

**Commissioners' Workshop Meeting  
Tuesday, May 30, 2006**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, May 30, 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.

Commissioner Chair Judith L. Schwank called the meeting to order with Commissioner Thomas Gajewski and Commissioner Mark C. Scott in attendance. Also present were County Administrator, William E. Dennis, Solicitor, Alan Miller Esq., and Chief Clerk Terry Styer.

**II. PRESENTATIONS:**

Joseph Carmen, President of Berks County Foster Care Foundation was present to discuss the Children Youth Services Foster Fund Raiser. For more information please log on to [www. BerksFPA.org](http://www.BerksFPA.org) or call Children Youth Services at 610-478-6700. The goal for this event is to raise \$10,000.00.

**III. STAFF RECOGNITION:**

Marita Kelly, State Representative for the GFOA (Government Finance Officers Association) presented a **Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting** to the staff of the Controller's Office, Accounting Department. Mark Hanson, Chief Deputy Controller accepted certificate on the behalf the Controllers Office.

**IV. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:**

**Contract Submissions:**

Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per attached listing dated May 25, 2006. Candace Noll presented the list of contracts and amendments.

**V. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS:**

**Commissioner Schwank**

- A. Commissioner Schwank updated the board on a workshop meeting of the LRA (Local Redevelopment Authority) scheduled for 9 AM on June 6, 2006 in the Commissioners Board room to discuss plans and procedures for the acquisition of the Naval-Marine Corps Reserve Center located on Kenhorst Blvd. in Reading, PA. Commissioner Schwank explained that part of the acquisition procedure involves outreach to the homeless community and providing 180 days to reply. She indicated that this workshop meeting would be advertised.

**Commissioner Gajewski**

- A. Adopt Resolution re-appointing Ron Shaffer, Lenhartsville, PA to a three-year term ending 6/2/09 with the Berks County Public Library Board.
- B. Adopt Resolution urging the Federal Government's release of \$137.8 million in Title IV-E funds for services provided and opposing any cuts in the program going forward. Commissioner Gajewski drafted a resolution that still needs to be reviewed by the board and George Kovarie, Executive Director of Berks Children Youth Services.

**Commissioner Scott****VI. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

- Commissioner Gajewski reminded everyone of the FALL FORUM: "Understanding Domestic Violence, Its Impact, and the Importance of the Community's Response" presented by the County and Center for Community Leadership, Albright College which he said is scheduled for Thursday, September 21, 2006 – 6:30 to 9:00 PM at the Wilson High School.
- Commissioner Scott read a letter from Stephen A. Wheeler, a member of the Berks County Environmental Advisory Council (BCEAC) stating that they recommend the County retain The Retec Group, Inc. to review the Exide Facility's RCRA investigative studies completed to date as well as review any other pertinent reports, studies, documents or records with regard to the site and off-site clean up; also to review the Lead model reportedly to be made public later this summer and provide comment and/or prepare official correspondence during the public comment period.
- Commissioner Schwank stated that she received a large packet from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources DCNR outlining requirements that have to be met before the County receives the grant for the Antietam Lake property. The Commissioner suggested contacting Steve Wheeler to attend the next Commissioner's Workshop meeting to present the EAC's proposal for Exide.

**VII. ADJOURN**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:55 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Terry L Styer, Chief Clerk