

Pre-Commissioners' Meeting
Tuesday, January 20, 2004

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 20, 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. Chairman 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.

The Board of Commissioners discussed and approved the following items for listing at the January 22, 2004 Meeting:

II. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS:

- A. Adopt Proclamation regarding the 150th Anniversary of the Liberty Fire Company #5.
- B. Cover Presentation of the "Life in Berks" books by Hayden M. Wilbur, Chief Executive Officer, and Karen G. Shughart, Director of Business Development, of Atlantic Communications Group Inc.
- C. Presentation by Thomas Schmoyer, on behalf of retired teachers, of a mock check to the Board of Commissioners, representing the amount of volunteer time the retired teachers donate to the county.
- D. Presentation by Mike Setley, Concord Public Finance, regarding possible refinancing of the Berks County Solid Waste Authority 1999 Bond Issue.

Mr. Setley explained that the refinancing is guaranteed by the county and that the debt service is paid by the county. This action is an attempt to go from a high interest rate to a low interest rate, saving approximately \$170,000. On motion by Commissioner Scott and seconded by Commissioner Gajewski with Commissioner Schwank in concurrence, Mr. Setley was authorized to pursue the financing if it yields \$150,000 or higher. Mr. Setley will shop the best rate available and then come back to the Commissioner for ordinance approval.

Commissioner Schwank

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing Judith L. Schwank, Commissioner, Chair, to execute a Letter of Intent to enter into a standard contract (TANF Youth

Program) through the Berks County Employment & Training Office and Goodwill Industries of Mid-Eastern Pennsylvania.

- B. Adopt Resolution authorizing the reappointment of Joseph Williams, 2650 Westview Drive, Wyomissing, Pennsylvania, 19610, to the Berks County Planning Commission Board, for a four-year term.

Commissioner Gajewski

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing execution of a Grant Agreement by and between the County of Berks (Planning Commission) and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Environmental Protection, for funding not-to-exceed \$435,381.90 for the Schuylkill River Phase II Stormwater Management Plan.
- B. Authorize payment of invoices under the following Community Development Disbursement Vouchers:
 - 1. No. 2059 – Community Development Block Grant Program
 - 2. No. 1202 – Property Rehabilitation Program

Commissioner Scott

III. OTHER REQUESTS:

Budget Director:

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing 2003 Budget Transfers in the total aggregate amount of \$52,125.00; 2003 Budget Appropriations in the total aggregate amount of \$53,569.00; and 2004 Budget Transfers in the total aggregate amount of \$963,787.00 per listing dated January 16, 2004.

Contract Coordinator:

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per attached listing dated 01/15/04.

Solicitor:

- A. Adopt Resolution 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.

- B. Adopt Resolution authorizing execution of a Disposal Capacity Agreement between the County of Berks, the Berks County Solid Waste Authority and the Delaware County Solid Waste Authority concerning the Rolling Hills Landfill.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

- A. Authorize execution of Certification to the State Tax Equalization Board, of a list of conveyances or transfers of real estate during the month of December 2003.

V. CITIZEN COMMENT/BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

No comments were received.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

William E. Dennis, Acting Chief Clerk