

**Commissioners' Workshop Meeting  
August 1, 2006**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, August 1, 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 W. Gajewski, Sr., and Commissioner Mark C. Scott in attendance. Also present were County Administrator, William E. Dennis, Solicitor Alan Miller Esq. and Chief Clerk Terry Styer.

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

Barb Coffin, Berks County Office of Aging Director, provided information and helpful tips for Berks County Citizens regarding this ongoing heat wave.

**II. CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION**

Josephina Miller, Chair for Berks County Children and Youth Advisory Board presented Certificates of Recognition to the 20 Supervisors of Berks County Children and Youth Agency. She also read a letter of appreciation that was given to each supervisor as well reflecting on their resourcefulness and dedication to their responsibilities particularly in light of the recent federal cutbacks in child welfare funding.

Commissioner Gajewski presented a Certificate of Recognition to Anthony Willams, Security Officer for Security Guards Inc, who recently won the light middleweight championship of the United States Kickboxing Association.

**III. PRESENTATION**

Controller Sandy Graffius and Larry Shaub, CPA, of Reinsel, Kuntz, and Lasher presented the 2005 County Audit Report.

**IV. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:**

**Budget Department:**

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing 2006 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$31,825, and 2006 Appropriations in the amount of \$322,593. Kim Grinage, Assistant Budget Director, presented the report.

**Children and Youth Services**

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing execution of Assurances of Compliance/ Review with respect to the BCCYS 2006-2007 Implementation Plan and the FY 2007-2008 Needs Based Plan and Budget Estimate which assured that all mandated services covered by this Plan will be delivered

dependent and commensurate with state and federal funding. George Kovarie, Director discussed the Berks Children and Youth program and answered questions of the Commissioners regarding the impact of a recent Medical Assistance Bulletin issued by the PA Department of Public Welfare regarding the impact the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 has on requirements for verification of citizenship for the receipt of benefits.

**Contract Submissions**

- A. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per attached listing dated July 31, 2006.

**Human Resource Director:**

- A. Human Resource Recommendations as list dated August 1, 2006. Jennifer Biehn, Assistant Director of Human Resources presented the report.
- B. Adopt Resolution authorizing the utilization of temporary agency for Office Support II at the Prison, effective 8/4/06. Rate not to exceed \$15.00 per hour. This request is due to an employee leave of absence from approximately 8/1/06 to 10/2/06. Utilization of the temporary agency will cease upon the employee's return from leave of absence.

**Mental Health / Mental Retardation Administrator:**

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing appointment of Jonathan Vipond Esq. and Buchanan, Ingersoll and Rooney, P.C. of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania as special counsel to the County of Berks to provide legal counsel to the MH/MR Program and further authorizing the County Solicitor to file a petition with the Berks County Court of Common Pleas to approve such appointment. Dr. Ed Michalik MH/MR Administrator presented this request for approval.

**Solicitor:**

- A. Adopt Resolution authoring execution of any and all documents between the County of Berks and Limerick Garden of Memories, Limerick, Pennsylvania, pursuant to the terms and conditions of Resolution No. 156-06, subject to the review and approval by the County Solicitor's Office.
- B. Adopt Resolution authorizing execution of Right-of-Way Agreement between D&E Systems, Inc. and the County of Berks for the installation of telephone conduits along County Welfare Road to the former Heim building communications room as requested by the Berks County Communications Office

**IV. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS:**

- A. Adopt Resolution to designating the Berks County Industrial Development Authority to receive the State Local Economic Development Assistance funds for the 2006-2007 fiscal year in the amount of \$116,817.00.
- B. Adopt Resolution authorizing the execution of a contract with The Retec Group Inc.; Environmental Consultants for the purpose of conducting a file review of Exide Technologies Laureldale, PA facility and provide comments for the Commissioners and the Berks Environmental Advisory Council on the progress of the site remediation and smelting operations for an amount not to exceed \$5,000 from the Environmental Defense Fund.

**Commissioner Schwank**

Commissioner Schwank requested the Solicitor to prepare a Resolution for the County to adopt and send to the City of Reading proposing a final agreement of distribution of the properties and assets contained in the Earl Trust for the Neversink Mountain /Antietam Lake property.

**Commissioner Gajewski**

Commissioner Gajewski reminded everyone to pre-register for the Fall Forum "Understanding Domestic Violence; Its Impact and the Importance of Community Response" scheduled on September 21, 2006 at Wilson High School.

**Commissioner Scott**

Commissioner Scott said he wanted to correct information recently published in the Pottstown Mercury regarding the Earl Township Supervisors proposal to proceed with an eminent domain action on property within their municipality. He indicated that the Township's attempted flood control project includes a commercial establishment known as the Tiki Bar. He said that the County Commissioners had previously expressed an interest in acquiring some of property in the Township believed to be part of the flood control project but that interest never included the property known as the Tiki Bar.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:23 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Terry L Styer, Chief Clerk