

## **Commissioners' Workshop Meeting Tuesday, May 2, 2006**

### **I. CALL TO ORDER:**

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, May 2, 2006 at 10:30 A.M. in the thirteenth floor Board Room of the Berks County Services Center, pursuant to due notice to Board members and the public.

**Today, May 2<sup>nd</sup> marks the 84<sup>th</sup> annual observance of Youth Day, a cooperative effort of the Berks County Intermediate Unit, the Greater Reading Chamber of Commerce and Industry and nearly 60 businesses and government agencies from across Berks County for the purpose of providing young people of our community an opportunity to acquaint themselves with their future responsibilities as productive members of a democratic society, while stimulating public interest in the potential of youth. Serving as Youth Day Commissioners today were Jeremiah Bicher from Tulpehocken Area School District and Chris Schaunauer from Conrad Weiser Area School District.**

Commissioner Vice Chair Thomas Gajewski's Counterpart, Jeremiah Bicher called the meeting to order with Commissioner Mark C. Scott in attendance. Commissioner Judith L. Schwank was attending a conference this week in Atlanta, Georgia at the invitation of the US Department of Defense. The Conference will focus on the Base Realignment and Closure Process for military bases throughout the country. Commissioner Schwank is attending to represent Berks County as the county assumes ownership for the Reading Naval Marine Corps Reserve Center on Kenhorst Blvd. The County plans to use the site as a Public Safety Center.

Also present at this meeting were County Administrator, William E. Dennis, Solicitor, Alan Miller Esq., and Chief Clerk Terry Styer.

### **II. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:**

#### **Budget Department:**

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing 2006 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$344,387.00 and 2006 Appropriations in the amount \$47,360.00 per listing dated April 28, 2006. Bob Patrizio Budget Director, presented his report to the board.

#### **Contract Submissions:**

- A. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per attached listing dated April 28, 2006. Candace Noll Contract Coordinator presented the list of contracts for discussion.

**Election Services:**

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing execution of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of State's SURE Office and Berks County. Debbie Olivieri, Director of Election Services was present to discuss this Memorandum.

**Facilities Project Manager**

- A. Resolution accepting the proposal from L. Robert Kimball & Associates dated 4/27/06 to Architectural/Engineering services for the Community Corrections Project - Interior Renovations to the Berks Heim Annex for a not to exceed fee of \$320,000.00.
- B. Resolution accepting the proposal from Shoemaker/Burkey dated 4/27/06 for Construction Management services for the Community Corrections Project - Interior Renovations to the Berks Heim Annex for a not to exceed fee of \$227,504.00. Jim Strohecker, Project Engineer presented these two project requests.

**Mental Health / Mental Retardation:**

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing the execution of a contract amendment with Community Care Behavioral Health Organization of Pittsburgh to reflect changes in terms established by the Department of Public Welfare effective 10/1/05. Ed Michalik, MR/MR Director described this change to the contract with the company that manages our Medicaid Program, HealthChoices.

**Solicitor**

- A. Resolution authorizing approval for the financing of a project by Alvernia College in accordance with Section 147 (f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 with the Berks Redevelopment Authority. Peter Edelman, Esq. explained this request of the Commissioners to approve this \$8 Million financing project for Alvernia College facilities improvements. Solicitor Alan Miller indicated that approval of this financing request has no impact on the County's Funds or Bond Rating nor is this a financial guarantee issued by the County rather it serves to fulfill an IRS requirement prior to the College obtaining this form of financing.

**IV. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS:****Commissioner Gajewski**

Commissioner Gajewski read a letter from David G. Argall, House Majority Whip regarding his support of the Schuylkill Valley Metro. He also states in his letter that his number one highway priority for Berks County is improvements to US 222 which is an important facet to improving Berks County's economic development.

**Commissioner Gajewski Continued:**

Commissioner Gajewski also read a letter from Jim Gerlach, Member of Congress, which states that at the current time the Schuylkill Valley Metro project does not meet Federal Transit Administration criteria for federal "New Start" funding. He also encourages exploring alternative funding sources to move the process forward.

**Commissioner Scott****V. PRESENTATION/CERTIFICATES**

Commissioner Gajewski and the Commissioner's Youth Day Counterparts Commissioner Jeremiah Bicher from Tulpehocken Area School District and Commissioner Chris Schaunauer from Conrad Weiser Area School District presented a Proclamation for **Older American's Month**. LuAnn Oatman of the Berks County Senior Citizen Council and Doris Epler, Chair of the Advisory Council were present to accept the Proclamations.

**VI. CITIZEN COMMENT/BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

- John Morgan, citizen of Ruscombmanor Township stated that as part of Victim's Rights Week he attended a rally in Montgomery County and spoke highly of their Victims of Violent Crimes organization and how they were an instrumental part of helping and his family get through the loss of a family member due to a violent crime. He encouraged the board to consider a similar program to aid in the coordination of existing victims rights services in Berks County. He presented the board with a packet of information on how to get the program started.
- Dave Kurzweg, citizen of Laureldale Borough made an announcement that he would like all citizens and politicians to help support legislation PA S.B. 1085 and U.S. House Bill 676 recently introduced in Congress designed to provide health care for all working Americans.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:05 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Terry L Styer, Chief Clerk