

Commissioners' Workshop Meeting
Tuesday, November 13, 2007

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, November 13, 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

- A. A representative from **Operation Enduring Freedom** made a presentation requesting both volunteers and supplies to send to the troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. Items requested are snack foods and drink mixes as well as suntan lotion and toilet paper. Volunteers are needed in the evenings of November 24th through November 29th. Call 610-678-5623 for more information or visit their website at www.berksenduringfreedom.com.

III. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS / REQUESTS:

Administrator:

- A. County Administrator Bill Dennis' weekly report is attached.

Budget Department:

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing 2007 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$19,000 and 2007 Appropriations in the amount \$355,443 per listing dated November 9, 2007. 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 November 8, 2007. Candy Noll, Contract Coordinator presented the list of contracts.

Community Development

- A. Adopt Resolution approving the County of Berks Joint Consolidated Plan FFY2008 Action Plan.

Engineering:

- A. Adopt a resolution granting an extension of time for an Engineering Agreement dated January 22, 1998 by and between the County of Berks and Goodkind & O'Dea, Inc. (now known as Dewberry-Goodkind Inc.) for the Berne Station Bridge Project, at an estimated cost of \$253,554 extending the contract to 12/31/08. Bill Westcott, PE attended the meeting to discuss this request.

Human Resource Director:

- A. Human Resource Recommendations per list dated November 13, 2007. Jennifer Biehn, Deputy Human Resource Director presented the recommendation.

Solicitor

- A. Resolution authorizing approval of financing of a project by Alvernia College, financed through the issuance of tax-exempt revenue bonds by Municipal Authority of the Township of South Heidelberg.
- B. Resolution authorizing approval financing of a project by The Reading Hospital and Medical Center, financed through the issuance of taxable revenue bonds by the Berks County Municipal Authority.

Peter Edelman, Esq, from Stevens and Lee, attended the meeting to discuss both projects.

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

- A. Commissioner Schwank presented American Flag pins to the Board from Robert Rivers, St. Lawrence Borough Councilman.

Commissioner Gajewski

- A. Adopt a resolution appointing Charles M. Schaeffer to fill the unexpired term of Bradley S. Weisman on the MH/MR Advisory Board. The term will end 12/31/2009.
- B. A second arrest has been made due to the Anti-Dumping campaign with Crime Alert Berks County. Tip awards have been paid out.

Commissioner Gajewski continued:

- C. Commissioner Gajewski issued a thank you to all of the veterans for their service to our country.

Commissioner Scott

V. PRESENTATION

- A. Mary Ann Zerkowski, Dr. Judith Malick, Bessie Reese Crenshaw, and Thomas Schmoyer of the Berks County Association of School Retirees made a presentation of the value of volunteer hours. They presented a "check" in the amount of \$5,715,072, which represents 327,324 hours of volunteer service to organizations in Berks County.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L Styer, Chief Clerk