

Commissioners' Board Meeting
Thursday, January 15, 2004

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, January 15, 2004 at 10:30 AM 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 Tom Gajewski, Commissioner Mark Scott, Solicitor Alan S. Miller, and Acting Chief Clerk William E. Dennis in attendance.

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

On motion by Commissioner Gajewski, seconded by Commissioner Scott, the minutes of the January 6, 2004 and January 8, 2004 Commissioners' meeting were approved as presented.

On motion by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Gajewski, with Commissioner Schwank concurring, the following items listed under "Consent Agenda" were approved:

1. Approve presentation of proclamation regarding the Annual Greater Reading Martin Luther King Day Celebration, "Keeping the Message Alive to its Maximum."
2. Designation of Departmental Assignments for Commissioners.
3. Adopt the following Resolutions:
 - 18-04 A. 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.
 - 19-04 B. 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.
 - 20-04 C. Authorizing designation of 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.

Commissioner Schwank introduced Tam Hildebrand, Director of Agricultural Land Preservation, who presented detail on items D through H and gave an overview of the departments efforts.

- 21-04 D. 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.
- 22-04 E. 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.
- 23-04 F. 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.
- 24-04 G. 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.
- 25-04 H. 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.
- 26-04 I. 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).

- 27-04 J. 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).
- 28-04 K. 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).
- 29-04 L. 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).
- 30-04 M. 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).
- 31-04 N. 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.
- 32-04 O. 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.
- 33-04 P. Authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per attached listing dated 01/09/04.
- 34-04 Q. Ratifying and confirming an Agreement and Release between the County of Berks and Kerry Heckman.

4. Authorize payment of invoices under the following Community Development Disbursement Vouchers:
 - a. No. 2058 – Community Development Block Grant Program
 - b. No. 1201 – Property Rehabilitation Program
 - c. No. 2057-PS – State Emergency Shelter Program

5. Award Invitation to Bid for Berks County Youth Services – Immigration Services Interior Renovations to:
 - a. 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
 - b. 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
 - c. Pagoda Electrical, Inc. with an office at 2003 Friedensburg Road, Reading, Pennsylvania, 19606, for Electrical Construction in the amount of \$127,550.00

Non-Consent Agenda Items:

1. Receive weekly report of Treasurer dated January 15, 2004.
 2. Authorize payment of bills for week ending January 16, 2004 as presented by the County Controller.
 3. Authorize extension of utilization of temporary service for Office Support - Chief Clerk's Office, effective from 1/20/04 until a replacement can be found. Rate not to exceed \$15.90/hr. Replacement for Ann Gagliano.
- 35-04 A. Authorizing the Berks County Board of Commissioners to amend Resolution No. 667-03 concerning the PCCD allocation for JAIBG Grant (Public Defender) to the extent that the County shall receive an additional \$4,540 for a total of \$45,403 as federal allocation and the County match would increase by \$505.00 to \$5,045.00.
- 36-04 B. Authorizing the Berks County Board of Commissioners to amend Resolution No. 668-03 concerning the PCCD allocation for JAIBG Grant (District Attorney) to the extent that the County shall receive an additional \$4,540 for a total of \$45,403 as federal allocation and the County match would increase by \$505.00 to \$5,045.00.

Commissioner Schwank advised that the following item was removed from today's agenda and would be placed on the Tuesday, January 20, 2004 agenda:

- 37-04 C. Authorizing the issuance of a Tax Revenue and Anticipation Line of Credit Note, Series of 2004 in an aggregate principal amount of Fifteen Million Dollars (\$15,000,000.00), as well as the taking of all steps necessary to effectuate such Note.

Commissioner Gajewski moved and Commissioner Scott seconded approval the non-consent items. Commissioner Schwank concurred.

Citizen Comments/Business from the Floor

No comments were received.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

William E. Dennis, Acting Chief Clerk