

Commissioners' Meeting Thursday, April 20, 2006

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, April 20, 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., and County Administrator William E. Dennis. Chief Clerk Terry Styer was not in attendance.

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 11, 2006 Commissioners' workshop meeting minutes and the April 13, 2006 meeting minutes and the minutes were approved as presented. Commissioner Gajewski abstained from the vote, stating he was not in attendance. All voted yes to approve.

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 with the exception of item one on the Human Resource Recommendations.
 - 124.06 A. Resolution authorizing 2006 Appropriations in the amount \$38,069 as per listing.
 - 125.06 B. Resolution appointing Deputy Chief Charles Broad as the Reading Police Department's representative to the to the 911-center Advisory Board and Mr. Gary Haag, Reading Communications Supervisor as the alternate.
 - 126.06 C. Resolution appointing the members of the Local Emergency Planning Committee of Berks County.
 - 127.06 D. Resolution re-appointing John Ernesto of Reading to the Berks County Convention Center Authority Board for a 4 year term ending 8/29/2010.
 - 128.06 E. Resolution authorizing the appointment of Nicolle Schnovel (Slapikas), from Shillington, PA to a three- year term on the Berks County Council on Chemical Abuse for a term ending 02/01/2009.

- 129.06 F. Resolution authorizing Human Resource Recommendations as list dated April 10, 2006. -Item number 1 on the Human Resources Agenda was voted on separately. Commissioner Scott made a motion that was seconded by Commissioner Schwank. Upon calling for the vote Commissioner Scott and Commissioner Schwank voted yes and Commissioner Gajewski voted no. The motion was approved. Commissioner Gajewski feels that this is a position that should be in the Budget Office not the County Administrator's Office. Commissioner Scott said County code states that the Commissioners are allowed to assign a county employee to the department of their choice. Commissioner Scott made a motion to approve items 2-4 on Human Resource Recommendations. Commissioner Schwank seconded the motion. All voted yes to approve.

Commissioner's Comments:

Commissioner Schwank stated that she attended at a Parks Volunteer Dinner and was part of a discussion on the Gruber Wagon Works. She indicated that damage from squirrels found inside the building, as well as dry rot, are destroying the property. Since the property is on the National Historic Register, Commissioner Schwank suggested that this should be re-visited in the Capital budget plan.

Reports:

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:50 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dalila Garcia, Asst. to Chief Clerk