

Commissioners' Board Meeting Thursday, February 15, 2007

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, February 15, 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

Commissioner Scott made a motion that was seconded by Commissioner Gajewski to approve the February 6, 2007 Commissioner workshop minutes and the February 8, 2007 Commissioners meeting minutes, all voted yes to approve with additions to Commissioner Gajewski's comments in the February 6 minutes.

Consent Agenda Items

- I. A motion was made by Commissioner Gajewski, seconded by Commissioner Scott and all voted unanimously to approve the items listed below: noting additional concerns expressed by Commissioner Scott*
 - 43.07 A. Adopt Resolution authorizing 2006 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$31,702.00, 2006 Appropriations in the amount of 26,118.00, and 2007 Appropriations in the amount of \$2,504,895.00, per listing dated Feb 9, 2007.
 - 44.07 B. Adopt Resolution authorizing the execution of a grant application with the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) in the amount of \$300,000.00 for prevention and elimination of blight under Section 4(C) of the Housing and Redevelopment Assistance Law, as amended for the rehabilitation of the RACC Bridge and Trexler Mansion to prevent further blight and/or eliminate the existing influence by providing a structural safe pedestrian bridge and rehabilitating a blighted building.* Commissioner Scott re-iterated his comments from the Tuesday Commissioner meeting and stated that this will be his last vote in favor of funding requests that are not obtained through a more democratic process changing what appears to be a "rubber stamp" by the commissioners after the grant has already been awarded by the State.

- 45.07 C. Adopt Resolution authorizing an amendment to a HAVA (Help America to Vote Act) Grant Agreement between the County of Berks and the Commonwealth of PA Department of State extending the period for the county's expenditure of funds to June 30, 2009.
 - 46.07 D. Human Resource Recommendations per list dated February 13, 2007.
2. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per listing dated February 12, 2007.

Reports

1. County Treasurer – Nelson Long, CPA, read report. Mr. Long presented the two options he analyzed regarding the ATM machine in the courthouse lobby and provided details on the cost to continue this service. The Commissioners indicated that this subject together with a conversation with the credit card machine used in the Clerk of Courts Office should continue at this afternoon's budget meeting.
2. County Controller – Mark Hanson, Chief Deputy Controller, read report.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk