

Pre-Commissioners' Meeting
Tuesday, January 13, 2004

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 13, 2004, at 10:30 AM, in the thirteenth floor Board Room of the Berks County Services Center, pursuant to due notice to Board members and the public. Commissioner Chair Judy Schwank called the meeting to order with Commissioners Tom Gajewski and Mark C. Scott in attendance. Also present were Acting Chief Clerk William E. Dennis and Solicitor Alan Miller.

Commissioner Schwank gave the floor to Kerry Kaucher who introduced the committee members of the 3rd Family Style Celebration. Mr. Kaucher advised that the celebration was both well supported and needed by the community. Commissioner Gajewski encouraged the public to attend and congratulated the committee on their success. Commissioner Schwank acknowledged the efforts of AFSCME whose members volunteered for the event.

The Board of Commissioners discussed and approved the following items for listing at the January 15, 2004 Meeting:

II. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS:

- A. Adopt Proclamation regarding the Annual Greater Reading Martin Luther King Day Celebration, "Keeping the Message Alive to its Maximum."

Commissioner Schwank

- A. Designation of Departmental Assignments for Commissioners.
- B. Adopt Resolution authorizing the appointment of Catherine R. Fox, 420 Mitti Road, Reading, Pennsylvania, 19607, to the Berks County Office of Aging Advisory Council Board, for a two-year term. The appointment is to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of board member Rose Papich, whose two-year term expired December 31, 2000.
- C. Adopt Resolution certifying the Historical Society of Berks County, 940 Centre Avenue, Reading, Pennsylvania, 19601, as the official Berks County Historical Society, and further certifying that the Society has been granted the amount of \$10,000.00 for the year 2004 for general operating funds.

- D. Authorization designating Dr. Robert C. Ziegenfus as Chair of the Berks County Agricultural Land Preservation Board for the term of January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004.
- E. Adopt Resolution authorizing Judith L. Schwank, Commissioner, Chair, and Sandy Graffius, County Controller, to execute Certification of County funds for Agricultural Land Conservation Easement Purchase in the amount of \$142,100.00 or \$1,000.00 per acre for Todd L. and Elaine Schroeder, 25 North 11th Street, Reading, Pennsylvania, consisting of 142.1 acres of which 142.1 acres would be subject to the easement.
- F. Adopt Resolution authorizing Judith L. Schwank, Commissioner, Chair, and Sandy Graffius, County Controller, to execute Certification of County funds for Agricultural Land Conservation Easement Purchase in the amount of \$258,240.00 or \$1,600.00 per acre for Daniel J. and Denise C. DeTurk, 84 Phillips Lane, Mohrsville, Pennsylvania, consisting of 161.4 acres of which 161.4 acres would be subject to the easement.
- G. Adopt Resolution authorizing Judith L. Schwank, Commissioner, Chair, and Sandy Graffius, County Controller, to execute Certification of County funds for Agricultural Land Conservation Easement Purchase in the amount of \$168,800.00 or \$1,600.00 per acre for Richard N. and Sandra E. Kopicz, 1035 Shartlesville Road, Mohrsville, Pennsylvania, consisting of 106.6 acres of which 105.5 acres would be subject to the easement.
- H. Adopt Resolution authorizing Judith L. Schwank, Commissioner, Chair, and Sandy Graffius, County Controller, to execute Certification of County funds for Agricultural Land Conservation Easement Purchase in the amount of \$162,720.00 or \$1,600.00 per acre for Melvin L. & Corene K. Samsel and Danelle L. Samsel, 56 Winterhill Road, Mohrsville, Pennsylvania, consisting of 101.7 acres of which 101.7 acres would be subject to the easement.
- I. Adopt Resolution authorizing Judith L. Schwank, Commissioner, Chair, and Sandy Graffius, County Controller, to execute Certification of County funds for Agricultural Land Conservation Easement Purchase in the amount of \$123,300.00 or \$1,000.00 per acre for Charles A. and Meda E. Schrack, 269 Bricker Road, Bernville, Pennsylvania, consisting of 125.3 acres of which 123.3 acres would be subject to the easement.

Commissioner Gajewski

- A. Award Invitation to Bid for Berks County Youth Services – Immigration Services Interior Renovations to Edward A. Reider, Inc. with an office at 521 Van Reed Road, Wyomissing, Pennsylvania 19610, for General Construction in the amount of \$82,500.00; to Shannon A. Smith, Inc. with

an office at 420 South Cherry Street, Myerstown, Pennsylvania, 17067, for Plumbing Construction in the amount of \$44,951.00; and to Pagoda Electrical, Inc. with an office at 2003 Friedensburg Road, Reading, Pennsylvania, 19606, for Electrical Construction in the amount of \$127,550.00.

Commissioner Scott

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing subsidized adoption of a female child born 7/7/01 on request of BCCYS and in accordance with applicable federal regulations, at the rate of \$10.00 per day Maintenance, including physical and mental health care, and \$500.00 legal cost plus filing fees (Case Number 18322).
- B. Adopt Resolution authorizing subsidized adoption of a male child born 12/28/96 on request of BCCYS and in accordance with applicable federal regulations, at the rate of \$11.00 per day Maintenance, including physical and mental health care, and \$500.00 legal cost plus filing fees (Case Number 12857).
- C. Adopt Resolution authorizing subsidized adoption of a male child born 6/30/98 on request of BCCYS and in accordance with applicable federal regulations, at the rate of \$11.00 per day Maintenance, including physical and mental health care, and \$500.00 legal cost plus filing fees (Case Number 12857).
- D. Adopt Resolution authorizing subsidized adoption of a male child born 3/4/00 on request of BCCYS and in accordance with applicable federal regulations, at the rate of \$11.00 per day Maintenance, including physical and mental health care, and \$500.00 legal cost plus filing fees (Case Number 12857).
- E. Adopt Resolution authorizing subsidized adoption of a female child born 10/22/95 on request of BCCYS and in accordance with applicable federal regulations, at the rate of \$11.00 per day Maintenance, including physical and mental health care, and \$500.00 legal cost plus filing fees (Case Number 12857).
- F. Adopt Resolution authorizing the reappointment of Lloyd W. Hopkins, Jr., 69 Bertolet Mill Road, Oley, Pennsylvania, 19547, to the Berks County Planning Commission Board, for a four-year term 1/1/04 to 12/31/07.

III. OTHER REQUESTS:

Budget Director:

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing 2003 Budget Transfers in the total aggregate amount of \$1,251,756.00; 2003 Budget Appropriations in the total aggregate amount of \$213,621.00 per listing dated January 9, 2004.

Contract Coordinator:

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per attached listing dated 01/09/04.

Solicitor:

- A. Adopt Resolution ratifying and confirming an Agreement and Release between the County of Berks and Kerry Heckman.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

William E. Dennis, Acting Chief Clerk