

Commissioners' Meeting **Thursday, April 13, 2006**

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, April 13, 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 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 Schwank to approve the April 4, 2006 Commissioners' workshop meeting minutes and the April 06, 2006 meeting minutes the minutes were approved as presented. Commissioner Gajewski abstained from the vote since he was absent from those meetings. Commissioner Scott made a motion to approve March 28, 2006 workshop minutes that was seconded by Commissioner Gajewski and approved. Commissioner Schwank abstained from the vote as she was absent from that meeting.

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.
 - 117.06 A. Resolution authorizing 2006 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$442,676.00 and 2006 Appropriations in the amount \$6,149.00 per listing dated April 7, 2006.
 - 118.06 B. Resolution authorizing Human Resource Recommendations as list dated April 10, 2006.
 - 119.06 C. Resolution approving the Berks County 9-1-1 Telephone Access Plan.
 - 120.06 D. Resolution authorizing the application for a Department of Agriculture Grant between the PDA (Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture), and County of Berks, Berks County Commissioners Area Agency on Aging. The allocation for this year is \$16,250.00. No county match required. This program helps Pennsylvania farmers and low-income seniors, enabling the seniors to purchase Pennsylvania grown produce from June through November 2006.

- 121.06 E. Resolution authorizing Judith L. Schwank, Chair, to execute the Annual Supplemental Agreement No. 520651-G between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting through the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, and the County of Berks for reimbursement up to \$377,354.00 for transportation planning activities to be performed by the Berks County Planning Commission staff in accordance with the FFY 2006-2007 Unified Planning Work Program.
- 122.06 F. Resolution authorizing the appointment of Joe Ayala, from West Lawn, PA to a four- year term to the Berks County Parks & Recreation Board for a term ending 03/10/2010.
- 123.06 G. Resolution authorizing:
1. The FFY 2006 Community Development Block Grant Program be amended to allocate \$49,000.00 from contingencies to the Archbury Foundation. The project involves the restoration of the historic Fegely's Reading Diner to provide the same 1938 functional configuration of toilet facilities, kitchen and seating area. Estimated completion date of 12/31/2007. The eligibility and fundability citations are 24 CFR part 570.208 (b) (2) and 24 CFR Part 570.202(d) respectively.
 2. The FFY 2006 Community Development Block Grant Program be amended to allocate \$60,000.00 from contingencies to the Borough of Topton. The project involves the replacement of sanitary sewer lines with related work on South Cherry and West Smith Streets. Estimated completion date of 12/31/2006. The eligibility and fundability citations are 24 CFR Part 570.208(c) and 24 CFR part 570.201(c) respectively. Ken Pick, Director of Community Development was present to discuss.*
2. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per listing dated April 10, 2006

Reports:

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

Public Comment:

*Ken Pick, Director of Community Development stated that the eligibility guidelines allow this project to fall under the category of rehabilitation / historic preservation and presented several examples of similar projects. He said it was with this rationale that the Fegley's Diner project was ranked. He then introduced Jim Eaman who sits on the Board of Directors for the Archberry Foundation who discussed the fact that in addition to these CDBG funds the Foundation to date has raised \$50,000 and is continues to raise funds for the preservation of the diner otherwise this part of Berks County history would simply deteriorate. Hearing some objections for utilizing public funds, Mr. Eaman assured the citizens that this building could only be sold to another 501C – non profit organization or a governmental organization thus assuring that it will be preserved into the future.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:13 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk