

Commissioners' Workshop Meeting Tuesday, September 5, 2006

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, September 5, 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. in attendance. Also present were County Administrator, William E. Dennis, First Assistant Solicitor, Christine Sadler Esq., and Chief Clerk Terry Styer. Commissioner Mark C. Scott was not in attendance.

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

II. PRESENTATION

FY 2007 – 2008 Department of Public Welfare Integrated Children's Services Plan – Presented by Dr. Ed. Michalik Administrator Berks County Mental Health /Mental Retardation program - Sheila Bressler, CASSP (Child and Adolescent Service System Program) Coordinator. Sheila updated the board on several of the Priority Target Area and Plan Goals submitted in the 2006 – 2007 plan including the shared Managed Care Caseworker position; a feasibility study to countywide data collection system share information along with Planning initiatives for a future full integration of Children's Services including a "No Wrong Door" policy where consumers and families will be able to get needed services and referrals by phoning 2-1-1; the development of a Single Service Plan and a Lead Case manager which will provide a structure for collaboration of child care services from all county and non-county service providers to better assist the families in a more cost efficient manner. The Commissioners commended all participants who successfully put together this cooperative approach to Human Service delivery including representatives from Berks County's MH/MR Program; Children and Youth Services; Juvenile Probation' Council on Chemical Abuse and the Berks County Youth Center Berks County for developing a plan to better enable our most vulnerable citizens to get the help and services they need.

Mike Reinert and Corrie Krupi of Pagoda Skyline Inc. presented a Skyline Drive project update and requested the Commissioners for funds to repair the Skyline Drive Wall. Mr. Reinert explained that the wall was built during the days of the WPA (Work Progress Administration) and there have been few improvements to this historic wall over the years. He indicated that the 100th Anniversary of the Pagoda will occur in 2008 and with the increased number of visitors expected, he would like funds to be allocated to allow the repairs to be made. County Engineer Bill Westcott explained that the involved municipalities will need to complete a County Aid form in order to receive Liquid Fuels funds for this project.

III. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:**Budget Department:**

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing 2006 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$252,900.00. Bob Patrizio, Budget Director, presented the report.
- B. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per attached listing dated August 31, 2006. Candy Noll, Contract Coordinator presented the list of contracts.

CareerLink

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing Commissioner Schwank, as Chair of the Board, to execute Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Labor and Industry, Grant Recipients Release, Assignment and Closeout forms pursuant to the terms of the Workforce Investment Act Grant 015052101 in the amount of \$31,113.00.

Human Resource Director:

- A. Human Resource Recommendations as list dated September 5, 2006.

IV. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS:**Commissioner Gajewski**

The Commissioner received a letter from Senator Santorum with a status report of the Fatherhood Grant for the Community Corrections Center.

V. CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION

Commissioner Gajewski presented a Certificate of Recognition to Julilee Franey, The 2006 recipient of the Berks Women's Network Beacon Award.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Controller Graffius announced that at least 88 former county employees that are due employee contributed retirement funds totaling approximately \$35,000 - \$40,000 (ranging from \$.40 cents to \$11,000 per person) should contact the Controllers' Office before October 6, 2006 in order to claim those funds. Following that date the funds will be either escheated to the State or rolled into an IRA for five (5) years and then escheated to the state.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L Styer, Chief Clerk