DAUPHIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WORKSHOP MEETING

SEPTEMBER 18, 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; Gerald Feaser, Director of Registration & Elections; Fred Lighty, Esq., Human Services Director’s Office; Tom Guenther, Director of IT; Keith Kepler, Director of Solid Waste & Recycling; Amy Harinath, Press Secretary; Leila Brown, Solicitor’s Office; August Memmi, Director of Community & Economic Development; Gary Serhan, Deputy Controller; Greg Schneider, Budget & Finance; Kirsten Johnson, Children & Youth; Melissa Bradley, Human Resources; Bobby Sisock, Court Administration; Heather Reardon, Human Resources; Mavis Nimoh, Director of Drugs & Alcohol; Joan Novosel, Drugs & Alcohol; Sherry Clouser, Drugs & Alcohol; Melody Osborn, Commissioners’ Office and Richie-Ann Martz, Assistant Chief Clerk

GUESTS PRESENT

Alyssa Schadle, Cassidy Pinchorski, Madeline Reynolds, Hannah Nestor, Emily Wessner, Bindy Boyer, Haley Nestor, Maura Kreiser, Kendra Davis, Olivia Ancheff, Kyrsten Miller, Tianna Yanosckak, Rayanne Hawk, Kate Whelski, Megan Schadle, Kylie Doyle, Lee Reiser, Ashley Frontino, John McCready, Dawn Reitenbach, Ryan Underkoffler, Pat Gadsden, Mike Musser, Brooks Mountcastle and Tiffanie Elijah

MINUTES
CALL TO ORDER
Mr. Haste, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 10:04 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
Mr. Burford reported that there were no Executive Sessions held between meetings.

ELECTION BOARD
A complete set of Election Board Meeting Minutes are on file in the Commissioners’ Office.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
Brooks Mountcastle stated that he believes it is unfair the amount that the residents of the City of Harrisburg pay for disposal services. In the Strong Plan the fee goes up a little for residents outside of the City. He would like to see something done by the difference in the rates. He doesn’t know how the Commissioners can sit there and think that this is fair.

Mr. Haste mentioned that this matter went through the Courts. The City tried to raise the rates, but the County was successful. The City chose to go forward and set the rate. The Commissioners thought it was unfair. When the County agreed to support it in 2003 it had to be competitive. It is not market competitive. City government agreed to go along with that fee.

Mr. Mountcastle indicated that they failed to address it and this has been going on way too long. The citizens need to continue to push this issue. He apologized. He thought it was the County.

Mr. Haste stated that this should have been a red flag to the citizens of Harrisburg and he couldn’t believe that people didn’t go and complain. It is not market competitive.
DIRECTORS/GUESTS

A. Dauphin County Commissioners

1. Proclamation – Williams Valley High School Softball State Champions

Mr. Haste welcomed the Williams Valley Girls Softball Team. The Commissioners have a Proclamation for the Team and School and certificates for the players. He hopes that some move on to the next level and that maybe he will hear their names on ESPN or getting different gold medals. The County has been blessed to have students excel in sports as well as academics. You, as players, have now become role models for younger girls. This is a great opportunity for you as well.

Mr. Haste read the following Proclamation.

Office of County Commissioners
Dauphin County, Pennsylvania

Proclamation

We, the Dauphin County Board of Commissioners, are thrilled to join with the many students, coaches, proud parents and fans in congratulating the members of the Williams Valley High School Softball Team on their outstanding season that culminated in the 2013 PIAA State Class A Softball Championship;

Whereas, the Lady Vikings defeated Neshannock High School with a score of 13 to 0 in six innings, capturing the first PIAA State Class A softball title in the school’s history;

Whereas, this team clinched the 2013 PIAA District XI Class A Softball Championship and finished the season with an impressive overall record of 23 wins and 4 losses;

Whereas, under the leadership of Head Coach Lee Reiser and Assistant Coaches Ashley Frontino, Tim Herb and Ryan Underkoffler, this Vikings team has set the standard for athletic excellence;

Therefore, we join the 268,000 residents of Dauphin County in honoring this extraordinary team for overcoming obstacles and achieving top honors this softball season; we proudly applaud the team’s spirit and determination and warmly wish them enduring success in their athletic and academic pursuits; and in grateful recognition thereof, we do hereby proudly proclaim September 18, 2013 to be “Williams Valley High School Softball Team Day” in Dauphin County.

(Appause was given.)

Mr. Pries congratulated the team and noted too that they are now role models. Your parents, school, community and the County are proud of you. This is the first title for your school. You need to relish this achievement, because it is once in a lifetime accomplishment. When I was in Hershey High School in 1982, we won a title and they haven’t won one since. You will always remember that win. Your team is very talented and you played together as a team. You had a 13-0 in the championship game, which is unheard of. Congratulations!
Mr. Hartwick stated to beat a returning champion 13-0...you put a whooping on the team. You put a lot of dedication and time management into becoming the best. Your school is part of both Dauphin and Schuylkill Counties. When you are put in this type of situation, it comes with responsibility. Congratulations to our future leaders.

Coach Reeser stated that he believes everything the Commissioners said, being a role model. There are a lot of honor roll students on the team. It is difficult to repeat. Most of the team is back next year, so we have a good chance.

(Applause was given and pictures were taken.)

B. Kirsten Johnson, Children & Youth; Sherry Clouser, Drug & Alcohol and Tiffany Elijah

1. Holistic Family Support Program

(Ms. Nimoh presented as opposed to Sherry Clouser from Drug & Alcohol.)

Ms. Nimoh provided the Commissioners with an overview of the project. She would like the Commissioners to hear from someone that participated in the program. About 1 ½ years ago she was asked to be a part of a Statewide committee to look at the substance abuse disorder and how it affected those that were also in the child welfare system. A better job needed to be done with the referrals. They took all the best practices and put them into the Holistic Family Support Program. The program provides intensive monitoring and engagement strategies to support recovery, monitor the recovery aspect of the child welfare plan, and move families toward preservation and children toward permanency.

Ms. Johnson indicated that there are a number of families coming to our attention with a substance abuse issue. Children and Youth workers are cross trained and referrals will be filtered through the in-house Children and Youth Drug and Alcohol consultants. According to the National data, six million children live with a parent that has substance abuse.

Ms. Nimoh indicated that she appreciates the partnership.

Mr. Hartwick thanked Tiffanie for coming and indicated that we are proud of her for coming forward and sharing her experience with the Holistic Family Support Program.

Ms. Elijah stated that it is a privilege and an honor to be here today as a representative of the Holistic Family Support Program. This program gave her the determination to stay focused. She made some bad choices. She was a single mother struggling with drug and alcohol issues off and on. She did not have enough support prior to entering the program. Goals were established and she started doing all the things that she was supposed to be doing. She needs to let go of the guilt. She was pregnant and had two
toddlers at home. One of her barriers was transportation. If she committed to the program, it would only increase her chances of being more successful. Holistic Family Support Program took away all those excuses. She received a lot of support from different organizations. She is still clean. I didn’t use my pregnancy as an excuse. It didn’t work out with the father of the baby. She has a determination to stay clean and she has people rooting for her.

Mr. Haste asked how long she has been clean.

Ms. Elijah indicated that she has been clean since July 2012. She had a high risk pregnancy.

Mr. Hartwick indicated that prior to the Commissioners’ Meeting he was attending the Drug Court graduation. People need to hear the success stories. Children need to see their parents being responsible. Hold parents accountable and provide them with the support that they need. God has given you this opportunity to move things in the right direction. It is an everyday struggle.

Mr. Haste asked if everything was okay with the baby.

Ms. Elijah indicated that it was and that she was clean during the whole pregnancy.

Mr. Haste asked how the program is being promoted.

Ms. Johnson stated that the majority of the referrals are children under the age of 5 and those are responded to within 4 hours.

Mr. Haste asked about referrals that come to the door.

Ms. Johnson stated that it is within four hours for those children five and under and 24 hours for older children. They are assessed by the caseworkers. It is treatment and recovery oriented.

Mr. Haste asked if they are involved in the family group conferencing.

Ms. Johnson indicated yes.

Mr. Haste asked if law enforcement is aware of this program.

Ms. Johnson indicated that the hospitals are aware, but she didn’t know about law enforcement and daycares.

Ms. Nimoh stated that the program is serving 15 families. This program was a pilot program. We wanted to see how it worked and if anything needed to be adjusted. It is at capacity in terms of finances.
Ms. Johnson indicated that she did ask for additional money.

Ms. Nimoh indicated that she will be sharing the results of this program with the State.

Mr. Hartwick stated that we have had a good amount of success without a lot of money.

Mr. Pries thanked Tiffanie for sharing her story and indicated that she has a good team of supporters surrounding her. He wished her well as she continues with the program.

**SALARY BOARD**

A complete set of Salary Board Meeting Minutes are on file in the Commissioners’ Office.

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

Ms. Reardon asked if there were any questions on the Personnel Packet. There were none. She asked for the Board to approve Items #21 and #22.

> It was moved by Mr. Pries and seconded by Mr. Hartwick that the Board approve Items #21 and #22 of the Personnel Packet.

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

The remainder of the Personnel Packet will be considered at next week’s Legislative Meeting.

**PURCHASE ORDERS**

Mr. Baratucci asked if there were any questions on the Purchase Order Packet. There was none. 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.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

A. Resolution #22-2013 approving for submission to the PA Department of Environmental Protection certain revisions to the September 11, 2013 Act 101 2013 Non-Substantial Plan Revision and Appendices. (**A Vote is Requested***)
It was moved by Mr. Hartwick and seconded by Mr. Pries 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 are currently being reviewed and will be ready for consideration at next week’s Legislative Meeting.

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

Mr. Burford reported on the following:

- Dauphin County, in conjunction with the Planning Commission, is hosting a SmartGrowth America Technical Assistance Workshop which will be held tonight and tomorrow night as part of a free, grant-funded technical assistance program. The event will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Lower Dauphin Middle School in Hummelstown.

- Dauphin County will host its annual Northern Dauphin Family Fun Fall Festival on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Elizabethville Borough Park.

**COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS**

Mr. Pries congratulated Jeff Frantz on getting married and welcomed him back.

Mr. Hartwick stated that he was at the PA Department of Public Welfare yesterday discussing the new proposal that the Governor discussed on the private insurance plan related to Medicaid expansion. There are a lot of good items within that structure, but there are also some concerns. He should have something for the Board next week.

**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.