

Commissioners' Board Meeting May 17, 2007

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, May 17, 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 May 8, 2007 Commissioner workshop minutes and the May 10, 2007 Commissioners meeting minutes, all voted yes to approve.

Departmental Reports

County Administrator Bill Dennis presented his weekly report, which is attached. He made a special note of thanks to Debbie Olivieri and Sandy Ruppert and the staff of Election Services for their hard work leading up to and including this week's Primary Election. Christine Sadler, Elections Solicitor, was also commended for defusing some situations with some of the City polls. Mr. Dennis noted that the "Rovers" were well received by Poll workers.

Consent Agenda Items

- I. A motion was made by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Gajewski and all voted unanimously to approve the items listed below:
 - 131.07 A. Resolution authorizing 2007 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$9,900 per listing dated May 11, 2007.
 - 132.07 B. Resolution to award a contract to operate a **TANF Youth Program** in partnership with the Pennsylvania CareerLink ~ Berks County to the following service providers: Olivet Boys & Girls Club of Reading & Berks County, 1161 Pershing Blvd. Reading, PA 19611. The amount of the proposed contract budget for the period July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008 is \$269,001.

- 133.07 C. Resolution to award a contract to Henkels & McCoy, 506A Stump Road, Montgomeryville, PA 18936. **Henkels & McCoy will be operating this program in partnership with the Reading School District.** The amount of the proposed contract budget for the period July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008 is \$165,160.
- 134.07 D. Resolution for Human Resource Recommendations per list dated May 17, 2007.
- 135.07 E. Resolution approving the finalized drafts of the Employee Handbook, the Employee Benefits Handbook and the Benefits Overview document.
- 136.07 F. Resolution reappointing Dr. Leo De Santis to the Reading Area Community College Board of Trustees for a 6 year term ending 6/30/2013.
- 137.07 G. Resolution authorizing the Treasurer to transfer the remaining 2007 ARC payments including March through December the total of which from January shall be \$6,902,404.00.
2. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per listing dated May 14, 2007.

Reports

1. County Treasurer –County Administrator Bill Dennis read report for Nelson Long, CPA.
2. County Controller – Sandy Graffius, Controller, read report. She also thanked all of the departments involved in getting the paychecks out to the poll workers on Election Day.

Reports of Commissioners

Commissioner Schwank

Commissioner Schwank reported that she has drafted a letter to Everitt F. Binns, Ph.D., Executive Director of Eastern PA EMS Council, regarding the medical transport issue, and has asked him to convene a meeting with all parties.

Commissioner Gajewski

The Commissioner thanked all of the Democratic voters for re-nominating him, noting that he is looking forward to the November election.

Commissioner Scott

On the issue of the Medical Transport, Commissioner Scott spoke of a discussion he had with Craig Breneiser, Director of 911 Communications, who indicated that the system is not broken, therefore the Commissioners should not and do not need to be involved, unless asked by the Communications Director. He did not see any indications of specific problems, so he feels that they should back off. Commissioner Gajewski responded by saying that Reading Hospital would argue that the system is broken and that there needs to be open discussion at a public meeting on this issue. Commissioner Schwank said that if invited by the Eastern PA EMS Council she would attend but the Commissioners will not convene the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:23 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk