DAUPHIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WORKSHOP MEETING

OCTOBER 2, 2013
10:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

Jeff Haste, Chairman (ABSENT)

STAFF PRESENT

Laura E. Evans, Esq., Chief Clerk; Marie E. Rebuck, Controller; Joseph A. Curcillo, III, Esq., Solicitor; Randy Baratucci, Director of Purchasing; August Memmi, Director of Community & Economic Development; Kay Lengle, Human Resources; J. Scott Burford, Deputy Chief Clerk; Amy Harinath, Press Secretary; Julie Mackey, Commissioners’ Office and Richie-Ann Martz, Assistant Chief Clerk

GUESTS PRESENT

Jeff Frantz, Penny Pollard, Daniel Collins and Paul McNamee

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Pries, Vice Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Mr. Haste is unable to be here this evening. He is attending other County business. The Commissioners decided in 2011 to take two of the meetings out to public. He introduced staff that was present.
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

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Collins stated that the Township currently has a younger population. As the population ages, he was wondering what services the County provides for the aging.

Mr. Hartwick indicated that over 20% of the County’s population is senior citizens and it is expected to grow. The County is trying to manage the level of care that the County provides, despite the Federal funding cuts and the promise of lottery funds. The Aging budget has not been increased for the past 10 years. Some of the services are meals-on-wheels, in-home care and protective services. The County also has an Elderly Abuse Task Force. The County is hosting Aging Forums. One was held in Derry Township and the remaining two will be held at Pheasant Hills and at the Millersburg Area Senior Citizens Center. The County also provides medical assistance transportation so seniors can get to their doctor appointments.

Mr. Collins ask what the Township can do to help the County.

Mr. Hartwick stated that the County is in need of volunteers. The County has a volunteer base that is getting older. For the County to maintain the level of care it needs more volunteers. The volunteer base that currently exists is estimated to save the County $11 million. The County is considering putting together a Thanks program that would get businesses to offer discounts to citizens that volunteer. The County also provides a service where seniors can get some assistance in deciding what the best option is relative to medical care beyond Medicare.

DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS/GUESTS

There was none.
HUMAN RESOURCES

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

Ms. Lengle indicated that she will ask the Board to withdraw Item #11. That person no longer wants the position and by next week there may be another name for that position.

The Packets will be considered at next week’s Legislative Meeting.

PURCHASE ORDERS

Mr. Baratucci reported that the Purchase Order Packet was distributed yesterday. There are some budget adjustments that need to be made.

Mr. Pries questioned the requisition for Palmetto and if that is an item that is put out for bid.

Mr. Baratucci indicated that Palmetto provided the best overall deal.

Mr. Hartwick stated that they are currently about ready to post. They take a snapshot of when it is posted. They have a GPS that states what day and time it was posted so if they need to prove it in Court.

TRAINING PACKET

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

There was none.

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

Mr. Curcillo reported that the 18 items on the Solicitor’s Report will be ready for consideration at next week’s Legislative Meeting.

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

Ms. Evans reported on the following:

- The second in a series of public forums on aging will be held at Pheasant Hills Estates in Susquehanna Twp. at 9 a.m. tomorrow. This event is free and open to the public. Dauphin County is holding these meetings to alert the public about the
potential elimination of some services and possible waiting lists for care due to funding cuts and to hear from older adults on what services are most important to them.

- Dauphin County will be hosting its annual Indians Festival from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. this Sunday at Fort Hunter Park.

COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS

Mr. Hartwick mentioned the gaming funds that were given to South Hanover Township. It enabled the Township to buy a fire truck and to plan for a new Township building, which will provide for a lot more room.

Mr. Pries commended the Supervisors for working with Derry Township on the bridge project. It is a nice looking bridge.

Mr. Hartwick indicated that the County bridges are all structurally sound with the exception of the Duke Street Bridge, which is currently under repair. The County can leverage liquid fuels dollars to assist with bridge and road projects.

Mr. Pries indicated that some of those funds were available because of earlier Boards of Commissioners.

He asked if the Township received their Federal Disaster Recovery money.

Mr. McNamee indicated that the Township used all their FEMA and PEMA funds to address the flooding issues in the Township. He is aware of the buy-out program with the Hazardous Assistance Program Funds. The Township does not have any property that fits into that program; however he is familiar with it.

The new Township Building will be located on Route 39 at the Pumpkin World location. That property was purchased with the help of the County through gaming funds. The Township will seek additional gaming revenue to continue with the development of the project. The design will be completed over the winter, with hopefully a groundbreaking in the Spring. It is a very accessible location. The cost of the new building is between $5 and $6 million.

Mr. Pries asked when the Township purchased the current building.

Ms. Pollard indicated that it was back in 1962.

Mr. Hartwick also discussed a presentation that was made to the Board several weeks ago – the flood inundation program. This is a very helpful tool for residents. They can find out what flood stages would affect their residence. The presentation was for the Susquehanna River, but could be used for Swatara Creek.
Mr. Collins stated that it is good information and he would like to be able to put it on the Township website. There are packages that if it reaches 10 feet it would call residents that would be affected by that.

Mr. Hartwick stated that he may be able to find some support for the Township on that situation.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Commissioners thanked everyone for attending.

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