

## **Commissioners' Board Meeting June 7, 2007**

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, June 7, 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 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 Thomas W. Gajewski, Sr. was not in attendance.

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

### **Presentation**

RiverPlace Development Corp. presentation by David Thun, RiverPlace President, Bob Behling, RiverPlace Executive Vice President and Mark Dawson, Sasaki Architects. The presentation focused on three conceptual plans for the Riverfront area surrounding the Penn Street Bridge from Washington Street to the Reading Area Community College Campus. The three plans were entitled: Terrace on the Water; Touching the Water and River of Trees, each presenting different conceptual plans and ideas on the layout of the properties. Bill Semmel, Berks County Parks and Recreation Director questioned the location for performers to load and unload equipment particularly if the proposed amphitheater is located along the water. When asked by Commissioner Scott who their anticipated visitors are, Mr. Dawson responded by describing this area as a park setting for approximately 352 days per year with special entertainment / arts events the remaining 13 days. The Commissioners both expressed support on the concept but requested additional information and more detailed financial planning on the funding stream for the development and long term maintenance of the facilities.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Scott made a motion that was seconded by Commissioner Schwank to approve the May 29, 2007 Commissioner workshop minutes and the May 31, 2007 Commissioners meeting minutes, all voted yes to approve.

### **Consent and Non Consent Agenda Items**

- I. A motion was made by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Schwank and all voted unanimously to approve the items listed below:
  - 158.07 A. Resolution authorizing 2007 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$110,479 and 2007 Appropriations in the amount \$50,000 per listing dated June 1, 2007.
  - 159.07 B. Resolution approving the Human Resource Recommendations per list dated June 5, 2007.

- 160.07 C. Resolution for the joint reappointment of Albert Boscov to the Berks County Convention Center Authority for a four year term ending 8/29/2011.
- 161.07 D. Resolution for the joint appointment of Gregory R. Knies to the Reading Public Library Board of Trustees, replacing Mary E. Breidegam for a five year term ending 12/31/2012.
- 162.07 E. Resolution to reappoint Jane-Marie McEachern to the Berks County Public Libraries Board for a three year term ending 6/1/2010.
- 163.07 F. Resolution to reappoint John W. Smith to the Berks County Public Libraries Board for a three year term ending 6/30/2010.
- 164.07 G. Resolution to reappoint Martha B. Coyle to the Berks County Environmental Advisory Council for a three year term ending 6/11/2010.
- 165.07 H. Resolution for the joint reappointment of Craig Hafer to the Berks County Environmental Advisory Council for a three year term ending 6/11/2010.
- 166.07 I. Adopt Resolution on behalf of the Berks County District Attorney's Office authorizing the amendment of a Forensic Services Improvement Project Grant 2006-FS1 (Resolution 188-06) awarded on September 12, 2006 by the PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD.) There is no net change in funding.
2. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per listing dated June 4, 2007.
3. A motion was made by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Schwank and all agreed to sign a letter of support to Exeter Township for the Regional Biosolids Drying Facility project.

### Reports

1. County Treasurer –Bill Dennis read report for Nelson Long, CPA.
2. County Controller – Sandy Graffius, Controller, read report.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:47 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk