Commissioner Richards named county representative
To Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission

January 20, 2012 (Norristown, PA) – Montgomery County Commissioner Leslie S. Richards has been named the county’s representative on the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission.

Richards was a unanimous choice at yesterday’s commissioners’ meeting to represent the county on DVRPC board. Richards replaces former Commissioner Joseph M. Hoeffel as the county’s representative to the board.

Both Commissioner Josh Shapiro and Commissioner Bruce Castor pointed to Richards’ extensive background in planning issues and projects in explaining why she was the obvious choice for the position.

Richards is a regional planner and is currently a senior project engineer at a civil engineering firm. She has a broad background in planning and executing a variety of projects involving roads, bridges, trails, streetscapes and many others.

“Commissioner Richards will be the perfect representative for us on DVRPC,” said Shapiro. “There will be no learning curve. She will be able to hit the ground running at her first meeting and will be a vital asset to Montgomery County on the board.”

“It has become obvious to me in a very short period of time that Commissioner Richards is a talented, experienced person with a wealth of knowledge in this area,” said Commissioner Bruce L. Castor, Jr. “She will do a great job.”

Richards indicted that she will be very cognizant of several Montgomery County projects that may come before the DVRPC board, including the Lafayette Street extension, which is considered vital to the future of Norristown.

“I am honored by and thankful for the confidence my colleagues have shown in me, and I promise to work hard and continually use my experience and knowledge for the betterment of Montgomery County and the region,” Richards said.