

**Commissioners' Workshop Meeting
Tuesday, July 31, 2007**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, July 31, 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. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:

Administrator:

- A. Bill Dennis presented his weekly report, attached.

Budget Department:

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing 2007 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$160,000 and 2007 Appropriations in the amount \$584,627 per listing dated July 27, 2007. Bob Patrizio, Budget Director, presented the request.
- B. Motion authorizing Judith L. Schwank, as Chairman of the Board, to execute Contract Agreement as furnished by the Purchasing Department, per attached listing dated July 30, 2007.

Human Resource Director:

- A. Human Resource Recommendations per list dated July 31, 2007. HR Director Beth Schiepan presented the recommendations.

Solicitor

- A. Adopt a resolution approving a financing project by the Maxatawny Township Municipal Authority for a project for the benefit of Kutztown University Foundation, Inc. and Kutztown University to refinance outstanding debt of the Foundation used for the various capital improvements at the University. Peter Edelman, Esq. and Robert Kemp, CFO of Kutztown Foundation attend to present this request for approval following a public hearing advertised for August 2, 3007.

Kutztown University continued:

Commissioner Gajewski encouraged the University to offer in-lieu-of payments to the taxing entities for the additional land acquisition intended by some of this debt. Commissioner Schwank encouraged Mr. Edelman to consider contacting the Berks Municipal Authority as an additional source of funds for future financing projects in the County.

Commissioner Scott made a motion that was seconded by Commissioner Gajewski, and all voted in favor of the following resolution:

- 224.07 A. Resolution ratifying and confirming and the execution by Judith L. Schwank, Chair of the Board of County Commissioners, of the three (3) year Contract with ThomsonWest for a subscription to WestLaw for the Berks County Solicitor's Office.

III. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS:**Commissioner Schwank**

- A. Commissioner Schwank reported that she visited the Olivet Boys and Girls Club Curfew Center one Friday night and reported that it seems to be working well and is receiving calls from municipalities interested in using it. She suggested inviting the staff of the Curfew Center for a presentation at a future Commissioners meeting.

Commissioner Gajewski

- A. Commissioner Gajewski offered his thanks to all who participated in the Community Corrections Center "Wall Breaking" ceremony, especially the Criminal Justice Policy Group, the Board of Judges and the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Scott

- A. Commissioner Scott noted the resignation of Leigh Tallas from the Berks County Municipal Authority Board and thanked him for his service to the county. He reminded the board that a replacement will need to be named as a joint appointment.
- B. The Commissioner requested a comparison of water usage for each of the county buildings, including the downtown buildings, in light of an upcoming rate increase by the Reading Water Authority.

- C. Commissioner Scott noted to all who are talking about needing business development in the county that Berks Economic Partnership was created by the Commissioners for just that purpose and are receiving a substantial amount of money from the county each year for support. Commissioner Gajewski also noted that the Industrial Development Authority and the Community Development Office are also involved in the County's economic development promotion and programs.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L Styer, Chief Clerk