

**Commissioners' Workshop Meeting
Tuesday, June 6, 2006**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, June 6, 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. PRESENTATION:

Craig Hafer, BCEAC Applications Committee Chair updated the Commissioners on two environmental permit applications and or consent order issues before the PADEP (Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection). He then requested support to move forward with additional reviews for the Cabot Industries and Exide Corporation facilities.

III. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:

Office of Aging:

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing the submission of the budget revision for the Berks County Office of Aging to the Pennsylvania Department of Aging for the 05/06 fiscal year. Administrator Bill Dennis explained the purpose of this line item budget adjustment and the fact that the total expenditures did not change.

Budget Department:

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing 2006 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$40,000.00 and 2006 Appropriations in the amount \$15,370.00 per listing dated June 2, 2006. Bob Patrizio Budget Director presented this report.

Contract Submissions:

- A. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per attached listing dated June 5, 2006. Candace Noll, contract Coordinator presented this week's list of contracts/amendments.

Human Resource Director:

- A. Human Resource Recommendations as per list dated June 6, 2006. Beth Schiepan presented the list of HR recommendations for approval.
- B. Authorize the execution of the collective bargaining agreement effective January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2008 between the County of Berks and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, District Council 88, Local 462. Jennifer Biehn, Deputy Human Resource Director described the results of this contract negotiation that she stated covers approximately 900 eligible members of the County's workforce. The Commissioners thanked Jen and the HR team for their time and hard work involved in achieving this successful contract.

IV. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS:

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing execution of the Reciprocal Agreement between the County of Berks, through its Berks County Emergency Management Agency ("BCEMA"), and the Township of Spring, through the Township of Spring Volunteer Fire Department ("TSVFD"), for storage and use of BCEMA's emergency rescue equipment by TSVFD who agree assist first responders in the mitigation of emergencies as more fully detailed in the Reciprocal Agreement. Brian Gottschall Acting EMA Director presented this agreement for approval.

Commissioner Schwank**Commissioner Gajewski**

- A. Adopt Resolution appointing of Marlowe Graff, citizen of Maxatawny Township to the Berks Area Reading Transportation Authority Board to a unexpired five-year term ending 06/06/2007.

Commissioner Scott

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing funds to share the cost of a feasibility study for a regional sludge drying facility at the Exeter Township wastewater treatment plant site. Commissioner Scott reviewed the proposal presented to the Exeter Township by Entech Engineering Inc. to conduct this study at a proposed cost of \$29,865.00

V. CITIZEN COMMENT/BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Donald Reifsnnyder citizen of Laureldale thanked the commissioners for their concern in the Exide Corporation environmental issues.

VI. ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:35 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L Styer, Chief Clerk