DAUPHIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WORKSHOP MEETING

APRIL 17, 2013
10:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jeff Haste, Chairman
Mike Pries, Vice Chairman
George P. Hartwick, III, Secretary

STAFF PRESENT

J. Scott Burford, Deputy Chief Clerk; Marie E. Rebuck, Controller; Janis Creason, Treasurer; Joseph A. Curcillo, III, Esq., Solicitor; Steve Libhart, Director of EMA; Randy Baratucci, Director of Purchasing; Leila Brown, Solicitor’s Office; Amy Harinath, Press Secretary; Fred Lighty, Esq., Human Services Director’s Office; August Memmi, Director of Community & Economic Development; Gerald Feaser, Jr., Director of Registration & Elections; Dave Schreiber, Human Resources; Kay Lengle, Human Resources; Lee Bangert, EMA; Brandon Freistat, EMA; Joann Sheldon, EMA; Bart Shellenhamer, EMA; Melody Osborn, Commissioners’ Office; Julie Mackey, Commissioners’ Office and Richie-Ann Martz, Assistant Chief Clerk

GUESTS PRESENT

Jeff Frantz

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Haste, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.
MOMENT OF SILENCE

Everyone observed a moment of silence.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There are several sets of Meeting Minutes that will be considered at next week’s Legislative Meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS HELD BETWEEN MEETINGS

Mr. Burford reported that there were no Executive Sessions held between meetings.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS/GUESTS

A. Dauphin County Commissioners

1. Emergency Management Agency – Proclamation for National Public Safety Telecommunicators’ Week and Awards

Mr. Haste mentioned that everyone knows the important role that telecommunicators play. It is his honor to read the following Proclamation recognizing Dauphin County’s telecommunicators.

Mr. Haste read the following Proclamation:

Office of County Commissioners
Dauphin County, Pennsylvania

Proclamation

We, the Dauphin County Board of Commissioners, take immense pride and pleasure in commending the extraordinary composure, compassion and expertise of our exceedingly valuable, but often unrecognized, public safety telecommunicators during the week of April 14th to April 20th, 2013;

Whereas, 48 full-time and seven part-time public safety telecommunicators operate the only recognized Public Safety Answering Point in Dauphin County;
**Whereas**, these skilled telecommunicators effectively serve the citizens of Dauphin County by offering callers life-saving medical instructions 24-hours a day, 7 days a week, and dispatching the fire, police, and medical units urgently needed in an emergency;

**Whereas**, since 1991, we have recognized dispatchers nationwide, and although they are often invisible at the scene of an emergency, they have directly contributed to saving life and property in Dauphin County;

**Whereas**, in 2012, Dauphin County’s expertly trained and always reliable telecommunicators answered more than 400,000 calls, ranging from victims of natural disasters to witnesses of horrifying accidents and crimes, each time patiently assisting terrified callers and providing rapid response to get the care needed during a great time of distress;

**Therefore**, in grateful tribute to the life-saving aid offered by the calm, competent and reassuring voice at the other end of every 911 call, we join the 268,000 residents of Dauphin County in proclaiming the week of April 14th to April 20th, 2013 as “Public Safety Telecommunicators Week”; we proudly honor and thank our county telecommunicators for being skilled, poised and eager to offer critical aid each and every time an emergency occurs.

Mr. Pries stated that it is an honor and privilege to talk about four outstanding individuals and the work that they have performed. There are over 400,000 calls coming in and approximately 300,000 are dispatched to assist those in time of need. The telecommunicators have a calm voice that is relayed through the phone to people that are calling in need of assistance. The following employees were responsible for assisting in the delivery of a child. They are: Joann Sheldon, who helped deliver a baby girl on February 20, 2013; Brandon Freistat, who helped deliver a baby boy on February 19, 2013; Lee Bangert, who helped deliver a baby boy on October 6, 2012 and Mate’ Nagy (could not attend), who helped deliver a baby girl on October 19, 2012. Telecommunicators are always here to help. They work together with the responders in assisting those in need.

Mr. Freistat indicated that his call was around 4:30 in the morning. This person was from the City of Harrisburg. It seemed like a normal call, thought it was just abdominal issues until he said that his wife was expecting. They did not make it to the hospital. He had the husband running around the house gathering supplies for the umbilical cord. He heard the baby crying.

Ms. Sheldon stated that her call was from a person that had a hard time understanding English. She explained in as much detail as she could and the baby girl was born. She was about to tell him to get a cord for the umbilical cord, but the ambulance was already at the scene.

Mr. Bangert indicated his call was natural and sort of happened on its own. The grandmother was excited. He was only on the line about 2 ½ minutes before the baby was born. He gave them instructions for afterwards.

Mr. Pries stated that you just being on the phone made it smoother. The Commissioners are proud of your work and the work of your colleagues. Dauphin County has the best emergency responders in the State of Pennsylvania. The TMI drill was last evening and seeing everyone work together was great. The Commissioners saw first-hand the working together by the responders during the floods.
Mr. Bangert thanked the Commissioners for providing the equipment so they can perform their jobs and for the technology and training.

Mr. Pries indicated that the Commissioners are here to help the telecommunicators help others.

Mr. Hartwick discussed a call that he had to make to 911 with regard to his daughter and how calm the telecommunicator was on the line. These telecommunicators play many roles; they bring life into the world, they save a life or they are there when someone passes. They control their emotions when dealing with the calls and the Commissioners are proud to say that Dauphin County has one of the best 911 centers in the State and in the country.

Mr. Haste indicated that he had asked Amy earlier this morning how the TMI drill went last evening. He was not concerned with the County folks. He was wondering how the other entities did.

Mr. Pries indicated that while we are giving out stork pins, it would be appropriate to mention that Commissioner Haste became a grandpa to a baby boy the other day.

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

Ms. Lengle asked if there were any questions on the Salary and Personnel Packets. There was none.

The Salary Board Packet and the Personnel Packet will be considered at next week’s Legislative Meeting.

**PURCHASE ORDERS**

Mr. Baratucci indicated that there are a few budget adjustments that need to be taken care of until next week. He also provided the Commissioners with a listing of the copiers that will be purchased. This is the second phase. The first phase was done last year. Mr. Foreman is reviewing the contract. He asked if there were any questions with regard to the Packet. (There was none.)

The Purchase Order Packet will be considered at next week’s Legislative Meeting.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

Mr. Curcillo reported that the Production and License Agreement allows LMNO to access County property for the filming of “Graham of Evidence”.
A. Production and License Agreement between the Dauphin County Coroner’s Office and LMNO Cable Group, Inc. compensating the County on a per episode basis. **(A Vote is Requested 4/17/13)**

It was moved by Mr. Pries and seconded by Mr. Hartwick that the Board approve Item A listed above under Items for Discussion.

**Question:** Mr. Haste – Aye; Mr. Pries – Aye and Mr. Hartwick – Aye; motion carried.

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT – JOSEPH A. CURCILLO, III, ESQ.**

Mr. Curcillo reported that the items on the Solicitor’s Report will be ready for consideration at next week’s Legislative Meeting.

**CHIEF CLERK’S REPORT – J. SCOTT BURFORD**

Mr. Burford reported that Dauphin County is partnering with the Community Action Commission and Historic Harrisburg to conduct three cleanups on April 20, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The three locations are: Community Action Commission (1514 Derry Street), 1230 N. 3rd Street and Wesley Union AME Church (5th & Camp Streets). Volunteers are needed and if anyone wishes to register as an individual or group, please contact John Campbell, of the Historic Harrisburg Association, at 233-4646.

**COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS**

Mr. Pries asked Mr. Libhart to come forward to give a summary of last evening’s drill. It was a mock drill. It was amazing to see all the departments working together. There were seven counties involved in the drill.

Mr. Libhart reported that it is a Federal requirement that the County participate in a drill every two years. Any municipality within the 10 mile EPZ must participate. The remainder of the municipalities can be rotated. It was a full scale exercise. The scenario was a hostile action. It was his understanding that Dauphin County was the first site to be evaluated under that scenario. He had every confidence going into the exercise that Dauphin County would be fine. Having an evaluation of “no discrepancies” is the best rating that can be received. Dauphin County has the best responders and he wouldn’t change any of them.

Mr. Hartwick thanked the County’s directors for finding volunteers to help with the cleanup on Saturday. The County has committed employees that do more than just show up to work. This cleanup will make a positive impact on the community.

The other item is the Land Bank Ordinance. It is currently being drafted and should be ready for the next cycle.
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Pries and seconded by Mr. Hartwick that the Board adjourn.

Transcribed by: Richie-Ann Martz