

**Pre-Commissioners' Meeting**  
**Tuesday, February 17, 2004**

***I.     CALL TO ORDER:***

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, February 17, 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 introduced Doug Rauch, solicitor for the Berks County Solid Waste Authority. Mr. Rauch explained that it is the recommendation of the Authority to refinance the 1999 Bond Issue in order to take advantage of low interest rates. An estimated savings of \$100,000 for the first two years could be realized. Mr. Rauch further explained that the Commissioners would be asked to adopt an ordinance authorizing the refinancing at the February 19, 2004 Commissioners meeting.

Commissioner Scott commended that the Solid Waste Plan's amendments should include incinerators as an authorized site to take trash. Commissioner Gajewski questioned if there is a deadline for modifying the plan, to which Rauch replied that there was not.

The Board of Commissioners discussed and approved the following items for listing at the February 19, 2004 Meeting:

***II.    REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS:***

- A.     Adopt Proclamation regarding *National Engineer's Week*, February 22, 2004 through February 28, 2004.
- B.     Adopt Resolution authorizing the execution of a contract agreement for construction Management Services related to Jail Expansion and Renovations.
- C.     Adopt Resolution authorizing the execution of a contract between the County of Berks and Edward A. Reider, Inc., with an office located at 521 Van Reed Road, Wyomissing, Pennsylvania, 19610, for general construction services related to the Berks County Youth Center – Immigration Services Renovations.
- D.     Adopt Resolution authorizing the execution of a contract between the County of Berks and Pagoda Electrical, Inc., with an office located at 2003 Friedensburg Road, Reading, Pennsylvania, 19606, for electrical

services related to the Berks County Youth Center – Immigration Services Renovations.

- E. Adopt Resolution authorizing the execution of a contract between the County of Berks and Shannon A. Smith, Inc., with an office located at 420 South Cherry Street, Myerstown, Pennsylvania, 17067, for plumbing services related to the Berks County Youth Center – Immigration Services Renovations.

***Commissioner Schwank***

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing the appointment of Lolly Lasher, 95 Lasher Road, Bernville, Pennsylvania, 19506, to the Berks County Agricultural Land Preservation Board, for a three-year term to expire 12/31/06.
- B. Adopt Resolution authorizing the reappointment of Edward W. Hartman, 209 Hartman Road, Reading, Pennsylvania, 19605, to the Berks County Agricultural Land Preservation Board, for a three-year term to expire 12/31/06.
- C. Adopt Resolution authorizing execution of a Grant Agreement by and between the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) and the County of Berks, in the amount of \$8,767.00 to conduct training activities within the County.
- D. Adopt Resolution authorizing execution of a Grant Agreement by and between Hazardous Material Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) and the County of Berks, in the amount of \$4,154.00 to conduct hazardous materials planning within the County.
- E. Adopt Resolution authorizing execution of a Grant Agreement by and between Hazardous Material Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) and the County of Berks, in the amount of \$4,500.00 to conduct hazardous materials training within the County.

***Commissioner Gajewski***

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing the execution of a contract amendment between the Council on Chemical Abuse and the County of Berks regarding fiscal year 2003/2004 allocation for the Berks County Prison Drug and Alcohol Treatment/Therapeutic Community.
- B. Adopt Resolution authorizing the reappointment of John C. Bradley, Jr., 716 Hopewell Street, Birdsboro, Pennsylvania, 19508, to the Berks County Solid Waste Authority Board, for a five-year term to expire 12/31/08.

*Commissioner Scott*

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing the execution of a lease agreement between the Borough of Hamburg and the County of Berks for District Court 23-3-06, located at 61 North Third Street, Hamburg.
- B. Adopt Resolution authorizing subsidized adoption of a female child born 6/29/91 on request of BCCYS and in accordance with applicable federal regulations, at the rate of \$16.00 per day Maintenance, including physical and mental health care, and \$500.00 legal cost plus filing fees (Case Number 9169).
- C. Adopt Resolution authorizing subsidized adoption of a male child born 10/17/02 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 17587).
- D. Adopt Resolution authorizing Continuation of Maintenance for a female child born 3/7/86, on request of BCCYS and in accordance with applicable federal regulations, effective 3/7/04 through 3/7/05 in the form of Purchased Care from Northwestern Human Services at the per diem rate of \$28.72 to allow for completion of high school.

***III. OTHER REQUESTS:***

***Budget Director:***

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing 2003 Budget Transfers in the total aggregate amount of \$69,600.00; and 2004 Budget Transfers in the total aggregate amount of \$2,503.00 per listing dated February 12, 2004.

***Contract Coordinator:***

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per attached listing dated 02/12/04.

***Solicitor:***

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing George Wagner, Warden, to send notice of the County's intention to terminate the contract between the County of Berks and CiviGenics, Inc.

***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 January 2004.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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William E. Dennis, Acting Chief Clerk