

Commissioners' Board Meeting
Thursday, March 11, 2004

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, March 11, 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/County Administrator William Dennis in attendance.

Commissioner Schwank followed with a moment of silence and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. She then welcomed back Kim Grinage, Assistant Budget Director, who had been out on an extended illness.

On motion by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Gajewski, the minutes of the March 2, 2004 and March 4, 2004 Commissioners' meeting were approved as presented.

On motion by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Gajewski, the "Consent Agenda" was moved for approval.

1. Adopt the following Resolutions:

- 128-04 A. Authorizing the appointment of Modesto Fiume, Executive Director, Opportunity House, 430 N. 2nd Street, Reading, Pennsylvania, 19601, to the Berks County Workforce Investment Board, to fill the unexpired term of Kendall TeSelle, said term to expire June 20, 2006.
- 129-04 B. Authorizing the appointment of M. Catherine Shearer, Acting Vice President Workforce Development, Goodwill Industries, 501 Crescent Avenue, Reading, Pennsylvania, 19605, to the Berks County Workforce Investment Board, to fill the unexpired term of Robert Howe, said term to expire June 20, 2006.
- 130-04 C. Authorizing execution of a grant agreement between the County of Berks (Berks County Intermediate Unit) and the Pennsylvania Department of Welfare, regarding child care services in the amount of \$7,761,982.00.
- 131-04 D. Authorizing execution of standard contract between the County of Berks (Berks County Employment & Training Office) and Junior Achievement of Berks County, Inc. to operate a TANF MODEL YOUTH program during the period February 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004.

- 132-04 E. Authorizing legislation of the Work Force Investment Board.
- 133-04 F. Authorizing subsidized adoption of a male child born 05/30/86 on request of BCCYS and in accordance with applicable federal regulations, at the rate of \$21.50 per day Maintenance, including physical and mental health care, and \$500.00 legal cost plus filing fees (Case Number 281).
- 134-04 G. Authorizing subsidized adoption of a male child born 01/02/02 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 817).
- 135-04 H. Authorizing subsidized adoption of a female child born 03/26/02 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 15715).
- 136-04 I. Authorizing 2003 Budget Transfers in the total aggregate amount of \$516,940.00; 2003 Budget Appropriations in the total aggregate amount of \$7,897.00; 2004 Budget Transfers in the total aggregate amount of \$31,795.00; and 2004 Budget Appropriations in the total aggregate amount of \$140,810.00 per listing dated February 20,2004.
- 137-04 J. Authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per attached listing dated 02/20/04.
- 138-04 K. Authorizing execution of a letter agreement by the County of Berks to Reinsel and Company LLP, concerning audit of the Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Account.
- 139-04 L. Approving the written election by Mr. And Mrs. Cyril Ganter, 1994 Highland Avenue, to designate such property as being located in Cumru Township beginning with the 2003 tax year.
- 140-04 M. Authorizing payment to Judith Kraines of legal fees incurred as a result of an investigation by the Pennsylvania State Ethics Commission.

2. Authorize payment of invoices under the following Community Development Disbursement Vouchers:
 - a. No. 2065 – Community Development Block Grant Program
 - b. No. 456 – HOME Grant Program
 - c. No. 1206 – Property Rehabilitation Program
 - d. No. 2064-S – Emergency Shelter Program

3. Authorize utilization of temporary service for the Human Resources Department, Office Support position, from 2/25/04 until a replacement can be found. Rate not to exceed \$16.50/hour.

The County Treasurer and the County Controller presented their weekly reports. During the County Treasurer Report, Nelson Long explained that the County was showing a negative balance, but additional revenues had been received that day to offset the deficit. He also explained that a significant delinquent tax payment was going out to New Morgan Borough. The Commissioners expressed their concern over the timing and nature of this disbursement. The County Administrator was directed to investigate the matter and report back to the Commissioners.

Citizen Comment/Business From The Floor

No comments were received.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

William E. Dennis, Acting Chief Clerk