

## **Commissioners' Board Meeting November 29, 2007**

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, November 29, 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 November 13, 2007 Commissioner workshop minutes and the November 15, 2007 Commissioners meeting minutes, all voted yes to approve.

### **Consent Agenda Items**

- I. A motion was made by Commissioner Gajewski, seconded by Commissioner Scott and all voted unanimously to approve the items listed below, with the exception of Item C, \*\*which has been pulled until the next meeting:
  - 312.07 A. Adopt Resolution authorizing 2007 Budget Transfers in the amount of \$937,101.80 and 2007 Appropriations in the amount \$800,000, per listing dated November 21, 2007.
  - 313.07 B. Human Resource Recommendations per list dated November 27, 2007.
  - 314.07 C. Resolution to send the nomination of Brian Boyer, Leesport, PA to the State Conservation Commission to be reappointed as a Public Director serving on the Berks County Conservation District Board of Directors for an additional four year term ending 12/31/2011. \*\*Commissioner Scott expressed concern for this reappointment saying that during conversation with John Ravert, Conservation District Director he learned that national NCRS standards for earthmoving are somewhat relaxed for farmers. Mr. Boyer has been voting against any projects where this relaxed standard is in place, feeling that the more stringent standards should be adhered to for farmers as well.

Commissioner Scott said that he is in favor of rotating appointments and is impressed by the resume of another candidate. Commissioner Gajewski made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Scott and approved by all to table this resolution until next week's meeting.

- 315.07 D. Resolution to send the nomination of Mark Wolfskill, Robesonia, PA to the State Conservation Commission to be reappointed as a Farmer Director serving on the Berks County Conservation District Board of Directors for an additional four year term ending 12/31/2011.
- 316.07 E. Resolution to appoint Clyde A. B. Myers, Bernville, PA to fulfill the unexpired term of Joseph Williams on the Berks County Planning Commission Board, ending 12/31/2009.
- 317.07 F. Resolution to reappoint Lynn Millar to the Children & Youth Services Advisory Board for a 3 year term ending 12/31/2010.
- 318.07 G. Resolution to reappoint Francis Acosta, Reading, PA, to the Berks County Housing Authority for a 5 year term ending 12/31/2012.
- 319.07 H. Resolution to appoint Ron Stauffer, Reading, PA to the Office of Aging Advisory Board to the expired term of Joseph O'Reilly. Mr. Stauffer's term will end 12/31/2009.
- 320.07 I. Resolution to appoint Rose Skomitz, Reading, PA to the Office of Aging Advisory Board to the expired term of Jainta Respondowski. Ms. Skomitz's term will end 12/31/2009.
- 321.07 J. Resolution to appoint Peter Giorgi, Sinking Spring, PA to the Berks County Planning Commission Board to fill the expired term of William Baer. Mr. Giorgi's term will end 12/31/2009.
- 322.07 K. Resolution to appoint Kim Stahler, Reading, PA, to a 3 year term on the Berks County Public Libraries Board to replace Ruth Perkins. Ms. Stahler's term will expire on 6/2/2009.
- 323.07 L. Resolution to authorize William E. Dennis, County Administrator, to execute, after consultation with the Board, all Construction Change Directives as well as any and all change orders relating to the contract with Perrotto Builders, LTD, to provide general contracting services at the Community Corrections Center Project.

2. Motion authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per listing dated November 21, 2007.

**Reports**

1. County Treasurer – Bill Dennis presented the report for Nelson Long, CPA.
2. County Controller – Sandy Graffius, Controller, presented her reports.

**Citizen Comment/Business from the floor**

Jim Troutman, Clerk of Courts, noted that the Legislature approved Act 30 in 2007 which adds a \$50 assessment to court costs on all felonies and first and second degree misdemeanors. This will be sent to the state at a relatively high priority above other fines and costs assessed which may cause a reduction in the county revenue from those sources.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:54 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Terry L. Styer, Chief Clerk