

**Commissioners' Workshop Meeting
Tuesday, June 13, 2006**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, June 13, 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. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:

Community Development:

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing the amendment of the FFY2006 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG) Program, and Home Investment Partnership (HOME) Program.
1. The FFY2006 CDBG Program be amended to eliminate \$3,750.00 allocated to Colebrookdale Township for the ADA Improvements Project and the funds be re-allocated to contingencies.
 2. The FFY2006 CDBG Program be amended to eliminate \$500,000.00 allocated for the Section 108 loan payment related to the Bethel Industrial Park and the funds be re-allocated to contingencies.
 3. The FFY2006 CDBG Program be amended allocate \$80,000.00 from contingencies to economic development and brownfields planning activities of the Berks County Industrial Development Authority.
 4. The FFY2006 CDBG Program be amended allocate \$120,000.00 from contingencies to general planning activities of the Berks County Planning Commission.
 5. The FFY2006 CDBG Program be amended allocate \$275,000.00 from contingencies for the Sanitary Sewer Pump Station Project of the Antietam Valley Municipal Authority.

Emergency Management

- A. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the utilization of the National Incident Management System, Pursuant to the proclamation issued by the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for all incident management by the County of Berks. County Administrator Bill Dennis explained that the NIMS was developed by the Federal Government in order for emergency responders from other jurisdictions and disciplines to work together better in order that they respond to natural disasters and emergencies and acts of terrorism as a unified regional approach. Mr. Dennis indicated that the Berks County Emergency Management Agency is planning a series of training sessions to assure compliance for all appropriate Berks County Elected and Appointed officials as well as other county emergency responders and volunteer agencies. Commissioner Schwank noted that the Berks County Emergency Management Plan is already NIMS compliant so the County is one step ahead with that particular NIMS requirement.

Solid Waste Authority:

- A. Adopt Resolution approving the execution of a planning grant application to the PADEP to perform a Feasibility Study to evaluate existing recycling programs and the establishment of new programs, to achieve the statewide goal of 35% recycling for Berks County. The total cost for the Feasibility Study will be \$125,000 of which \$100,000 will come from PADEP and \$25,000 will be provided by Solid Waste Authority funds. Jane Meeks, Executive Director of the Berks Solid Waste Authority explained that this feasibility study will be performed in her office, working with the Solid Waste Authority Solicitor and all of the County's municipalities. She explained that this grant application would be presented to her board on Thursday for approval. Noting that point, Commissioner Scott suggested the working for the Resolution, if approved, should include language to make the authorization for the execution of this grant be subject to the approval of the Solid Waste Authority.

Budget Department:

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing 2006 Appropriations in the amount \$9,221.00 per listing dated June 9, 2006. Bob Patrizio, Budget Director presented the budget resolution.

Contract Submissions:

- A. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per attached listing dated June 12, 2006. Candace Noll presented the list of contracts along with Ed Michalik, MH/MR Program Administrator and Bill Semmel, Parks Director who discussed their projects included on this contract listing.

Mental Health / Mental Retardation:

- A. Ed Michalik requested approval for the execution of a letter submitting the fiscal year 2007-2008 Office of Mental Retardation Stage I County Plan and Budget to the State. Commissioner Schwank moved and Commissioner Scott seconded the motion with Commissioner Gajewski abstaining from the vote. The motion approving the plan and execution of the letter was passed.

Solicitor

- A. Resolution authorizing execution of a letter agreement with Arora and Associates, P.C., 4813 Jonestown Road, Suite 211, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, 17109, for property appraisal and acquisition of the rail corridor for the Hay Creek Trail Project
- B. Resolution authorizing execution of a Settlement Agreement between the County of Berks and AFSCME.

III. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS:**Commissioner Schwank****Commissioner Gajewski**

- A. Resolution requiring a 10% contribution from any municipality requesting funds from the liquid fuel fund. Commissioner Gajewski explained that the intent of this resolution was to ask municipalities to contribute 10% towards the cost of their municipal projects in order for the County stretch the Liquid Fuels dollars and provide more funds to more municipal projects.

Commissioner Scott**IV. PROCLAMATIONS / CERTIFICATES**

Commissioner Schwank presented a proclamation for the Boyertown Sidewalk Expo to Marianne Deery, Mayor of the Borough of Boyertown; and Dave Endy, president of Berks-Mont Business Association.

Commissioner Schwank presented the 2006 Dairy Month Proclamation to the 2006 Dairy Princess, Melissa Harper and the Little Miss Dairy Princess who sang a song for the audience and to Morgan Kunkel presented a speech on the nutritional benefits of milk in the diet.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L Styer, Chief Clerk