

Commissioners' Board Meeting Thursday, February 8, 2007

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, February 8, 2007, 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

A motion was made by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Gajewski and all voting yes to approve the minutes of the January 30, 2007 Commissioners' Workshop and February 1, 2007 Commissioners' meeting minutes (noting that Commissioner Schwank abstained from the vote on the February 1, 2007 minutes as she was not in attendance.)

Consent Agenda Items

I. A motion was made by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Gajewski and all voted unanimously to approve the items A through D as listing below with a separate discussion on item E:

- 39.07 A. Resolution authorizing 2007 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$232,643.00, 2006 Appropriations in the amount of \$511.00 and 2007 Appropriations in the amount \$782,690.00, per listing dated February 2, 2007.

- 40.07 B. Resolution authorizing Judith L. Schwank, Chair to execute application for a continuation grant with the Office of Violence Against Women, on behalf of the Berks County Family Court Administrator to continue grant program from 9/1/07 through 8/31/09 with respect to the "Safe Havens: Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Grant Program.

- 41.07 C. Resolution authorizing the execution Amendment #1 of the Cooperative Grant Agreement between the Department of Aging and Berks County Office of Aging for Federal and State funding for the period July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2011. This amendment commits senior center "capital assistance" and

“capacity building” grant funds to the Hispanic Center, Berks County Senior Citizens Council, and the Boyertown Area Multi-Service. No county dollars are required.

- 42.07 D. Resolution authorizing execution of a Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Berks and the Berks County Council on Chemical Abuse, Inc. (COCA) concerning administrative procedures.
- 43.07 E. Resolution initiating a letter of agreement with RACC (Reading Area Community College) President, Richard Kratz regarding the transfer of ownership of the Pennsylvania Railroad / Pedestrian bridge from the college to the County. **Following a long discussion regarding meetings to discuss this request, it was agreed to hold this Resolution till Tuesday's Commissioner meeting to gather additional information.**

Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per attached listing dated February 5, 2007.

Reports:

County Treasurer – Nelson Long, CPA presented his weekly Treasurer's report and updated the board on the status of the ATM machine located in the Courthouse Lobby. He explained that the cost to provide this machine to the banks has not been as profitable as anticipated, so the county would be required to maintain a \$125,000 balance in a non-interest bearing account with either Sovereign or Wachovia Banks for one of them to continue to provide this convenience. The Treasurer was asked to meet with the Court Administrator to discuss the need for this convenience in the operation of the Central Processing program.

County Controller – Mark Hansen, Deputy Controller read the weekly report

Citizen Comment/Business From The Floor:

John Morgan, resident from Ruscombmanor Township, asked several questions regarding the previous discussion on the ATM machine in the Courthouse

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:10 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk