

Commissioners' Meeting Thursday, March 30, 2006

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, March 30, 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 W. Gajewski Sr. 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 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 21, 2006 workshop and March 23, 2006 Commissioners' meeting minutes.

Consent Agenda Items

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Scott, and seconded by Commissioner Gajewski and all voted yes to approve the items listed below.
 - 103.06 A. Resolution authorizing 2006 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$208,351 and 2006 Appropriations in the amount \$-517,635 per listing dated March 30, 2006.
 - 104.06 B. Resolution authorizing modification of Footnote (1) on page 16 of the 2006 Annual Budget concerning matching funds for the Berks Economic Partnership with no overall increase in the match ceiling.
 - 105.06 C. Resolution authorizing the execution of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency Radiation Emergency Response Fund Grant Application and Agreement in the amount of \$21,403.00, for the period of July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007.
 - 106.06 D. Resolution authorizing the execution of an Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Agreement for the partial reimbursement of salary and benefits for the County's Emergency Management Coordinator and Clerical Assistant positions in the amount of \$51,976.00 for fiscal year 2006 (10/01/05 – 9/30/06).
 - 107.06 E. Resolution approving Human Resource Recommendations as list dated March 28, 2006.

- 108.06 F. Resolution approving the Office of Aging Senior Community Services Employment Program (SCSEP) Grant Agreement for \$103,277 (no County Match) for the fiscal year 2006/2007.
- 109.06 G. Resolution authorizing approval of a project by Prospectus Associates, Inc., after public hearing, in accordance with certain provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. A motion was made by Commissioner Scott and seconded by Commissioner Gajewski to open a public hearing regarding resolution 109.06. Hearing no comments, a motion was properly moved and seconded to close the hearing.
2. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per listing dated March 27, 2006.

Reports:

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

Business from the floor:

1. Commissioner Schwank gave us a quick report on her attendance at the CCAP (County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania) Spring Conference meeting.
2. Commissioner Gajewski read a letter from U.S. Representative John C. Rafferty Jr., in which he states his support of the Schuylkill Valley Metro project, which proposes to restore passenger rail service from Reading to Philadelphia.
3. Commissioner Scott followed up on the comments he made at Tuesday at the Commissioners meeting regarding the A.D.D. (Acquisition, Demolition and Disposition) Program. A brief discussion of the board followed with an agreement to request Ken Pick, Community Development Director to attend a future workshop meeting to discuss the program's disposition process. The Commissioner then informed the board that the Granger Energy's permit for a landfill gas engine at the Conestoga Landfill has been approved by the PADEP (Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources) despite the efforts of the BEAC (Berks Environmental Advisory Committee) and formal, technical comments regarding requests for lower emission rates recommended as a result of the review by Liberty Environmental Consultants on behalf of the County, the permit was approved with few of the recommended changes. He encouraged the Commissioners to consider filing an appeal and to list this action on the next Commissioners' meeting for formal approval. Commission Scott's final statement was that the county might want to weigh in on the permit renewal for Exide Technologies for the Reading Smelter. He stated that

neighbors in Muhlenberg Township and Laureldale have complained about the odors.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:12 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk