

**Commissioners' Workshop Meeting  
Tuesday, June 12, 2007**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, June 12, 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 County Administrator, William E. Dennis, Solicitor Alan Miller Esq., and Chief Clerk Terry Styer.

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

**II. PRESENTATION:**

Presentation - Human Service Needs Assessment Survey – Carey Kaucher, Special Projects Coordinator and Mary Henry Moss, Human Service Grants Program Director together with Judy Blimline, BCAP (Berks Community Action Program) Director explained that this assessment will provide the kind of information that will allow the Board of Commissioners and the many human service agencies within the County to plan and budget for the changing needs of our residents now and to better project for the future. They explained that 100 surveys were sent to area businesses, 200 were mailed to social service agencies in the area and 61,000 will be mailed to county citizens. They also encouraged everyone to log on to the County web site to complete the survey as well.

**III. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS/REQUESTS:**

**County Administrator**

- A. Weekly Report – presented by William Dennis

**Budget Department:**

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing 2007 Budget Appropriations in the amount \$32,800 per listing dated June 8, 2007.

**Court Administration:**

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of a grant application on behalf of the Court of Common Pleas, Berks County with the PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) for \$250,700 grant to fund the Graffiti Abatement Program for a three year period beginning in July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009 – no county match is required and the program is contingent upon receipt of funds.

Tim Daley, Criminal Justice Program Director explained that provided the funding is approved the County could decide one of two options. 1- to hire a program manager as a county employee for three years or 2 - outsource the program with a reputable organization. He explained that this initiative came from the Criminal Justice Policy Group and described this program as just one facet of a quality of life initiative that will provide graffiti abatement services and or coordinate with existing community programs throughout the county.

### **Facilities**

- A. Adopt a resolution awarding the Contract for General Construction for the Community Corrections Center to Perrotto Builders Ltd. located at 426 Warren Street, Reading, PA 19601. The contract is the sum of the base bid (\$1,297,000), Alternate 1(\$170,000) and Alternate 4 (\$14,170) for a total of \$1,481,170.
- B. Adopt a resolution awarding the Contract for Plumbing Construction for the Community Corrections Center to JBM Mechanical, Inc. located at 3273 Gun Club Road, Nazareth, PA 18064. The contract is the sum of the base bid (\$493,000), Alternate 1(\$133,000) and Alternate 4 (\$0) for a total of \$626,000.
- C. Adopt a resolution awarding the Contract for Mechanical Construction for the Community Corrections Center to Worth & Company, Inc. located at 6263 Kellers Church Road, Pipersville, PA. 18947. The contract is the sum of the base bid (\$833,000), Alternate 1(\$80,000) and Alternate 4 (\$0) for a total of \$913,000.
- D. Adopt a resolution awarding the Contract for Electrical Construction for the Community Corrections Center to Shannon A Smith, Inc. located at 420 South Cherry Street, Myerstown, PA 17067. The contract is the sum of the base bid (\$419,000), Alternate 1(\$6,463) and Alternate 4 (\$0) for a total of \$425,463.

Jim Strohecker, Project Manager- Facilities and Operations presented these contracts explaining the alternatives to the Commissioners and requested their approval.

### **Human Resource Director:**

- A. Human Resource Recommendations per list dated June 12, 2007.

### **Solicitor**

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing execution of a License Agreement between the County of Berks and the Secretary of the Army concerning the Blue Marsh barn utilized by the County.

- B. Adopt a resolution authorizing the execution of a retainer agreement between the County of Berks and Citizens for Pennsylvania's Future (PennFuture) to provide legal services regarding environmental matters at the Exide Technologies plant in Muhlenberg Township and Laureldale Borough.

#### **IV. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS:**

##### **Commissioner Schwank**

- A. Adopt a resolution to endorse passage of Senate Bill 246 and House Bill 720 known as the Clean Indoor Air Act of 2007 encouraging smoke free workplaces and businesses. Barb Beiber, Cancer Control Specialist, and Dee Mathias, Cancer Control Director of the Berks County Chapter of the American Cancer Society, and Marcia Goodman-Hinnershitz of COCA (Council on Chemical Abuse) provided additional comments and encouraged the board to approve this resolution

##### **Commissioner Gajewski**

- A. Adopt a resolution to urging the Pennsylvania Legislature and U. S. Congress increase funding for BARTA (Berks Area Reading Transportation Authority)
- B. The Commissioner updated the board on the proceedings involved with the Richmond Township Zoning Hearing Board and the Lehigh Quarry expansion.

##### **Commissioner Scott**

- A. Commissioner Scott asked the Solicitor to provide an update on the Antietam Lake eminent Domain proceedings. Alan Miller explained that the County is awaiting the final details of a survey to complete the check list of SEP requirements on their grant agreement before compensation to the city can proceed.
- B. Commissioner Scott then asked the Solicitor to discuss a recent lawsuit filed against the County Assessment Board and the County.

#### **V. PROCLAMATIONS**

Commissioner Schwank presented a Proclamation to Mayor Marianne Deery and Carol Meeker, President of the Boyertown Business Association for their annual Boyertown Sidewalk Expo.

Commissioner Gajewski will present a Proclamation for the 150th Anniversary of the Boyertown Times. Jim Webb, Publisher of Berks Mont News attended the meeting to accept it.

***VI. CITIZEN COMMENT/BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR***

John Morgan discussed a recent Allegheny County Assessment issue.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Terry L Styer, Chief Clerk