

Pre-Commissioners' Meeting
Tuesday, March 2, 2004

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 2, 2004, at 10:45 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 Judith L. 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 explained that BCTV would now be televising Tuesday meetings primarily because more detail is discussed for each agenda item and there was a two-hour televising window on Tuesday rather than one-hour on Thursdays. Commissioner Schwank then followed with a moment of silence and pledge to the flag.

The Board of Commissioners discussed and approved the following items for listing at the March 4, 2004 Meeting:

II. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS:

- A. Adopt Proclamation regarding The Pagoda Pennies Campaign, to raise \$10,000 for the comprehensive rehabilitation and restoration of the Pagoda. Commissioner Schwank read the proclamation and explained that the beacon has become a symbol for and of the County. The building, constructed in 1908, needs renovations. The funding will provide security cameras, lighting and renovations.
- B. Present Certificate of Recognition for Thomas M. Impink as Pennsylvania Constable of the Year and for his work over the past 25 years. Commissioner Gajewski read the proclamation and explained that Mr. Impink was chosen from statewide candidates. His work to resolve the backlog of warrants was noted among his accomplishments. Mr. Impink expressed his thanks to the Board and his pride in bringing home the award to the citizens and constables of Berks County.
- C. Adopt Resolution authorizing execution of Amendment #4 to the grant agreement between the County of Berks (Single County Authority) and the Department of Health, Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Programs, for an increase in Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant funds for the period January 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005. George Vogel explained that the effort is to teach educators about opportunities to enter treatment. Commissioner Schwank questioned the use of tobacco funding. Decreasing usage figures may mean a reduction in allocations.

Commissioner Scott stated his belief that we must reach someone before the age of 15 to be effective in changing behaviors.

Commissioner Schwank

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing the appointment of Josephina Miller, 291 Mountz Road, Morgantown, Pennsylvania, 19543, to the Berks County Children & Youth Services Advisory Board, for a three-year term to expire 12/31/06.
- B. Adopt Resolution authorizing Mary Henry-Moss, Human Service Grants Coordinator, the ability to distribute the remaining Human Service Development Fund (HSDF) and the Homeless Assistance Program (HAP) to the prior approved agencies as needed for the fiscal year ending 2003/2004, per attached listing.

Commissioner Gajewski

- A. Authorize payment of invoices under the following Community Development Disbursement Vouchers:
 - 1. No. 2066 – Community Development Block Grant Program
 - 2. No. 457 – HOME Grant Program
 - 3. No. 1207 – Property Rehabilitation Program

Commissioner Scott

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing the appointment of Gerard G. Johnson, PO Box 32, Limekiln, Pennsylvania, 19535, to the Reading Regional Airport Authority, for a five-year term to expire 01/01/09. Commissioner Scott that he had resigned from the Authority. He had not done so previously because of the federal probe that he wanted to see through. Having accomplished that goal, he believed it was time to step down.

III. OTHER REQUESTS:

Budget Director:

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing 2004 Budget Transfers in the total aggregate amount of \$222,269.00; and 2004 Budget Appropriations in the total aggregate amount of -\$275,022.00 per listing dated February 27,2004.

Contract Coordinator:

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per attached listing dated 02/27/04.

Solicitor

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing execution of a Settlement Agreement between the County of Berks and AFSCME Local 462 regarding a Grievance.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Commissioner Schwank reminded those present that the March 16, 2004 Pre-Commissioners meeting will be held in Boyertown at the Friendship Fire Company.

V. CITIZEN COMMENT/BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

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