

APPROVED

**LEHIGH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Organizational Meeting**

**January 2, 2007
7:30 p.m.**

The Organizational Meeting of the Lehigh County Board of Commissioners was held on this date in the Public Hearing Room of the Lehigh County Government Center with Percy Dougherty presiding as Chair.

Members Present: Commissioners Kurt Derr, Percy Dougherty, Marc Grammes, James Kelly, Sterling Raber, and Andy Roman. Commissioners Glenn Eckhart, Joan Fredericks and Daniel McCarthy were absent.

Commissioner Dougherty called the meeting to order. There was no Citizens Input at this time.

Nomination and Election of Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners for 2007

Commissioner Dougherty asked for nominations for the election of the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Raber nominated Commissioner Dougherty.

Commissioner Dougherty asked for additional nominations. With no further nominations, he asked for a motion to close nominations. Commissioner Raber moved to close nominations. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kelly. The motion of Commissioners Raber and Kelly to close nominations for the election of Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners was approved by a unanimous voice vote, with Commissioner Dougherty abstaining. Commissioner Dougherty announced that nominations were closed.

Commissioner Dougherty was elected Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners for 2007 by a unanimous voice vote, with Commissioner Dougherty abstaining.

Nomination and Election of Vice Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners for 2007

Commissioner Dougherty answered Commissioner Grammes that the Vice Chairperson is required to receive the vote of a majority of Commissioners present, which in this case is four votes.

Commissioner Dougherty asked for nominations for the election of the Vice Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Kelly nominated Commissioner Derr.

Commissioner Dougherty asked for additional nominations. Commissioner Roman nominated Commissioner Grammes. Commissioner Grammes asked that his name be withdrawn from nomination. He thanked Commissioner Roman for making the nomination.

With no further nominations, Commissioner Dougherty asked for a motion to close nominations. Commissioner Kelly moved to close nominations. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Grammes. The motion of Commissioners Kelly and Grammes to close nominations for the election of Vice Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners was approved by a unanimous voice vote. Commissioner Dougherty announced that nominations were closed.

Commissioner Derr was elected Vice Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners for 2007 by a unanimous voice vote. Commissioner Dougherty announced the approval of Commissioner Derr as Vice Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners for 2007. Commissioner Derr thanked his fellow Commissioners.

Schedule of Meetings for 2007

Commissioner Derr moved that the Lehigh County Board of Commissioners meet twice a month during calendar year 2007, as required by the Lehigh County Home Rule Charter, on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Public Hearing Room of the Lehigh County Government Center, with the following exception: the second meeting in December will be held on Wednesday, December 19, 2007. The first meeting of the month in May through August shall be held in selected municipalities in Lehigh County, as set by future motion, as part of the Commissioners' "Government on the Go" program.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Grammes and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

There were no Commissioner Announcements. Under Citizens Input, George Maniatty, Allentown resident, congratulated Commissioners Dougherty and Derr. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.



David Barilla, Clerk to the Board