

Pre-Commissioners' Meeting
Tuesday, March 9, 2004

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 9, 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 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.

The Board of Commissioners discussed and approved the following items for listing at the February 26, 2004 Meeting:

II. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS:

- A. Request for authorization of funds to conduct an analysis of structural stability and probable maximum flood evaluations of Antietam Dam. Proposed funding from "Growing Greener" Fund. Bill Westcott, county engineer estimated the cost of the analysis to be \$75,000.

Commissioner Schwank

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing execution of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Performance Grant Agreement in the amount of \$49,491.00, to renew existing staffing positions.

Commissioner Gajewski

- A. Authorize payment of invoices under the following Community Development Disbursement Vouchers:

No. 2067 – Community Development Block Grant Program
No. 458 – HOME Grant Program
No. 1208 – Property Rehabilitation Program

Commissioner Scott

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing subsidized adoption of a male child born 07/29/03 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 20722).

- B. Adopt Resolution authorizing Continuation of Maintenance for a male child born 3/26/86, on request of BCCYS and in accordance with applicable federal regulations, effective 3/26/04 through 3/26/05 in the form of Purchased Care from The Children's Home of Reading at the per diem rate of \$66.35 to allow for completion of high school.
- C. Adopt Resolution authorizing Continuation of Maintenance for a male child born 3/08/86, on request of BCCYS and in accordance with applicable federal regulations, effective 3/08/04 through 6/23/04 in the form of Purchased Care from Child's First Services – Pinnacle House at the per diem rate of \$330.00 to allow for completion of high school.
- D. Adopt Resolution authorizing Continuation of Maintenance for a male child born 3/07/86, on request of BCCYS and in accordance with applicable federal regulations, effective 3/07/04 through 3/07/05 in the form of Purchased Care from Concern at the per diem rate of \$82.50 to allow for completion of high school.
- E. Adopt Resolution authorizing Judith L. Schwank, as Chairman of the Board, to execute Continuation of Subgrant No. 03-DA-ST-13433 by and between the County of Berks (Adult Probation) and the Pennsylvania Commission of Crime and Delinquency, with respect to funding in the amount of \$271,378.00 for "Phase II – RIP – Level 3 & 4 Offenders," covering the period 7/1/04 – 06/30/05.
- F. Adopt Resolution authorizing execution of Assurance of Compliance with respect to the Human Services Development Fund for FY 2003/2004.
- G. Adopt Resolution authorizing the allocation and expenditure of federal monies under various waiver agreements through contracts between SAM, Inc., and providers of mental retardation services (for the period 10/1/03 – 12/31/03), with allocation of funds and resulting contracts reviewed and approved by the MH/MR Administrator, ensuring appropriate oversight as recommended by legal counsel.

III. OTHER REQUESTS:

Budget Director:

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing 2004 Budget Transfers in the total aggregate amount of \$48,940.00; and 2004 Budget Appropriations in the amount of \$732,979.00 per listing dated March 5, 2004.

Contract Coordinator:

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per attached listing dated 03/05/04.

Solicitor:

- A. Adopt Resolution authorizing tax forgiveness to Upper Bern Township, ID No. 28-4453-15-63-6381, for its Sewer Treatment Plant for the tax year 2002 including any interest and penalties.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Commissioner Gajewski read from a CCAP letter, explaining that the letter regarding the County's recent position on the Workforce Investment Board was being sent to NACo as a model for that association's position.

Commissioner Scott advised that the Reading Police had agreed to participate in the County's Central Booking operation. The City would begin taking prisoners to the site for arraignment and disposition beginning Monday, March 8, 2004.

Commissioner Schwank reminded everyone that the Pre-Commissioners Meeting set for Tuesday, March 16, 2004 would be held at the Hook and Ladder Fire Company, Boyertown, at 6:00 p.m.

V. CITIZEN COMMENT/BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

No citizen comments were made.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

William E. Dennis, Acting Chief Clerk