

## **Commissioners' Workshop Meeting August 29, 2006**

### **I. CALL TO ORDER:**

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, August 29, 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 L. Scott in attendance. Also present were County Administrator William E. Dennis, 1st Asst. Solicitor Christine Sadler Esq., and Chief Clerk Terry Styer.

### **II. PRESENTATION:**

Ken Pick, Berks County Community Development Director and Kim Miller, YMCA Housing Director presented the County's Re-connection Program which helps homeless persons and families return to their family, friends and loved ones. This program, funded by the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) program and administered by the YMCA, has successfully helped 251 homeless persons relocate to homes and agencies in other areas at an average cost of \$155.52 per person. Ken Pick described this as one of the county's most cost effective social programs.

### **III. STAFF RECOGNITION**

Commissioner Gajewski presented a Certificate of Recognition to George Wagner Warden of Berks County Prison and President of the Reading Fair Board of Directors for the success of the 2006 Reading Fair whose attendance topped 50,000 visitors this year.

### **IV. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:**

#### **Agricultural Land Preservation:**

Tami Hildebrand, Executive Director of the Agricultural Land Preservation Board presented the following Berks County Farms that have been approved for easement purchase from the State Board meeting of April 13, 2006 on eight (8) farms totaling 640.30 acres (\$988,676 County funds, \$195,924. State funds, \$96,000 Federal funds) and eleven (11) farms from the June 8, 2006 State Board meeting totaling 1,145.40 acres (\$1,832,960 County funds and \$458,240 State funds).

She reported that these additions will bring the total preserved farms in Berks County to 400 farms involving 45,000 acres.

**Farms approved at the April 13, 2006 State Agricultural Land Preservation Board meeting:**

- 1.) Kermit & Sandra Bauscher – Albany/Greenwich Townships, 97.7 acres
- 2.) Gerald & Dorothy Bicksler – Tulpehocken Township, 99.4 acres
- 3.) T. John Bicksler – Bethel Township, 50.1 acres
- 4.) Nelson & Anna Brubaker – Tulpehocken Township, 128.8 acres
- 5.) James & Kathy Coker – Oley Township, 37.2 acres
- 6.) Stephen & Marian Hregician – Albany Township, 80.4 acres
- 7.) Lloyd & Jane Sweitzer – Caernarvon Township, 58.7 acres
- 8.) Margaret Swope – Jefferson Township, 88.0 acres

**Farms approved at the June 8, 2006 State Agricultural Land Preservation Board meeting:**

- 1.) John & May Blatt – North Heidelberg Township, 120.2 acres
- 2.) Helen Degler – Lower Heidelberg Township, 70.5 acres
- 3.) Glenn Dietrich – Albany Township, 155.9 acres
- 4.) Todd & Lynette Gelsinger – Jefferson/Marion Townships, 63.7 acres
- 5.) Scott & Denise Hartman – Upper Bern Township, 14.0 acres
- 6.) Barry & Karen Hoffman – Oley Township, 110.8 acres
- 7.) Neil & Audrey Merkel – Greenwich/Albany Townships, 138.7 acres
- 8.) Ruth Robillard – Upper Tulpehocken Township, 96.1 acres
- 9.) Skyline Acres – Upper Bern Township, 158.6 acres
- 10.) Skyline Acres – Upper Bern Township, 135.3 acres
- 11.) Skyline Acres – Upper Bern Township, 81.8 acres

**Budget:**

- A. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per attached listing dated August 25, 2006. Kelly Laubach, Purchasing Manager presented the list of contracts and recommended approval for the following two bids;
- B. Adopt resolution to award, as a result of Invitation to Bid #06-09-MB (Re-Bid), a one year contract to supply and deliver via transport truck #2 fuel oil for use in heating to the following vendor:

ISObunkers, LLC  
 5353 E. Princess Anne Road, Suite F  
 Norfolk, VA 23502

	Fixed Price per Gallon	Estimated Annual Quantity (gallons)	Extended Price
Fixed Price - Transport Truck	\$2.3467	50,000	<b>\$117,335.00</b>

