement in support of the City of Reading crime fighting initiatives.
- 102.06 I. Resolution authorizing George Wagner, Berks County Prison Warden to execute the Subscription Plan Amendment for Corrections Facilities by and between the Berks County Prison and LexisNexis for a three year period. First Asst. Solicitor Christine Sadler explained that this program would replace the prison law library with no cost to the County General Fund, as the Prisoner's Commissary Fund will finance it.
2. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per listing dated March 20, 2006

Reports:

1. County Treasurer – William Dennis, County Administrator presented the Treasurer's Report for Nelson Long, CPA.
2. County Controller – Sandy Graffius, Controller presented her report.

Business from the floor:

Commissioner Schwank discussed her suggestions regarding the disbursement of the proceeds from the Conestoga Landfill Settlement (\$100,000 annually). Among the possible suggestion for the Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee could be the following ideas:

1. Offer the funds on an annual basis with a letter to the municipalities adjacent to the landfill as well as those that are adversely affected by the landfill.
2. No limitations on land acquisition, funding could include the development of existing parkland.
3. Require follow up evaluations on projects to determine funding objectives as well as timely project completion.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk