

**Commissioners' Board Meeting**  
**Thursday, April 8, 2004**

The Berks County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, April 8, 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 in attendance. Also present were Acting Chief Clerk Lori A. Schneider and Solicitor Alan Miller. Commissioner Mark Scott arrived late.

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

On motion by Commissioner Gajewski, seconded by Commissioner Chair Schwank, the minutes of the March 30, 2004 and April 1, 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.

1. Adopt the following Proclamations and/or Presentations:
  - A. Adopt Proclamation, presented by Commissioner Chair Schwank, regarding *National Public Safety Telecommunications Week*. Craig Breneiser, Director of the Communications Center, accepted the Proclamation on behalf of the Communications staff.
  - B. Presentation by George Kovarie, Director of Berks County Children & Youth Services regarding *Child Abuse Prevention Month*. Bev Ganter, Barbara McCaskey, and Barbara Hartranft were also in attendance. Mr. Kovarie presented the County with a Child Abuse Awareness flag that will be raised in front of the Services Center. A similar flag will also be raised at City Hall.
  
2. Adopt Resolutions:
  - 185-04 A. Authorizing the appointment of Lori A. Schneider, Executive Assistant, as Acting Chief Clerk, effective April 6, 2004 through and including April 12, 2004.
  - 186-04 B. Authorizing the execution of the Annual Statement of Work – 2004 Application by the County of Berks (Emergency Management) for the Emergency Management Performance Grant Program.

- 187-04 C. Authorizing the Chair of the Board of Commissioners to submit a letter to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) indicating the County's intent to apply for funding from the Brownfields for Housing Initiative, for the approximate amount of \$176,044.00.
- 188-04 D. Authorizing Judith L. Schwank, Commissioner, Chair, to execute Continuation Subgrant Award Notice #2003-JB-04-14174 by and between the County of Berks (**District Attorney**) and the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD), with respect to funding in the amount of \$45,403.00 for the project titled "JAIBG 2003," covering the project period 04/01/2004 – 03/31/2005.
- 189-04 E. Authorizing Judith L. Schwank, Commissioner, Chair, to execute Continuation Subgrant Award Notice #2003-JB-03-14175 by and between the County of Berks (Public Defender) and the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD), with respect to funding in the amount of \$45,403.00 for the project titled "JAIBG 2003," covering the project period 04/01/2004 – 03/31/2005.
- 190-04 F. Authorizing the execution of a Subgrant Application between the County of Berks (District Attorney) and the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD), for funding in the amount of \$75,000.00 for the "Weed & Seed" program, for the project period of 07/01/2004 – 06/30/2005.
- 191-04 G. Authorizing Continuation of Maintenance for a male child born 04/11/86, on request of BCCYS and in accordance with applicable federal regulations, effective 04/11/04 through 06/30/04 in the form of Purchased Care from Children's Home of Reading-Foster Home at the per diem rate of \$66.35 to allow for completion of high school.
- 192-04 H. Authorizing execution of Contract Agreements/ Amendments as furnished by the Contract Coordinator, per attached listing dated April 2, 2004.
- 193-04 I. Authorizing the County of Berks to apply for and to be host municipality for a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant on behalf of and for the benefit of the Foundation for the Reading Public Museum.
- 194-04 J. Authorizing placing Ordinance No. 2-04 regarding Berks County Park Rangers and their respective responsibilities and duties on the table for enactment April 22, 2004, and further authorize the County Solicitor to take the necessary steps to advertise the same.

- 195-04 K. Authorizing a letter of support be sent to the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA) with regard to the Henner Apartments Project in Womelsdorf to provide affordable housing to Senior Citizens. Funding for this project would come from HOME money, not from the CDBG Funds.
- 196-04 L. Authorizing the execution of certain documents and the reinvestment of certain funds with respect to project funds established by General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2002.

2. Change Order Requests for the renovation of the INS facilities:

- a. Change Order Request No. 1, General Construction; Amount \$11,084.32. Gym Room F21 & Exercise Room F22. Removal of vinyl wall covering, patch plaster and painting. Required to correct water damage to existing wall coverings.
- b. Change Order Request No. 2, General Construction; Amount \$268.80 (credit). Activities Room F41. Result of a plumbing change that eliminated asbestos floor tile removal.
- c. Change Order Request No. 3, General Construction; Amount \$232.23. Life Skills Room F10. Install a laminated pipe enclosure to conceal a sanitary vent line because the existing vent line is too far away from the sink location to meet the building code.
- d. Change Order Request No. E-1, Electrical Construction; Amount \$927.66. Interview Room F25 and Court Room F26. Splitting the existing room into two rooms requires independent light switching, moving light fixtures, rewiring of a relocated AC unit and adding of two duplex wall outlets.

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

**Agenda Items for Discussion**

- 197-04 M. Adopt Resolution in support of Civil Liberties and opposing certain provisions of the USA Patriot Act and Related Regulations and Executive Orders.

When Commissioner Chair Schwank asked for any citizen comment with regard to the Patriot Act, Stefan C. Kosikowski, Berks County Green Party, stated that he had read over the resolution and thought that it was excellent and he thanked the Commissioners for writing it.

On motion by Commissioner Gajewski, seconded by Commissioner Scott, the resolution was approved. Discussion then developed between each of the Commissioners.

Dorothy Reilly thanked the Commissioners on behalf of the people she represents and other groups with which she works. She commended the Commissioners on the courageousness in passing this resolution.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Lori A. Schneider, Acting Chief Clerk