

**Commissioners' Workshop Meeting  
Tuesday, December 5, 2006**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, December 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., 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.

**II. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:**

**Budget Department:**

- A. Resolution authorizing 2006 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$237,515 and 2006 Appropriations in the amount \$317,100 per listing dated December 1, 2006. 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 December 1, 2006. Candy Noll, Contract Coordinator presented the list of contracts.

**CareerLink**

- A. Resolution to award a contract to operate an Out of School Youth program in partnership with the Pennsylvania CareerLink ~ Berks County to the following service provider: ARBOR E & T, Inc. 220 N. Jackson Street, Media. The amount of the proposed contract budget for the 18-month contract period beginning January 2, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008 is \$525,000. Ed McCann presented the results of the two RFP's received and then described in detail the reasons that the Workforce Investment Board Technical Committee recommended this vendor for award verses the bid submitted by Henkles and McCoy. He also stated that Workforce Investment Act funds and not County General Funds will cover the cost of the contract 100%. Commissioner Scott said that he was satisfied with this additional information and especially the point that the vendor will comply with the goal of one stop shopping in that their GED program will be provided on site at the CareerLink that he would support awarding the project to ARBOR E&T.

**Human Resource Director:**

- A. Human Resource Recommendations per list dated December 5, 2006. Beth Schiepan presented the list of HR recommendations.

**III. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS:****Commissioner Schwank**

- A. Adopt Resolution reappointing Edward Hartman, Reading, PA, 19605, as a farmer member to a three year term with the Berks County Agricultural Land Preservation Board. The term will end 12/31/2009.
- B. Adopt Resolution reappointing Lolly Leshner, Bernville, PA, 19506, as a farmer member to a three year term with the Berks County Agricultural Land Preservation Board. The term will end 12/31/2009.
- C. Commissioner Schwank then announced that a proposed resolution to approve the Penn Avenue Tax Increment Financing Plan for the project known as the Penn Avenue Tax Increment District will be on the Commissioners December 19<sup>th</sup> workshop agenda for additional discussion and for a vote on the December 21, 2006 board meeting agenda due to the possible cancellation of Commissioner meetings advertised for the last week of the month.

**Commissioner Scott**

- A. Adopt Resolution reappointing Robert Kopfer, Fleetwood, PA, 19605, as a farmer member to a three year term with the Berks County Agricultural Land Preservation Board. The term will end 12/31/2009.
- B. Adopt Resolution to reappoint Michelle Kircher, Exeter Township PA to the Berks County Solid Waste Authority for a four year term ending 12/31/2010.

**IV. PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES**

Commissioner Gajewski presented Certificates of Recognition to the Wyomissing School District football team and their Assistant Coach Al Silveri for their successful stellar season and a final win in the District 3/6AAAA semifinals; and to the Governor Mifflin football team and their Coach Mick Vecchio for their undefeated season and best wishes on their continued journey to a PIAA Class AA quarterfinal game in the State Playoff Championships. The coaches and some players from both teams were present to accept the certificates.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:08 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Terry L Styer, Chief Clerk