

**Commissioners' Workshop Meeting  
Tuesday, October 16, 2007**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, October 16, 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 Mark C. Scott in attendance. Also present were County Administrator, William E. Dennis, Solicitor Alan Miller Esq., and Chief Clerk Terry Styer. Commissioner Thomas W. Gajewski, Sr. did not attend the meeting.

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

**II. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:**

**Administrator:**

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

**Budget Department:**

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing 2007 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$40,500. Bob Patrizio, Budget Director, presented the report.
- B. Motion authorizing Judith L. Schwank, as Chairman of the Board, to execute Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per attached listing dated October 15, 2007. Candy Noll, Contract Coordinator presented the list of contracts.

**Parks**

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing Judith L. Schwank, as Chairman of the Board, to sign Final Right-of-Way Plans for Hay Creek Bicycle and Walking Trail Project – Agreement # 050329.

**Planning Commission:**

- A. Adopt a resolution approving the Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee's recommendations for agricultural easement funds of \$1,000 per acre for two properties in Pike Township under the Municipal Land Protection Program. Properties and acreage are as follows: Capiotis—68.59 acres, and Burger—38.72 acres. Total amount requested is \$107,310. Pike Township will provide a 100% match of funds. Matt McGough attended the meeting to discuss the funding request. Commissioner Schwank noted that funding requests are coming in more slowly than expected. She has received calls from some municipalities with questions on some of the requirements. Commissioner Schwank suggested further discussion on CZIP (Conservation Zoning Incentive Program) at a future televised workshop meeting.

**Human Services:**

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing Judith L. Schwank, Chair of the Board, to execute **TEFAP Inventory – Reimbursement Request** Form for the period (July, August and September) FFY 2006-2007, in the amount of \$7,632.30 for distributing 69,384.59 pounds of food at \$.11 per pound and to authorize Margaret Bianca, Executive Director, Greater Berks Food Bank for apply for the funds on behalf of Berks County.

**Adult Probation**

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing execution of an Amendment to an Agreement dated July 1, 2007 between the County of Berks and the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole concerning use of the Automated Clearing House for payment of any grant awards.

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

Commissioner Scott reported on the Public Hearing with the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) regarding the cleanup of lead from contaminated properties in Laureldale. He indicated that the CDC (Centers for Disease Control) is looking to reduce the allowable rate of lead levels in the blood which may change the allowable level of contamination in soil. He noted that arsenic and cadmium levels were tested only within 300 yards of Exide. He would like to see other metal contamination testing done as well as part of the cancer cluster study.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:55 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Terry L Styer, Chief Clerk