

**Commissioners' Board Meeting**  
**Thursday, April 1, 2004**

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, April 1, 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 in attendance. Also present were Acting Chief Clerk William E. Dennis and Solicitor Alan Miller.

Commissioner Schwank followed with a moment of silence and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

On motion by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Gajewski, the minutes of the March 16, 2004 and March 18, 2004 Commissioners' meeting were approved as presented.

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

Adopt the following Proclamations/Certificates of Recognition:

1. Adopt Proclamation regarding *Athletic Training Month*. Attending to accept the Proclamation are Chris Karasek, MS ATC Comprehensive Athletic Treatment Center, and Rennie Sacco, Kutztown University Athletic Trainer.
2. Present Certificate of Recognition for Paula M. Flippin for her lifelong dedication to volunteer community service and for her tireless work on various community and volunteer activities in Reading, Berks County and beyond. She has made a lasting difference for the good of society.
3. Present Certificate of Recognition Al Eckstrom for his fight against drug and alcohol abuse.

1. Adopt Resolutions:

- 174-04 A. Authorizing the execution of the Report of Berks County to the Pennsylvania Department of State regarding alternative language accessibility programs, policies and procedures required by the voting rights Act of 1965.
- 175-04 B. Authorizing the creation and establishment of a Citizen Corps Council and activities within Berks County due to the award of a federal grant provided through Pennsylvania Emergency

Management Agency.

- 176-04 C. Authorizing amendments to the County's CDBG, HOME and ESG Programs (Community Development Office).
- 177-04 D. Authorizing subsidized adoption of a male child born 04/28/98 on request of BCCYS and in accordance with applicable federal regulations, at the rate of \$11.00 per day Maintenance, including physical and mental health care, and \$500.00 legal cost plus filing fees (Case Number 14841).
- 178-04 E. Authorizing subsidized adoption of a male child born 11/06/00 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 14841).
- 179-04 F. Authorizing subsidized adoption of a male child born 09/01/97 on request of BCCYS and in accordance with applicable federal regulations, at the rate of \$11.00 per day Maintenance, including physical and mental health care, and \$500.00 legal cost plus filing fees (Case Number 18895).
- 180-04 G. Authorizing subsidized adoption of a male child born 08/17/01 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 18895).
- 181-04 H. Authorizing execution of a Block Grant Agreement by and between the County of Berks (Juvenile Probation) and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Juvenile Court Judges Commission, with respect to seventh year funding (7/1/03 - 6/30/04) in the amount of \$58,968.00 for the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program.
- 182-04 I. Authorizing 2004 Budget Transfers in the total aggregate amount of \$334,325.00 per listing dated March 26,2004.
- 183-04 J. Authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per attached listing dated March 26, 2004.
- 184-04 K. Ratifying, confirming and approving the execution of a Sub-grant application to the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency in an amount of \$42,780.00 for the Drug Control

and System Improvement Program.

1. Authorize refund of 2002, 2003, and 2004 County Property Taxes at the request of the Board of Assessment Appeals (attached list).
2. Authorize payment of invoices under the following Community Development Disbursement Vouchers:
  - a) No. 2068 – Community Development Block Grant Program
  - b) No. 2069 – Community Development Block Grant Program
  - c) No. 2071 – Community Development Block Grant Program
  - d) No. 459 – HOME Grant Program
  - e) No. 460 – HOME Grant Program
  - f) No. 1209 – Property Rehabilitation Program
  - g) No. 1210 – Property Rehabilitation Program
  - h) No. 1211 – Property Rehabilitation Program
  - i) No. 2070S – Emergency Shelter Program
3. Award Invitation to Bid #03-23 regarding services for Berks Heim, for a one-year contract as follows:
  - a) Bath Towels: Turner Textiles, 100 S. Fourth Street, P.O. Box 976, Reading, PA 19603 at \$13.75/dozen.
  - b) Washcloths: Charm-Tex, 1618 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, NY, 11320 at \$1.90/dozen.
  - c) Patient Gowns: Tabb Textile Co., Inc., 511 Pleasant Drive, Opelika, AL, 36801 at \$14.75/dozen.
  - d) Pillows: Harbor Linen Co., P.O. Box 3510, Cherry Hill, NJ, 08034 at \$3.46 each.

The County Treasurer and the County Controller presented their weekly reports.

**Agenda Items for Discussion**

Mike Natoli from the District Attorney's Office was present to request authorization to extend the utilization of a Temporary Services for Office Support I – District Attorney's Office, effective 04/01/04 – 04/30/04. Rate of \$15.00/hr. Budget 01-158

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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William E. Dennis, Acting Chief Clerk