

## **Commissioners' Meeting Thursday, June 22, 2006**

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, June 22, 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 Styer.

Commissioner Schwank opened the meeting with a moment of silence and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Scott made a motion that was seconded by Commissioner Gajewski and all voted yes to approve the June 13, 2006 Commissioners' workshop meeting minutes and the June 15, 2006 Commissioners' meeting minutes (as corrected by Commissioner Gajewski)

### ***Consent Agenda Items***

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Gajewski, and seconded by Commissioner Scott and all voted yes to approve the items listed below with the exception of Resolution 189.06 E., which was held for additional review.
  - 183.06 A. Resolution authorizing Human Resource Recommendations as list dated June 20, 2006.
  - 184.06 B. Resolution authorizing the renewal of the Catholic Charities grant in the amount of \$9,645.33 to implement services to families with custody/visitation issues and a child support order.
  - 185.06 C. Resolution authorizing the execution of a grant Payment Requisition to the Pennsylvania Department Community and Economic Development in the amount of \$10,000.00 to support the Blue Mountain Senior Center, Hamburg, Pennsylvania.
  - 186.06 D. Resolution adopting the County of Berks Hazardous Material Emergency Response Preparedness Assessment Update For Calendar Year 2005.
  - 187.06 E. Resolution authorizing the execution of application to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Department for a grant for the purpose of carrying out the Adaptive Restoration Area project.

- 188.06 F. Resolution authorizing execution of a grant application by and between the County of Berks (District Attorney) and the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) for 100% State funding in the amount of \$61,200.00 for the Berks County Forensic Services Improvement Project.
- 189.06 G. Resolution authorizing the execution of a letter to the City of Reading, Borough of West Reading and Borough of Wyomissing encouraging their participation in the Penn Street/Penn Avenue Corridor Project through participation in a joint study group with the goal of creation of a joint municipal authority.\*Commissioner Scott and Commissioner Gajewski requested more time to review the information so the Resolution was **pulled from the agenda**.
- 190.06 H. Resolution reappointing Stephen A. Wheeler, Boyertown, PA to the Berks County Environmental Advisory Council for a two-year term ending 06/11/08.

2. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per listing dated June 19, 2006.

### Reports

1. County Treasurer – Nelson Long CPA, presented the weekly Treasurer's report
2. County Controller – Sandy Graffius presented the Controller's report.

### Commissioner's Comments:

Commissioner Schwank wanted to clear up the misquote that was printed in the Reading Eagle newspaper regarding her comments about Boyertown and Hamburg Boroughs. She recognized that those boroughs are struggling to keep a viable community and mentioned several examples of programs where the County has provided assistance.

The Commissioner then provided maps that have been created for the Earl Trust Properties in order to begin negotiations with the Trust and the City for the acquisition of these properties.

### Citizen Comment:

Mr. Ziegler, citizen of Colebrookdale Township asked why the CDBG funding was cut from his township project. The Commissioners advised him to speak to Ken Pick, Director of Community Development but they believed that the Township's project came in under budget and the funds were returned for other projects.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:10 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk