

Commissioners' Meeting **Thursday, May 11, 2006**

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, May 11, 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., County Administrator William E. Dennis and Chief Clerk Terry L. Styer.

Commissioner Schwank opened the meeting with a moment of silence and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. She then introduced Kristen Goshorn, Government Relations Specialist from the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Scott made a motion that was seconded by Commissioner Gajewski to approve the May 02, 2006 Commissioners' workshop meeting minutes and the May 4, 2006 meeting minutes and the minutes were unanimously approved as presented. Commissioner Schwank abstained from vote due to her absence at those meetings.

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. Including Resolution 151.06 brought to the floor by Commissioner Gajewski and seconded by Commissioner Scott and all voted yes to approve.
 - 146.06 A. Resolution authorizing the application of a matching grant in the amount of \$12,000 to the PA Department of Agriculture's Land Conservation Assistance Grant Program to purchase software and hardware to train and automate staff's utilization of GIS programming capabilities.
 - 147.06 B. Resolution authorizing the execution of a grant amendment with the Department of Environmental Protection for an extension of time to complete the required changes in the Sacony Creek and Maiden Creek Stormwater Management Plans.
 - 148.06 C. Resolution authorizing the appointment of Carl Marks, Chief Operating Officer, Distributed System Services, 3020 Penn Avenue, West Lawn, PA 19609, to the Berks County Workforce Investment Board for a two-year term ending June 30, 2008.

- 149.06 D. Resolution authorizing Judith L. Schwank, Chair of the Board, to execute TEFAP Inventory – Reimbursement Request Form for the period (January, February and March) FFY 2005-2006, in the amount of \$14,235.72 for distributing 129,415.64 pounds of food at \$.11 per pound and to authorize Margaret Bianca, Executive Director, Greater Berks Food Bank for apply for the funds on behalf of Berks County.
- 150.06 E. Resolution appointing Joseph Griffin of Oley, PA to the Berks County Planning Commission for a three year term ending 12/31/07.
- 151.06 F. Resolution supporting participation by the Borough of Hamburg in the current regional police study for Shoemakersville Borough, Upper Bern Township and Center Township.
2. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per listing dated May 5, 2006.

Commissioner's Comments:

- Commissioner Schwank read an article written by Doug Hill, Executive Director of the County Commissioners' Association entitled CAPS Limit More Than Spending. The article argued against the concept of spending caps on the State Budget currently under proposal in the PA General Assembly as those caps would then force tax increases at the local level to fund county services mandated by the State.

Public Comment:

- John Morgan, citizen of Ruscombmanor Township stated that the caps not only have an effect on property tax but it also cause an increase in school taxes due to the fact that some schools have state mandated programs. He also is concerned that if approved, this will have an effect on our disaster recovery funding.

Reports:

1. County Treasurer – William Dennis, County Administrator, presented the weekly Treasurer's Report
2. County Controller –Mark Hanson, Chief Deputy Controller presented the weekly Controller's report.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk