DAUPHIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WORKSHOP MEETING

JUNE 26, 2013
10:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Laura E. Evans, Esq., Chief Clerk; Marie E. Rebuck, Controller; Janis Creason, Treasurer; Bruce Foreman, Esq., Solicitor’s Office; Randy Baratucci, Director of Purchasing; Gerald Feaser, Director of Registration & Elections; Mike Yohe, Director of Budget & Finance; Greg Schneider, Budget & Finance; Steve Libhart, Director of EMA; August Memmi, Director of Community & Economic Development; Leila Brown, Solicitor’s Office; Joe Schwalm, Commissioners’ Office; Dan Rothschild, Commissioners’ Office; Dave Schreiber, Human Resources; Kay Lengle, Human Resources; Ruby Doub, Commissioners’ Office; Michelle Hornberger, Parks & Recreation; Carl Dickson, Director of Parks & Recreation; Larry Moore, Parks & Recreation; Elizabeth Johnson, Parks & Recreation; Robert Sisock, Court Administration; Amy Harinath, Press Secretary; Fred Lighty, Esq., Human Services Director’s Office; Joel Rimby, Solicitor’s Office; Stacey Glickman, Controller’s Office; J. Scott Burford, Deputy Chief Clerk; Julie Mackey, Commissioners’ Office; Melody Osborn, Commissioners’ Office and Richie-Ann Martz, Assistant Chief Clerk

GUESTS PRESENT

Charlie Thompson, Lewis Butts, Barbara Barksdale, Janelle Barksdale, Christopher Barksdale, Caleb Barksdale and Josh Haring

MINUTES
CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Haste, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 10:22 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 three sets of Meeting Minutes that will be considered at next week’s Legislative Meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS HELD BETWEEN MEETINGS

Ms. Evans reported that there was an Executive Session held this morning regarding matters of litigation.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Lewis Butts, representing Camp Curtin, asked the Commissioners for support in the submission of a proposal to establish hallowed grounds around Camp Curtin. The recognition of hallowed grounds will help the economy and will instill historical significance to the area. This would be a long lasting program for the Civil War heritage. He appreciates what the Commissioners are doing with the commemoration of the Civil War. He is willing to work with the Commissioners to have this project go to fruition.

Mr. Hartwick asked what the advantages are for the designation of hallowed grounds.

Mr. Butts stated that the petition would be to extend the heritage zone. It currently stops in Gettysburg. That could be extended to Harrisburg, which would bring in a lot more tourists.

Mr. Hartwick asked if there are tax or tourism advantages.

Mr. Butts stated that it would help the churches and communities and could possibly put them in a position for some funds to assist with beautification projects, create monuments and additional tourism to the area.

Mr. Hartwick asked if he had any documentation.
Mr. Butts indicated that he will see that the Commissioners get a copy.

Mr. Haste stated that he thought hallowed grounds were for cemeteries.

Mr. Butts indicated that it is not just for cemeteries. It can be for encampments as well.

(Mr. Butts will provide copies of his proposal to the Commissioners.)

**DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS/GUESTS**

A. Mike Yohe, Director of Budget & Finance

1. Adoption of the 2013/2014 Fiscal Year Budget

Mr. Yohe reported that today is the date that was advertised for the adoption of the 2013/2014 Fiscal Year Budget. There are nine funds that operate on a fiscal year. There was a change to Children & Youth’s budget, as well as Weatherization’s budget. Children & Youth is eliminating some equipment and one position, which resulted in an overall budget reduction of $400,000. Weatherization received word of additional LIHEAP money. This resulted in a $30,000 reduction. Overall these reductions decreased the General Fund obligation by $450,000. All the changes were positive to the County.

Mr. Pries asked how the three new positions that were approved by the State are going to be paid. He asked if it was 80% State and 20% County.

Mr. Hartwick stated that he believes that is correct.

Ms. Evans indicated that it is 65% State; 19% Federal and 16% County.

Mr. Pries thanked Mr. Yohe for presenting a sound and efficient fiscal year budget. He also thanked Commissioner Hartwick for his work with the directors.

Mr. Hartwick indicated that he is looking out for the taxpayers by keeping an eye on the General Fund. He thanked the staff for their hard work. He reviewed the concerns of each department and how it affects the budget. This budget could not have been done without the flexibility of the block grant. Without the block grant, a lot of services would not be possible.

Mr. Haste thanked the Department Heads, because they were not sure how it would work, but they were willing to be one of the pilot counties. The departments worked together and moved money around to serve people that would not have been served. Hopefully the Legislature will listen to the people.

*It was moved by Mr. Hartwick and seconded by Mr. Pries that the Board adopt the 2013/2014 Fiscal Year Budget.*
Question: Mr. Haste – Aye; Mr. Pries – Aye and Mr. Hartwick – Aye; motion carried.

B. Carl Dickson and Larry Moore of Parks & Recreation

1. Presentation on Dauphin County’s Civil War 150th Anniversary Commemoration

Mr. Dickson indicated that they are joined by Barbara, Janelle, Caleb and Christopher Barksdale and Josh Haring.

150 years ago local events changed the history of this nation. At the end of June Union and Confederate soldiers were heading toward Harrisburg for a fight to control this major transportation hub. Before they got to Harrisburg, the warring troops met in the little farming village of Gettysburg. This event proved to be the turning point of the Civil War and this nation. Dauphin County has a number of events to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War.

June 29, 2013
Music of the Civil War – from 11:00 to 1:00 at the historic Broad Street Market, which helped to feed the troops during the Civil War

Tea with Clara Burton – “Angel of the Battlefield” and founder of the American Red Cross. This is being held at the John Harris Mansion (sold out).

Rollick on the River – an old fashioned, family fair on the bank of the Susquehanna River at Fort Hunter Park featuring live music, historic actors, a free ice cream social and a fireworks display.

Mr. Moore stated that 150 years ago, with strong convictions and against seemingly insurmountable odds, African Americans of Dauphin County proudly volunteered to join the Union Army when it needed them most. The events for Sunday are as follows.

June 30, 2013
3:00 to 3:30 p.m. – Dedication of the Bethel Heritage Trail at Soldier’s Grove

4:00 to 5:30 p.m. – Special tented worship and praise service at the Capitol Complex, in front of the fountain

5:30 to 6:30 p.m. – A reenactment and procession from the Forum Building to the Harrisburg Amtrak Train Station

In case of rain, the events will be moved to the Forum.
Mr. Dickson also noted that later Sunday evening, the critically acclaimed movie “Lincoln” will be shown outdoors and free of charge at the National Civil War Museum.

Mr. Moore noted that at lunch time on July 2nd at the Whitaker Center there will be a storytelling performance – “Marching Towards Harrisburg: Stories of the Civil War.” Also on July 2nd at 8:00 p.m. at the Whitaker Center the U.S. Army Field Band: Jazz Ambassadors will perform a concert.

Mr. Dickson stated that on July 3rd the Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra will perform a “Patriotic Celebration” at 8:00 p.m. at Metro Bank on City Island. He thanked his staff for their assistance in putting these events together.

The Commissioners thanked Mr. Dickson and Mr. Moore and all the staff that assisted to make these events possible. It is important that the history of this region is not lost and the ability to understand the role that this region has played.

Mr. Hartwick stated that Parks & Recreation puts together a lot of quality events that continue to grow. It is a $2.6 million business. These events give people another reason to come to this area.

Mr. Haste indicated that he was glad to see that the ceremony was going to be held at Soldier’s Grove. He has been intrigued by the history of the 8th Ward. It is a great untold story.

(Pictures were taken and applause given.)

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

Ms. Lengle asked if there were any questions on the Salary Board Packet and the Personnel Packet. (There was none.)

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

**PURCHASE ORDERS**

Mr. Baratucci mentioned that Pages 17-26 are for the fiscal year departments. The items will be charged to the 2013/2014 budget. It is showing a zero balance, because the new budget figures have not been added. This will be corrected for next week’s packet.

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

**TRAINING PACKET**

The Training Packet will be considered at next week’s Legislative Meeting.
SOLICITOR’S REPORT – BRUCE FOREMAN, ESQ.

Mr. Foreman reported that the Commissioners will need to take action on Item 3 which is the IRS Dauphin County Plan documents. This is conditioned upon approval by the Retirement Board. A vote is also being requested on the Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Inc. Agreements (Items #15 last one, #16 and #17 of the Solicitor’s Report).

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Mr. Haste indicated that we have the following items to be voted on, per the Solicitor’s Report.

A. Conditional Approval of the IRS Dauphin County Plan documents conditioned upon acceptance and approval of the Retirement Board on June 26, 2013. (Item #3 on the Solicitor’s Report.)

B. Purchase of Service Agreement between Dauphin County (Drug & Alcohol) and Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Inc. (Item #15, last one on the Solicitor’s Report.)

C. Purchase of Service Agreement between Dauphin County (MH/ID) and Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Inc. (Item #16 on the Solicitor’s Report.)

D. Homeless Assistance Program (HAP) Fund Agreement between Dauphin County (MH/ID) and Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Inc. (Item #17 on the Solicitor’s Report.)

It was moved by Mr. Pries and seconded by Mr. Haste that the Board approve Items A through D, listed above under Items for Discussion.

Question: Mr. Haste – Aye; Mr. Pries – Aye and Mr. Hartwick – Aye (recused himself on Item B, C and D; motion carried.

REPORT FROM CHIEF CLERK/CHIEF OF STAFF – LAURA E. EVANS, ESQ.

Ms. Evans reported that in addition to the Civil War 150th Anniversary events, Dauphin County’s next free family movie night will be held Friday, June 28th at 8:30 p.m. at Fort Hunter. Children’s activities begin at 7:30 p.m. Bring chairs, blankets and snacks.

COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS

There was none.
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

Mr. Haste noted that the Retirement Board will convene at 11:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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