

Commissioners' Board Meeting June 14, 2007

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, June 14, 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 Gajewski made a motion that was seconded by Commissioner Scott to approve the June 5, 2007 Commissioner workshop minutes and the June 7, 2007 Commissioners meeting minutes, all voted yes to approve; Commissioner Gajewski abstained from the vote on the June 7th minutes as he did not attend the meeting.

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:
 - 167.07 A. Adopt Resolution authorizing 2007 Budget Appropriations in the amount \$32,800 per listing dated June 8, 2007.
 - 168.07 B. 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.
 - 169.07 C. 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.

- 170.07 D. 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.
- 171.07 E. 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.
- 172.07 F. 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.
- 173.07 G. Human Resource Recommendations per list dated June 12, 2007.
- 174.07 H. 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.
- 175.07 I. 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.
- 176.07 J. 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.
- 177.07 K. Adopt a resolution to urging the Pennsylvania Legislature and U. S. Congress increase funding for BARTA (Berks Area Reading Transportation Authority)
2. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per listing dated June 14, 2007.

Reports

1. County Treasurer –Bill Dennis read report for Nelson Long, CPA.
2. County Controller – Mark Hanson, Chief Deputy Controller, read report.

Business from the floor:

Commissioner Scott made a motion to approve **Resolution 178.07** authorizing the execution of a Contract (addendum A-2 to CA#3033-07) with Keystone E. Sciences Group, Inc. to review, critique and submit written comments respecting a pending Record of Decision (ROD) amendment for the Crossley Farm Superfund Site located in Hereford Township currently proposed by the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency.) Cost of the work to be performed pursuant to this Amendment shall not exceed \$4,800.00 excluding out of pocket costs, with payment made from the Berks County Environmental Defense Fund. Commissioner Schwank seconded the motion noting that this site may be the largest TCE cleanup plant in the nation saying the size of the treatment plant itself is proposed to utilize 18 acres. Upon no further discussion there was a unanimous vote of approval.

Commissioner Gajewski noted receipt of a letter from Sen. Folmer, in regards to several House and Senate Bills currently awaiting votes for which the Commissioners sent letters requesting support.

Clerk of Courts James Troutman commented on Resolution 168.07, noting that it is a sad commentary of our society that this grant is necessary. He did reiterate his support for the cleanup of the graffiti.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:57 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk