DAUPHIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WORKSHOP MEETING

MARCH 20, 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; Joseph A. Curcillo, III, Esq., Solicitor; Randy Baratucci, Director of Purchasing; Dave Schreiber, Human Resources; Kay Lengle, Human Resources; Fred Lighty, Esq., Human Services Director’s Office; Leila Brown, Solicitor’s Office; Chad Libby, Director of Adult Probation; Mike Shrauder, Adult Probation; Brooke Miller, Community & Economic Development; J. Scott Burford, Deputy Chief Clerk; Amy Harinath, Press Secretary; Bob Sisock, Court Administrator's Office; Brenda Hoffer, Commissioners' Office; Melody Osborn, Commissioners’ Office; Julie Mackey, Commissioners’ Office and Richie-Ann Martz, Assistant Chief Clerk

GUESTS PRESENT

Jeff Frantz, Eric Epstein, Larry Coleman and Jonathan R. Hicks

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Haste, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 10:08 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 were no Executive Sessions held between meetings.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Epstein mentioned that on March 28, 2013 it will be the 34th anniversary of the Three Mile Island incident. At the Midtown Cinema on March 27th, there will be a limited engagement for the showing of “The Atomic States of America.” It is a very informative documentary.

Mr. Epstein updated the Board on PPL’s rate increases. There are a couple things going on. One is potentially good news for this County, which is proactive when it comes to weatherization. The first rate increase has already been implemented. This increase drove up the flat monthly customer charge 62%.

There will be another increase that will occur in May. It is currently being litigated. It is part of the Distribution System Improvement Charge (DSIC). It is in discovery. The other one is a pretty big number, $705 million over five years. That will happen and it will be difficult for the constituents, because it will happen on a quarterly basis. There will be another bump every three months. The Universal Service and Energy Conservation Plan will be in effect for three years. That is something that can be addressed. This is the plan that is being proposed together with PPL. The County would want to look at Page 21 to make sure the partners are correct. Pages 23-25 describe the changes. There may be more money for weatherization. The WRAP program, Pages 1-18 is the outline. Pages 19-20 are the changes. If the Commissioners see something that would be of benefit to the County, it would be helpful to write a letter to PPL. PPL has a pretty solid plan. There is a lot of information in the packet. Operation HELP is another program. There is more money available to do some retrofits. The County has a pretty solid network. If the Commissioners see something that they like, they should write to the PUC. The intention is to get the plan implemented as quickly as possible, hopefully by fall. This is funded through the rate payers.
Mr. Hartwick indicated that through the Homeless Assistance Program, the community provider is Christian Churches United.

Mr. Epstein indicated that what they are trying to do is to get to a point where they don’t have to call. They are trying to proactively avoid that. If an apartment is leased or owned and they don’t get permission to do the work they are trying to rectify that.

Mr. Hartwick asked if Mr. Epstein could follow-up with Dan Eisenhauer.

Mr. Epstein indicated that he would. They are also working to get LIHEAP to automatically roll over. This plan is almost close to the end. He would like to get this in place before the next winter cycle.

**DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS/GUESTS**

Mr. Shrauder indicated that he has with him Pastor Coleman. Pastor Coleman is the Chairman of the Capital Region Ex-Offenders Support Coalition (CRESC). There are two Memorandums of Agreement; one is with Adult Probation and the other is with Work Release. For the last three years the Department has enjoyed a great collaboration with CRESC for the mentoring program. Offenders are referred to CRESC for them to mentor to help them become successful as they re-enter into the community. The Memorandums of Agreement are for a grant that CRESC and the South Central Workforce Investment Board (SCWIB) are applying for up to $300,000. CRESC is going to beef up their outcome based information. They also want to use it towards their Re-entry Management Organization (RMO). The RMO are coordinated services for those offenders. These services are all over the place right now. This will put them under one umbrella. CRESC and SCWIB are asking for the County’s assistance. There is no financial cost to the County. It is just our continued collaboration.

Mr. Haste asked if there is one $300,000 grant or is there one for each department.

Mr. Shrauder indicated that it is one grant for both departments.

Mr. Libby indicated that Adult Probation is very appreciative of CRESC and SCWIB. He invited the Commissioners to stop out and visit. The department meets with CRESC every Thursday. The collaborative meeting is once a month. Dauphin County is working on a re-entry initiative, which will be discussed at the CJAB Meeting tomorrow. He appreciates the Commissioners support for these Memorandums of Agreement.

Mr. Hartwick indicated that it is like a one-stop shop with CRESC and he supports the Memorandums of Agreement.

**It was moved by Mr. Hartwick and seconded by Mr. Pries that the Board approve two Memorandums of Agreement between the South Central Workforce Investment Board, the Capital Region Ex-Offenders Support**
Coalition and Dauphin County (one with Adult Probation & Parole and the other with Work Release) in order to obtain the Department of Justice’s Second Chance Act Adult Mentoring and Transitional Services for Successful Reentry Program Grant funding for $300,000.

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

HUMAN RESOURCES

Ms. Lengle asked if there were any questions with regard to the Salary Board Packet or the Personnel Packet.

Mr. Pries asked under the Personnel Changes, why are #36 and #37 transfers and #25 is a new hire.

Ms. Evans indicated that since they are currently employed by the County, they are listed under personnel changes, because they are transfers. New hires are listed separately, because they are not currently employed by the County.

Mr. Pries asked about Mr. Grove. He was hired by Security and he is not listed as a transfer.

Ms. Lengle indicated that it is because he never started employment as a security guard.

PURCHASE ORDERS

Mr. Baratucci reported that the Purchase Order Packet was delivered yesterday and that the necessary budget adjustments will be made prior to next week. He asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Pries questioned Pages 24-26, the American Abatement Group requisition for asbestos abatement and if this service was put out for bids.

Mr. Baratucci indicated that it wasn’t. It doesn’t have to go out to bid, because it is considered maintenance to a public building. This company was used in the past and they did a good job.

Mr. Pries asked if the price is consistent.

Mr. Baratucci indicated that he will get some additional information from Mr. Cohen.
TRAINING PACKET

It was moved by Mr. Pries and seconded by Mr. Hartwick that the Board approve Request #2 of the Training Packet.

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

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

Mr. Curcillo indicated that the items on the Solicitor’s Report are currently being reviewed and will be ready for consideration at next week’s Legislative Meeting.

CHIEF CLERK’S REPORT – LAURA E. EVANS, ESQ.

Ms. Evans reported on the following:

- Last Friday, Ladies’ Night Out was celebrated at Kevin’s Place in Lykens. More than 700 ladies enjoyed an evening of pampering, shopping, live entertainment, health and wellness. Thanks to our sponsors, Kevin’s Place Restaurant for hosting and staff at the Northern Dauphin Human Services Center for such a great event.

- Dauphin County will host its annual Egg Hunt at Fort Hunter Park on March 24th from 2pm – 5pm. It is free to the public. The hunts are scheduled as follows:
  - Ages 2-3 at 2:30 p.m.
  - Ages 4-5 at 2:45 p.m.
  - Ages 6-7 at 3:00 p.m.
  - Ages 8-9 at 3:15 p.m.

  This year’s event is sponsored by Pennsylvania Housing and Finance, The Hershey Company and Capital BlueCross.

COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS

Mr. Hartwick stated that the name change with the State Department of Public Welfare has nothing to do with the County. It is being stated to change the name will cost $8 million. That is grossly inaccurate. The reason for the name change is the dollars that go to DPW, well over 90% of those dollars are used for human services. It is easier to categorize those people on welfare versus those folks who need aging and long-term care services. Pennsylvania is the last state that recognizes the functions of the department. It becomes easier to cut if it is that welfare program. A majority of the budget goes towards human services. The stigma that goes along with welfare is not helpful in budget times. The $8 million figure is inaccurate. The change would actually
have a very limited impact. The cost would be under $400,000 and will be phased in over a two year period.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Transcribed by: Richie-Ann Martz