- B. ***Continued:*** As per the Invitation to Bid, the County may extend the contract for up to two additional one-year terms provided that the vendor agrees to hold the pricing fixed and firm.
- C. Adopt resolution to award, as a result of Invitation to Bid #06-10-MB , a one year contract to supply and deliver Uniforms for the Sheriff's Deputies to the following vendor: Atlantic Tactical  
772 Corporate Circle  
New Cumberland, PA 17070

Quantity	Item	Unit Price	Extended Price
100	Long sleeve shirt w/zipper	\$57.80	\$5,780.00
100	Four pocket trousers	\$54.10	\$5,410.00
20	Gore-Tex fabric cap	\$17.30	\$346.00
20	Featherweight raincoat	\$198.70	\$3,974.00
100	Short sleeve shirt w/zipper	\$57.80	\$5,780.00
20	Reversible bomber jacket	\$106.80	\$2,136.00
20	V-Neck commando sweater	\$52.20	\$1,044.00
20	Waist length jacket	\$221.30	\$4,426.00
90	Summer (straw) dress hat	\$50.65	\$4,558.50
90	Winter (felt) dress hat	\$57.80	\$5,202.00
Total Bid Amount			<b>\$38,656.50</b>

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**District Attorney**

- A. Adopt resolution to Execute Application for Victim/Witness Assistance Unit Grant in the amount of \$386,506.00. District Attorney Mark Baldwin presented this two year grant agreement that provides funds for five victim witness coordinators. He noted that the funds are not derived from taxes funds but are received from a state fee assessed against defendants and provided to Counties via this PCCD (Pa Commission on Crime and Delinquency) Grant. He stated that there was neither county match required for these funds nor any commitment on the part of the County to continue if the State ends the program of funding.

**Human Resource Director:**

- A. Human Resource Recommendations per list dated August 29, 2006. Beth Schiepan presented this list of recommendations

**Solid Waste Authority**

- A. Adopt resolution approving a Disposal Capacity Agreement and an amendment to the Berks County Solid Waste Management Plan for the Western Berks Landfill.

**V. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS:**

- A. Adopt resolution authorizing the execution of the Program Management Agreement for The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) – a five year program with the Federal Government running through September 30, 2011.
- B. Adopt resolution authorizing the execution of the State Food Purchase Program Plan of Operation for Berks County for State Fiscal Year 2006 – 2007; the State Purchase Option Request for Waiver, for FY2006 – 2007.

**Commissioner Schwank**

Commissioner Schwank expressed appreciation for all the interested citizens and police professions providing information on the proposed Police study committee and asked her fellow board members for their suggestions in order to appoint members at the Thursday Commissioner meeting.

**Commissioner Gajewski**

Commissioner Gajewski indicated that he will be preparing sample mutual aid agreements for Municipal Police Departments as a possible short term improvement.

**Commissioner Scott**

Commissioner Scott reported that Lower Alsace Township has expressed interest in becoming a party to the land being offered to the County by the Earl Trust. He suggested that to prevent further delays, the County should proceed with the current transfer process and consider adding an exhibit to the documents outlining the specific request of Lower Alsace Township. When the transfer to the County is complete, the County could then transfer those properties over to the Township.

Commissioner Scott also took issue with the recent action by Reading City council to prevent the sale of land owned by the Airport Authority to the Industrial Development Authority (IDA). He said this action will further delay the development of a proposed \$14 million industrial park on land that he described as housing vacant storage buildings.

He said this action is obstructing the IDA's ability to bring high quality jobs to the county on an underutilized tract of land.

***VI. PROCLAMATIONS AND CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION***

- A. Commissioner Gajewski presented a proclamation to Deena Kershner, Program Manager of Hamburg's Our Town Foundation, for Hamburg Borough's Third Annual Hamburg-er Day on September 2, 2006.
- B. Commissioner Gajewski presented a Certificate of Recognition to Terrance Franckowiak for 15 years of the publication of "Loose Ends."

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:40 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk