

**Commissioners' Workshop Meeting
Tuesday, January 9, 2007**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 9, 2007 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 Solicitor Alan Miller Esq., and Chief Clerk Terry Styer. County Administrator, William E. Dennis was attending a meeting in Washington DC.

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

Commissioner Schwank introduced Alyssa Warmkessel, a senior at Fleetwood High School, who is shadowing the commissioner today as part of an assignment for her government studies class.

II. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:

Budget Department:

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing 2006 Budget Transfers in the amount of 5,047.00, 2007 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$274,558.00, and 2006 Appropriations in the amount of \$1,209.00, per listing dated January 5, 2007. 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 January 5, 2007. Candy Noll, Contract Coordinator presented the list of contracts.

WIB/CareerLink

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing Judith L. Schwank, Chair of the Berks County Board of Commissioners to sign the following "Grant Recipient's Release, Assignment of Refunds, Rebates and Credits, Closeout Tax Certification" for the following WIA Grants for Berks County Employment and Training Office on behalf of the applicant. Grant amounts total \$2,511,708.00:
 - 015054011 WIA Dislocated Worker funds- to provide employment and training services to individuals affected by layoffs and plant closings.
 - 015053011 WIA Adult funds- to provide employment and training services to economically disadvantaged adults.
 - 015053311 WIA Youth funds-- to provide employment and training services to economically disadvantaged and at-risk youth.

Engineer

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing the execution of PennDOT Form MS-340 Application to Encumber Liquid Fuels Funds in the amount of \$200,000 for replacement of the Zettle Moyers' Bridge deck on Long Road across the Maiden Creek in Greenwich Township. Bill Westcott, PE, Facilities Department was present to discuss this project

Human Resources:

- A. Human Resource Recommendations per list dated January 9, 2007. Beth Scheipan, Director of Human Resources presented the list of recommendations.

III. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS:

- A. Adopt Resolution appointing Dr. Robert C. Ziegenfus as Chairman of the Agricultural Land Preservation Board for an additional term of January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007.

Commissioner Schwank

- A. Adopt Resolution Authorizing the application of a grant application with USDA Rural Enterprise to fund the Agricultural Coordinator Position. She indicated that office space would be available at the County's Ag Center and that this position would need to work in an area that was both accessible to the farm community and the economic development community. Commissioner Gajewski suggested that the job description for the new position be sent to the area farm agencies for feedback.. Commissioner Schwank noted that it has been suggested that an Advisory Board be appointed to assist in developing the job description. Commissioner Scott said he wanted to also be involved in the development of the job description.
- B. Adopt Resolution 10.07 (held from January 4, 2007) appointing Judith L. Schwank to the Mental Health/Mental Retardation Advisory Board for a three year term to 12/31/2009. She replaces Mark C. Scott as the Commissioner Chair on the Board.
- C. Commissioner Schwank announced that her BCTV show "Around Berks County" will be highlighting Tilden Township, and will be broadcast live tonight at 7 PM.

Commissioner Gajewski

- A. Resolution re-appointing Douglas F. Didyoung of Reading to serve an additional five (5) year term on the Municipal Authority to 1/1/2011.
- B. Resolution re-appointing Fred Schultz of Temple to serve an additional five (5) year term on the Municipal Authority to 1/1/2010.
- C. Commissioner Gajewski thanked the media for covering the NACo Prescription Drug Card meetings. He also announced that a tape of one of the meetings will be broadcast on BCTV on 1/13 at 9AM and 4 PM and on 1/14 at 8 PM.

Commissioner Scott

- A. Resolution appointing John T. Pagerly of Wyomissing, PA to serve a 5 year term on the Berks County Solid Waste Authority, replacing Paul Lillenthal. Mr. Pagerly's term will expire 12/31/09.
- B. Commissioner Scott commented on the history of legal expenses of the Berks County Municipal Authority and reflected on the great strides in cutting their costs in legal fees over the last several years. He then suggested that cost cuts could also be made in their annual audit fees.

IV. PROCLAMATIONS

- A. Commissioner Schwank presented a proclamation for Martin Luther King, Jr. day. Kevin Poole, representing Ron Rouse of the "M" Voice Newspaper, accepted the proclamation. Mr. Poole invited everyone to attend the 16th annual "Keep the Dream Alive" celebration on Friday, January 12 at 6 PM at the Abraham Lincoln Hotel. Dinner is free, on a first come, first served basis. Keynote speaker will be Criminal Court Judge Evelyn LaPorte, and entertainment will be provided by Cuba Gooding, Sr., and the Main Ingredient. A free will offering will be accepted.
- B. Commissioner Schwank presented certificates of recognition to the Central Catholic High School Girls Volleyball PIAA State Champions.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L Styer, Chief Clerk