

## **Commissioners' Board Meeting Thursday, September 14, 2006**

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, September 14, 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 Chief Clerk Terry L. Styer, County Solicitor Alan Miller, Esq., and County Administrator William E. Dennis.

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

### **Approval of Minutes**

Approval of the Minutes for the September 5, 2006 Commissioners Workshop and the September 7, 2006 Commissioners Meeting was held until September 19, 2006.

### **Consent Agenda Items**

- I. A motion was made by Commissioner Gajewski, seconded by Commissioner Scott and all voted unanimously to approve the items as amended and listed below:
  - 277.06 A. Resolution authorizing 2006 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$22,358.00 per list dated September 8, 2006.
  - 278.06 B. Resolution approving the Human Resource Recommendations per list dated September 12, 2006.
  - 279.06 C. Resolution approving the Open Space & Recreation Advisory Council Grant Recommendations for 2007 for 5 projects totaling \$123,543.00.
  - 280.06 D. Resolution approving the Open Space & Recreation Advisory Council: **Conestoga Landfill Settlement (Environmental Defense Fund) Allocations** for 2007 for 1 project totaling \$100,000.
  - 281.06 E. Resolution authorizing the appointment of two additional members to the Countywide Law Enforcement Study Committee; Officer Troy Heiser, representing the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) of the Reading Police Department and Jonathan Encarnacion, a representative to the Pennsylvania Committee on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD.)\* see notes

2. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per listing dated September 8, 2006.

**Reports**

1. County Treasurer – Nelson Long, CPA, read report.
2. County Controller – Sandy Graffius, Controller, read report.

Commissioner Scott expressed strong objection with an on-line article of the Reading Eagle On-Line Editor, Al Walentis where the Commissioner believed his position on appointments to the Police Study Committee was incorrectly described. He said, "I will continue to support anyone – at any time from any ethnicity as long as the appointment was based on their qualifications and similarly, I will not advance an appointment to any position due to ethnicity." He said appointments to our county agencies need to be "color blind." He reiterated his intention for appointments to the police study committee to be limited to a small group of police related professionals to move very quickly on preparing an RFP for the county to contract with professional consultants on this countywide police study. He said the Commissioners' Workshop Agenda listed Mr. Encarnacion as a representative of the Hispanic Center not a representative of the PCCD. He then stated that he would support Mr. Encarnacion as a representative of the PCCD if they chose him as their representative. Commissioner Gajewski indicated that Mr. Encarnacion and Senator O'Pake are the only PCCD representatives from this community and suggested that the nomination could be changed to state that Mr. Encarnacion is Representative TO the PCCD. What that change noted, all commissioners unanimously approved the additional appointments.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:55 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk