MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Chad Saylor, Chief Clerk; Joseph A. Curcillo, III, Esq., Solicitor; Gerald Feaser, Jr., Director of Registration & Elections; Fred Lighty, Esq., Solicitor’s Office; J. Scott Burford, Deputy Chief Clerk; Steve Libhart, Director of EMA; Leila Brown, Solicitor’s Office; Kay Lengle, Human Resources; Dave Schreiber, Human Resources; Mike Yohe, Director of Budget & Finance; Randie Yeager, Acting Director of Human Services; Amy Harinath, Press Secretary; Faye Fisher, Director of Human Resources; Mavis Nimoh, Director of Drug & Alcohol; Will Gordon, Community & Economic Development; Robert Burns, Director of Area Agency on Aging; Scott Evans, IT; Stacey Glickman, Controller’s Office; Jack Wright, Human Services; Randy Baratucci, Director of Purchasing; August Memmi, Director of Community & Economic Development; Greg Schneider, Budget & Finance; Ruby Doub, Commissioners’ Office; Melody Osborn, Commissioners’ Office and Richie-Ann Martz, Assistant Chief Clerk

GUESTS PRESENT

Tom Herman, Mark Shea, Barb Miller, Rhonda Hendrickson, John Leedock, Craig Skurcenski and Tina Nixon

MINUTES
CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Haste, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Everyone observed a moment of silence.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Hartwick and seconded by Mr. Pries that the Board approve the April 2, 2014 Workshop Meeting Minutes and the April 9, 2014 Legislative Meeting Minutes; motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Pries and seconded by Mr. Hartwick that the Board approve the April 9, 2014 Salary Board Meeting Minutes; motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS HELD BETWEEN MEETINGS

Mr. Saylor reported that there was one Executive Session held this morning to discuss matters of litigation.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Herman is from 2589 Interstate Drive. He is the Business Agent representing the workers in the Human Services, Children & Youth, Area Agency on Aging, which includes the kitchen workers, Crisis, MH/ID and the treatment professionals at the Prison. According to the Agenda an update will be provided on the kitchen. He knows that there is an interest in privatizing the services. The lure of cost savings is attractive, but giving up the day-to-day oversight of operation is a cost that the County cannot afford. Private companies are like sharks. These companies come in low and then the prices go up. Privatizing public services in the long term is not cost effective. You don’t get the opportunity to supervise. He asked the Commissioners to not surrender their obligation to provide direct oversight of the employees at the kitchen.

Mr. Pries indicated that he has offered and it still stands to meet with Mr. Herman and anyone else. He would be more than happy to have a conversation.

Mr. Herman indicated that they should do lunch.
DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS/GUESTS

A. Dauphin County Commissioners

1. Proclamation – YWCA Denim Day

Mr. Hartwick stated that people may wonder why the Commissioners are in jeans today. The Board has a Proclamation in honor of sexual assault awareness month. As a father of four young girls, you try to raise individuals with values and principles, to be aware of their surroundings, make the right choices and hopefully put themselves in the right position to not be the victim of any sexual assault. There is no guarantee. He described an incident that happened at the train station. There are sexual predators out there that are praying on young men and women. Sexual predators find every opportunity to put themselves in a position to take advantage of individuals despite how aware they may be of their surroundings. Today we are wearing our denims in recognition of sexual assault awareness month; a problem that is too often not talked about. He thanked the YWCA, Human Services and those individuals who provide support and counseling and law enforcement.

Mr. Hartwick read the following Proclamation:

Office of County Commissioners
Dauphin County, Pennsylvania

Proclamation

We, the Dauphin County Board of Commissioners, are honored to join with the YWCA of Greater Harrisburg and the community at large to prevent and put an end to sexual assault in Dauphin County and around the nation as we recognize April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month;

Whereas, sexual assault is an unspeakable offense against human dignity that shatters lives and families, and spawns lifelong feelings of hopelessness and despair;

Whereas, every two minutes, someone in the United States is sexually assaulted;

Whereas, the YWCA of Greater Harrisburg is marking Sexual Assault Awareness Month with several outreach events, including "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" and Denim Day on April 24;

Whereas, Dauphin County is taking part in the public awareness campaign and encouraging employees, as well as citizens, to make a social statement by wearing jeans to work on Denim Day;

Therefore, we join the 268,000 residents of Dauphin County in bringing to light the viciousness of sexual assault and to protest the myths that encompass sexual assault during Sexual Assault Awareness Month and on Denim Day; together, we are making strides to end the violence; and in grateful recognition thereof, we do hereby proudly proclaim April 24, 2014 to be "Denim Day" in Dauphin County.

(Appause was given.)

Mr. Haste stated that in January of 2013, NACo had a seminar in California and began to make this a top priority. It is actually human trafficking. Most of the sexual attacks
seem to be on women, but it was amazing to find out how many young teenage boys are also affected by this. NACo and Dauphin County are taking a hard look at this issue.

Mr. Leedock is a Violence Prevention Educator at the YWCA of Harrisburg. He thanked the Commissioners for having them here today and for the partnership that the County is giving them on Denim Day and this month. At the YWCA they work 365 days a year to serve the victims of sexual assault and domestic violence, here in Dauphin County. They provide education and research. Dialogue is important. Getting people to recognize that it exists and the best way to prevent it is by creating dialogue. He thanked the Commissioners for participating.

(Applause was given and pictures were taken.)

B. Mavis Nimoh, Director, Dauphin County Department of Drug & Alcohol

1. Prescription Drug Abuse Summits

Ms. Nimoh reported on the prescription drug abuse summits that the County has scheduled for May. They were held last year. The County was ahead of what it knew would be the trend. The Department was tracking the increase in different substance abuse. The Department is trying to stay ahead of the trends and wants to educate the parents and community about the dangers, signs and symptoms. This is an ongoing epidemic. Individuals have access to prescription drugs. Prescription drugs are used as a way to treat chronic pain. Some individuals have medications that they are not fully using that they are leaving in their medicine cabinets. The Department is seeing a growing number of youth using prescription medication. That is a new gateway drug to harder drugs. As a result the heroin numbers have spiked by about 20% over last year. The method of transmission is now injection of drug use. This is very dangerous. Injection drug use starts the use of other things such as disease, HIA, Hepatitis and other infectious diseases. It is an ongoing public health crisis. The Department wants to stay ahead and educate the parents and community.

Commissioner Hartwick and District Attorney Marsico put a great piece in the Patriot-News on what the County plans to do over the next couple of years in addressing this. The Department applied for a grant through the District Attorney’s Association for prescription drop boxes. This is a way that individuals can get rid of their old medication. The Department has been working with the State, communicating with the ERs, and community partners. Harrisburg Hospital had over 240 overdoses. The Coroner’s report indicates, out of the deaths in Dauphin County, there were 91 deaths about 70 of those were as a result of drugs. About 23% of those were as a result of prescription drug abuse and 12% from heroin. There is an issue and it is growing in Dauphin County. The summits are one way to educate the community. Speakers have been scheduled for the summits. There will also be individuals who are actually in recovery or that have had a loved one that was addicted to prescription drugs. She thanked the Commissioners for supporting these summits and alerting the public as to
the severity of this issue. She introduced Shelley Smith, she is a Halifax resident and she will share her story.

Ms. Smith shared a story regarding her daughter who was a very bright young lady who was prom queen. Her daughter was introduced to prescription drugs at a party. She has not seen her daughter in a year. The past four years have been a struggle. She graduated from High School. It started with a couple pills at a party that someone gave her out of their grandfather's medicine cabinet. It just went from that to everything, crack, meth, injecting Percocet, eating fentanyl patches. She just went from one thing to another and ended up being a heroin addict. She has done six rehabs and three half-way houses. In four years the longest she was clean was about a year. We work so hard to educate our kids. We need to educate parents and families to lock up the medication. There are so many cancer patients and there are kids that are helping the sick people, well they are cleaning out the medicine cabinets. These are some of the best kids in the world and they have problems. She became obsessed in trying to help her daughter. She worked very closely with the police. She is a fugitive right now. She is pregnant and is running. She can't get a job. She hears from her now and then. She wants to help her with the baby. It all started with someone's pills in a medicine cabinet. The problem in upper Dauphin is that they are everywhere. Her and her husband picked their daughter up and took her to rehabs. You don't get well until you want to get well. She was beautiful, but she is not that way anymore. She doesn't know what the answer is. She knows that drugs are coming in all the time from New York and Philadelphia. The influx is just incredible. She has 14 years’ experience in addiction, mental health and all that professionally. Living it is another story. She begged to have her daughter locked up. They would send her back for another chance at rehab. After a while she learned to work the system. She is across the country somewhere. She has never given up hope. Parents can't be in denial. They don't want to get involved. It is scary and awful, but it is your kid's life. Her daughter was stealing from her job, but they didn't want to get involved. When the phone rings she wonders if they are calling to say come get the body. We have to find out where these drugs are coming from and stop them. Lock up the medicine cabinets. It is too easy to get painkillers.

Mr. Hartwick thanked her for her courage in coming here today to assist in raising the level of awareness. It takes a great deal of courage to talk about it. No one is immune. It doesn't come in any shape, sizes or reflective of you as a parent. Any one of us could be struggling with the same issues. We need to do something to raise awareness and assist other parents in knowing what the signs are and being able to have a public discussion about this. The Board greatly appreciated Ms. Smith's willingness to be open and provide that testimony today. It is an out of control epidemic. There are 500 times more people dying every day from an overdose than a gun shot and in 12 states it is the leading cause of death. It is ahead of heart disease or a gun shot. We need to get help to these folks. There are issues in every family. We need to make sure the medications are locked up. Dauphin County is committed to help and raise awareness and stop this.
Dr. Skurcenski is the PinnacleHealth Emergency Department’s Chairman. It is essential that this issue be looked at from a medical perspective. The source of these narcotic pain medications is almost always a legitimate prescription. This is something that they have been looking at emergency medicine across the primary care fields for some time. Some of the factors that have led to this is back in the early 2000s; the Joint Commission that accredits health care organizations came out with some recommendations basically saying that pain was under treated. Healthcare providers were not adequately assessing the pain levels of patients. Around the same time there was an increase in the assessment of quality of healthcare being related to patient satisfaction surveys. Physicians are being judged by how their patients respond to them. In conjunction to that you have pharmaceuticals that are producing new longer acting more potent narcotic preps of their pain medications. You have all this influx of prescriptions being written for patients with painful conditions. Pinnacle Health, at their two sites; see approximately 100,000 patients a year in their emergency departments. The American College of Emergency Physicians estimates that about 40% of all emergency department visits are for some pain related complaint. Just locally that is 40,000 visits a year for pain. In addition to that you have an increase in episodic care. Primary care providers are becoming less and less available. You have urgent cares popping up all over the place. The number of patients utilizing urgent cares for their primary care has gone up. The final component is a lack of coordination at any of these sites. So, for a patient who is on long term narcotic pain medications from their primary care provider can show up at an urgent care or emergency department and they have no idea of what medication they are on. This has led to some of this influx or significant spike in the availability of these narcotic opioid pain medications being available in the public. They are often prescribed and you have patients who are abusing them or diverting them. People are getting prescriptions and then selling them. This is a complex issue both from a medical perspective and also from the patient care perspective. There are a number of things that they have done. The emergency departments have partnered with the primary care sites. They have a policy that states that they will not refill narcotics in an emergency room setting. One of the things that has been highlighted as an effort to appropriately treat pain, but not provide medications for abuse is have a single prescriber of these. If someone does have a true painful ongoing medication condition, the most appropriate location for them to get their medications from is from their primary care provider on an ongoing basis and not use the episodic emergency departments for that source. They will not provide refills. They will treat pain appropriately within the confines of the emergency department, but will not provide a narcotic prescription for ongoing or chronic painful conditions. That has not been well received by some patients. They have to educate their patients that in a lot of these situations they are trying to do what is best for them. They have been very fortunate that they have support from the organization and patient service representatives that we can try to educate our patients. We are not trying to harm them we are actually trying to do what is best for the organization and the community.

Another project or program that has been utilized around the country is prescription drug registries. When he practiced in Ohio, they instituted their statewide reporting while he was there. The way it worked was that anyone with a medical license could
apply for a log in and password to a website. The website was protected so they could access a pharmaceutical record of all the prescriptions for controlled substances that were filled by individuals. That provides objective data. If he had someone in his emergency department who has a painful condition he can log into this website and he can see all the narcotics they filled. If they are filling from multiple providers or locations it gives him objective data to go into the patient and say this is what is happening. It is not that I’m judging you or using some sort of bias or making a decision there is objective data that says you have this going on and presented with that you get people that will ask for treatment. They will admit they have a problem. The other component is that you have the opportunity to provide appropriate pain medication. If someone is not on one of these registries you can document that the person has not been seeking drugs in an appropriate manner. That is something that we can get on a statewide basis in Pennsylvania. It would benefit the people with pain. It would make it so physicians have a much more accurate prescribing pattern. It would bring an improvement to this public health issue that we have heard is significant.

Mr. Pries stated that Ms. Smith’s story was very emotional and heart-wrenching regarding her daughter and wished her the best. Prescription drug abuse knows no socio-economic, geography or age boundaries. He commended Commissioner Hartwick for taking the lead on this. Ms. Nimoh and her staff should also be commended. The Board fully supports this endeavor and is here to do whatever it can to assist. It is a very difficult situation. He wished Ms. Smith the best and hopes that things come to a positive conclusion with her daughter very soon.

Mr. Haste thanked Mavis and the department for continuing these public awareness meetings. He asked the media to continue to help with this, because it truly is an epidemic. If we don’t start talking about it more it will only continue to grow. It is one of those things that seems to grow underneath the radar. One of the things that is frustrating is how easy it is to get these. Doctors seem to be so willing to address pain. Pain, no matter what the level, is not acceptable. He has been asked when he had his wisdom teeth removed if he wanted pain pills. He said no, but they gave him a prescription in case he needed it. How many times do they do that? As parents, we have to pay attention to what is going on. Dauphin County has done different things, but he is not sure that we have gotten our hands around this. Three or four years ago, Kelly Wolf started to do the prescription drug backs. We should have a website where parents can read what is going on ahead of time. One of the benefits that we have of serving at NACo is that we hear things before it happens. Things seem to happen on the west coast and work their way east. We heard about the pharm parties in California a few years ago and now they are a reality here. He asked Mavis and her department to take the leadership in developing a website. We need to have a way to get information out there ahead of time. Kids know a year before the parents know. The kids have a network that is amazing. Somehow we have to get ahead of that curve. As a government we have not done that. There are parents that want to do the right thing and we need to give them those tools. Social media has killed us. All the stuff that we are doing is good. Somehow we have to get it together and partner with the pharmaceutical folks and get the message out. If we don’t we will lose this battle. He
thanked Ms. Smith for her story. He doesn’t know that there isn’t anyone in the room that can’t relate to that, maybe not to the intensity that Ms. Smith has. The County lost someone over the last year, someone who was a good employee and started down the wrong path with prescription meds and it went haywire. Too many times you hear that story. For whatever reason it is easy to manipulate the system and get those meds. Let’s get ahead of this.

Ms. Nimoh stated that the Department is part of a PCCD Grant. It is Dauphin County plus four other counties working with the University of Pittsburgh and they are developing some science and evidenced based information, interactive things. So, we have been discussing the use of either putting that on the County website or developing something along with the items from the University of Pittsburgh on how to engage parents, give them the information in a way that is user friendly. We are starting the process.

Mr. Haste stated that it may not only focus on drugs. Maybe it could be a parent website. We just need to have tips where people can go and get the information.

Mr. Hartwick stated that the ideas about the multi-prong approach to solving this issue and the reason why there is frustration is that there has been a drug war that has been going on for generations that has not been won. Rethinking the way that we are addressing these issues need to occur completely. It is a multi-pronged approach. It is this county and the leadership of the human services committee that is talking and moving forward with this prescription drug registry, which offers significant accountabilities to doctors and patients related to the access of the medication. We are going to see that when we are successful, which we are moving forward with this prescription drug registry in the state of Pennsylvania. When you cut off those meds you will see a significant spike in heroin use. It is something that we have to be prepared for. Wait until you cut off all narcotic supplies which is going to be one of the first steps to this issue cutting off the supply and you know heroin is extremely cheap. The idea that there is going to be a multi-level approach as you cut off the prescription drugs which seems to be the gateway, we are going to have to be able to address the immediate epidemic and public response that is going to have as a result of the increase to some level of street drugs. We are making headway, but it is a multi-prong approach. The majority of where the prescription drugs are dropped off are in the northern end. They have overwhelmingly seen the largest amount of returns, which is a good thing. In the state of Pennsylvania the only place that you can appropriately provide that level of return is in police stations. I don’t know many folks who are active users who are taking prescription drugs back to a police station. While it is a good start, we have steps to take in order to make a significant impact. We talk about education this year and the Board is going to be discussing probably the first of its kind in a partnership with the Department of Drug & Alcohol for a public information campaign that is going to be multi-levels of media that we are going to educate parents in their own home. Folks may not have access to a website. We need to make it as easily accessible to provide that information upfront in a way that is going to allow the dialogue to occur all throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. There are only two places
that you may end up in this and you fear the other. It is either in an institution or death. Those are the two places where all of these cases end up. Also a good Samaritan Law, which we have endorsed, which is now being considered in the Legislature for the ability to administer a lifesaving drug and not have liability on those individuals that are actually administering the drug that immediately withdraws the narcotics from your system. All of these things are steps in the right direction that will be able to address the issue. There is a drug out there that will immediately withdraw those narcotics and save a life. We can do it while you are still alive, not while you are having that discussion at the coroner’s office with parents about drugs that might have been in the body. Every family struggles with issues. Trying to stigmatize people for trying to have the courage to come out and be honest and try to address it is something that we should be encouraging not finger pointing. We need to figure out a way to have that discussion in a way that doesn’t put people in a position to say that I gotcha. Let’s deal with it and change the cycle. We continue to discuss this and formulate plans. $18 million is an interesting number. That is how much was cut out of treatment in the State of Pennsylvania. The science shows you that you need to have the appropriate length of stay for the level of addiction and where that is at the cycle. How many times are we providing because of the funding intensive outpatient recommendations when someone needs 90 days inpatient and there is no money to actually provide the appropriate level of care. That is the biggest waste of taxpayers’ dollars that can be provided. The expansion of Medicaid will be offered under the Equity Law with Behavioral Health. The Court is still out.

The prescription drug abuse summits are May 1, 2014 at the Lower Paxton Township Municipal Building and then on May 13, 2014 in northern Dauphin County. A third one will be through CCAP, a statewide one and it will be held on June 6, 2014 in Elizabethtown.

C. Bob Burns, Director of Area Agency on Aging and Mark Shea, Deputy Director of York County Area Agency on Aging

1. Update on Kitchen

Mr. Burns provided a status report on the meals on wheels operation, as well as the kitchen where the meals are prepared and the annual waiver that is requested from the State that gives the County the ability to operate the kitchen. They have been studying the County operation, but also have reviewed other counties to see how they operate and if there is anything that can be learned from their operation. Mark Shea from York County is here today to discuss York County’s program. The County’s Agency was created in 1976 by the Older Americans Act and was approved by the State Legislature and the County Commissioners at the time. The kitchen was opened in 1986. There is currently three counties in the State that still operates their own kitchen. The kitchen prepares about 650 meals a day. They are delivered and that comes out to about 165,000 meals per year that are delivered. The County requires a waiver from the State Department of Aging each year, because the Older Americans Act mandates that counties not serve as direct service providers. The Act requires counties to go and
solicit local entities to provide direct services. In order to provide a direct service as the County does, it needs to request a waiver, which is done annually. The current waiver will expire at the end of this fiscal year on June 30. In 2007, when the County asked for an extension the State required the County to request an RFP and it was made clear at that time that their position again is that the Older Americans Act requires counties to solicit bids and that the County agency should not be a direct service provider. Terms of the Agency demographics – the County pays about $7.37 per meal. That is what it costs the County to produce and deliver a meal to the clients. That is the current rate for FY 2013/2014. The majority of that cost is made up in personnel. There is also a cost for occupancy of the building, supplies, which is primarily food; contracts with the vendors and transportation, which is primarily the trucks, vehicle repairs and fuel. The County prepares and produces a lot of meals daily. The cost is relatively high. It would benefit the Board to hear about how York County does their operation.

Mr. Shea introduced himself. The York County Area Agency on Aging came into being one year earlier than Dauphin County. They have never had their own kitchen. They use a meal provider. They currently use a meal provider for both the congregate and home-delivered meals. The home-delivered meals are seven days a week. The congregate meals are five days a week. They serve approximately 400 home-delivered meals a day and 800 congregate meals a day. York County is ordering 1200 meals from their meal provider every day. For congregate and home-delivered meals, the meals are ordered and delivered to the senior citizens. There are nine senior centers and six satellite centers. If they are congregate meals they are consumed at that site. If they are home-delivered meals, they have volunteers that take the meals from the senior centers to the home-delivered consumers. York County’s numbers are a little different. York County’s number of congregate meals has gone up. Nationwide numbers of congregate meals are going down. Since 2009, their numbers have doubled as far as congregate meals. The home-delivered meals have grown, but not at the rate of congregate meals.

Mr. Hartwick stated that Mr. Shea mentioned that the transportation is provided by volunteers. He asked if there was any paid transportation for the home-delivered meals.

Mr. Shea stated that York County actually provides the centers with some funding. They provide them with $1.70 per meal for delivery. That is used for overhead costs.

Mr. Hartwick asked if Dauphin County has those similar expenses.

Mr. Burns stated that the County does not.

Mr. Hartwick stated that it has been no secret that he has taken the position on this particular issue, for a number of reasons, that he doesn’t believe that the County should be trying to figure out ways just to balance budgets, particularly for the lowest paid employees. He grew up in a household where the union representation is supposed to provide the biggest voice to the people that ill-afford to have one. In this case the
kitchen employees based upon their skill set, based upon their resume they may not find additional employment in this current workforce outside of their current job. He knows they are extremely dedicated. He knows that the County needs to be careful, because the County does have a volunteer base that helps the County save probably close to $2 million a year that it would otherwise have to pay if some level of transportation was needed for the meals to be delivered from the kitchen. He doesn’t believe that it should have been given up in a contract to be able to negotiate for privatization. That has been his position from the beginning. These folks should have had the ability not to be the first individuals on the table. He also believes that the idea of allowing and asking the union if it is about cost savings, a pie chart has been delineated. He met with some of the employees at the kitchen. The County is in a tough situation from the Board’s perspective in having to make contributions from the gaming dollars and from other sources of funding with a growing senior population, less money coming from the lottery and sequestration which has caused a real constrain on the County’s ability to be able to provide direct services. This Board has made the decision to be able to cut non-essential services and provide the most essential services for folks through in-home care and meals on wheels. The County currently has no waiting list for either one of those two services. However, based upon the current budget situation, the County may have very soon. The County needs to find options for savings. The union should be able to come forward with a proposal that talks about how to meet or provide that savings back to the County. This Board has always been clear in supporting its employees. The County values the people that do the work each and every day. If it is a matter of trying to identify those savings it would and he suggested this several weeks ago and he has gotten no plan as of this date. If the County really wants to try to figure out a way for the continuation of the kitchen to stay open under the current County employment situation, to try to deal with this significant budget issues that the County faces in order to provide those direct services to individuals and to try to come forward with a plan that at least allows the County to realize some of those savings and to have another option on the table as it does an examination of what those cost savings may actually be through an RFP process. As a Commissioner this is one area that he will not be supporting if it moves in that direction to outsource the kitchen. He also thinks the union has a responsibility and the staff out there to come up with an alternative plan to allow the County to address some of the concerns it has from a budget perspective in being able to provide the types of services. It is essential that the County provides these services and that it be done as efficiently as possible. He would like to see along with the RFP process some counter proposal from the union to be able to match or talk about what kinds of savings that it can occur in order to provide those essential in-home services.

Mr. Pries thanked Mr. Shea for being here and providing the information. He asked Mr. Shea that they have 1,200 meals per day that goes to 15 different locations and the cost per day is $5.32 per meal.

Mr. Shea stated that is the home-delivered meal cost. That is the cost of the meal and the $1.70 delivery that is paid to the senior centers. The $5.32 includes the $1.70.
Mr. Pries stated $5.32 for 1,200 meals and Dauphin County is at $7.37 per meal for 650. He asked if there would be a cost savings if the County had more meals.

Mr. Shea stated that 800 of the meals do not have the $1.70 that is associated with that. So, it would be $3.54 per meal.

Mr. Burns stated that under the present system regardless of how many more meals would be prepared the cost would not go down. The County’s costs are pretty much fixed in terms of labor and other things.

Mr. Haste stated that he is not making a commitment one way or another, but doing an RFP is a good thing. When a neighboring county can provide the service, in maybe a little different way, but still they are feeding those that need to be fed at 38.5% less than what Dauphin County is paying. If the County had that additional money there may be more folks who could be served. Over the years, the County has been asked to do more with the same or less dollars. Doing an RFP is a good idea to see what programs are out there. He wouldn’t be opposed to taking a look at the whole delivery system to see if there is a better way to do it.

Mr. Hartwick asked that the volunteers be informed of what the County is looking to do. They are an essential component. The County received an award for its meal delivery program. Sometimes they are the only person a senior sees during the week.

Mr. Burns stated that per Chad’s direction, he is going to send out a letter to all the volunteers to give them the opportunity to offer any input or ask any questions they might have.

Mr. Haste stated that it is well worth taking a look at it.

Mr. Saylor stated, for the record, that the Board is not making a decision, but the County will do an RFP and see who is interested in doing this. He will come back to the Board, after a couple of weeks, so a comparison can be made. As Bob indicated, they are in the process of developing a communications plan that includes contacting the senior citizens of Dauphin County, as well as the people that are directly involved in this program, whether they are volunteers or recipients so that they know that the Board is considering this and reassuring them that no decision had been made and then asking them for whatever input they have. This information will be shared with the Board.

Mr. Hartwick indicated that the County went out for an RFP, he believes it was a requirement of the Department of Aging. It was not as big of an advantage related to the cost. That may have changed, but it is not known until those numbers are received.

Mr. Saylor stated Mr. Burns has spoken with Ms. Fisher with regard to the County’s obligations under the contract. The County wants to make sure that the bargaining unit is fully aware of what is going on and included in this process.
D. Faye Fisher, Director of Human Resources

1. Merit Hire (Listed as Item Z under Matters Requiring Board Action.)

Ms. Fisher indicated that she is excited and proud to announce that the PA Department of Public Welfare has officially approved Dauphin County’s new Merit Based Hiring Plan; which will cover employees in the Human Services Departments. It allows the County to transition from the State Civil Service Commission to the County’s very own Merit-Based Hiring System. There are several documents that will need Board approval. It includes the step-by-step guide that provides details on the new program, as well as five policies that needed to be created specifically for this system. She asked the Board for approval to move forward in implementing the new hiring program effective immediately. The five documents are referenced in the Resolution that is listed on the Agenda.

Mr. Hartwick indicated that this is something that has been undertaken and cleared a lot of hurdles to be able to get there. The ability for us to not have delays in filling positions, finding adequate and well-qualified employees making sure Dauphin County residents are viewed in a favorable light as it goes through that review process and establishing a whole lot of policies and procedures, grievance procedures, and rewriting a significant amount of policies has been quite the undertaking. There were a lot of people that put a lot of time into making sure this happened. He formally and publicly thanked everyone of those involved.

Ms. Fisher indicated that she wanted to thank the committee members, Randie Yeager, Merle Foust, Jack Wright, Kay Lengle, Guy Beneventano and Scott Burford.

Mr. Haste congratulated Faye on this accomplishment.

Mr. Curcillo indicated that the documents are referenced in the Resolution.

ELECTION BOARD

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SALARY BOARD

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HUMAN RESOURCES

Ms. Lengle asked if there were any questions. (There was none.)
It was moved by Mr. Hartwick and seconded by Mr. Pries that the Board approve the Personnel Packet.

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

**PURCHASE ORDERS**

Mr. Baratucci reported that the budget adjustments were made. Nothing has been added or changed to the Packet.

It was moved by Mr. Hartwick and seconded by Mr. Pries that the Board approve the Purchase Order Packet.

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

**REPORT FROM BUDGET & FINANCE DIRECTOR – MIKE YOHE**

Mr. Yohe provided the following Report:

**Report from the Office of Budget & Finance**

**April 23, 2014**

- **April 11, 2014** transferred **$3,882,772.93** to the **Payables** account from the County’s Concentration account for checks issued that week.

- **April 18, 2014** transferred **$5,616,011.99** to the **Payables** account and **$1,965,121.80** to the **Payroll** account from the County’s Concentration account for checks issued that week.

- Wire Payments since last report: **$8,911,483.67**

- Debt Service Payments since last report: **$0.00**

- **Term Investments**
  - **3/25/14 - $5,000,000.00** 7-month CD – Centric Bank – **0.77%** - matures 10/25/14

- Balance today in PA INVEST account #2100017144860: **$1,380.16** rate **0.050%**

- Balance today in Susquehanna Bank investment account #10013172621: **$44,419,709.45** rate **0.250%**

- Balance today in Susquehanna Bank investment account #119002023: **$1,298.46** rate **0.100%**
- Balance today in First National Bank investment account #97014743: $9,564,424.89
  rate 0.300%

- Balance today in Integrity Bank Money Market Checking account #2206001209:
  $36,740,850.03 rate 0.260%

- Balance today in Santander Bank investment account #9551017714: $15,005,948.26
  rate 0.300%


REPORT FROM CHIEF CLERK/CHIEF OF STAFF – CHAD SAYLOR

Mr. Saylor indicated that he has nothing to report unless the Commissioners have any
questions. (There was none.)

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

Mr. Curcillo reported that everything that is on the Agenda that was reviewed by the
Solicitor’s Office is ready for approval. There is one change. It is on Item X. Instead of
“Joinder” it is actually an “Intergovernmental” Memorandum of Understanding.

MATTERS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

A. Training Packet.
B. Stipulation of Settlement for Norfolk Southern Corporation, Derry Street, Lot 9, Parcel
   #63-018-190.
C. Repository Bids received from Reginald T. Edwards on the following properties:
   1. Parcel #02-020-015 (320 S. 14th Street) - $500.00
   2. Parcel #02-018-084 (343 Crescent Street) - $500.00
D. Repository Bids received from Benish Bhatti on the following properties:
   1. Parcel #34-026-005-144-0583 (144 Dean Street) - $525.00
   2. Parcel #02-032-022 (420 S. 17th Street) - $525.00
E. Repository Bids received from Come Up Properties, LLC (Manuella Romero) for the
   following properties:
   1. Parcel #09-030-013 (31 N. 18th Street) - $500.00
   2. Parcel #10-014-109 (2623 N. 6th Street) - $500.00
F. Repository Bid received from Clipboard Properties, LLC (Steve Espamer) – Parcel #09-
   032-003 (1613 Park Street) - $500.00.
G. Refund of 2006 & 2007 Real Estate Taxes – Parcel #06-027-015 (206 Verbeke Street)
   and Parcel #06-027-016 (204 Verbeke Street) – Greg Isom - $701.42.

I. Proposed Award of Contract to “Cleaning by Brenda”, Brenda Speece – housekeeping at the Fort Hunter Mansion.

J. Agreement for Mutual Aid in Fire Protection and Hazardous Material Incident Response between Dauphin County EMA and the Secretary of the Air Force.

K. Resolution #11 - 2014 establishing the annual rental rate and the annual building operating cost rate attributable to the rental area of the Dauphin County Human Services Building for FY 2014/2015.

L. Resolution #12 - 2014 – Submission of DCNR Grant Application in the amount of $500,000 for Greenbelt/Fort Hunter connector.

M. Grant Agreement Signature Page for the $500,000 DCNR Grant Application for Greenbelt/Fort Hunter connector.

N. Second Amended and Restated Agreement to the Consultant Agreement between the County of Dauphin and Gnall Consulting.

O. Resolution #13 - 2014 amending the Designation of Agent Resolution for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program from Stephen Libhart to Adam Miller, Huntingdon County Emergency Management Coordinator.

P. Purchase of Service Agreement between Dauphin County and Northeastern Building Maintenance for window cleaning services for the County downtown complexes (100 Chestnut Street, Human Services Building, Courthouse, Veterans Building and Administration Building).

Q. Consent to Assignment of Dauphin County Local Share Municipal Grant Agreement between United Way of Pennsylvania and Workforce Development Association.

R. Addendum #1 to Purchase of Service Agreement between Dauphin County (Children & Youth) and Discovery Kids Childcare Center, Inc.

S. Adoption Assistance Agreements #2014-14 and #2014-17.

T. Sublease Agreement between Dauphin County and NHS Pennsylvania, Inc.

U. Budget Amendments for the quarter ending March 31, 2014.

V. Appointment of Gary E. Lenker and W. Roy Newsome to the Dauphin County Affordable Housing Board. Terms expire December 31, 2015.

W. Appointment of Richard Comiskey to the Dauphin County Council on Aging. Mr. Comisky’s term will expire December 31, 2016.

X. Intergovernmental Joinder of Memorandum of Understanding between Dauphin County Land Bank, Susquehanna Township and Susquehanna Township School District for the Tuscarora Street Design Elimination Project.

Y. Ratification of the Fee Agreement between Dauphin County and Lavery, Faherty & Patterson.
Z. Resolution #14-2014 approving a Merit Hire Plan for the County Departments that receive Federal funds.

It was moved by Mr. Hartwick and seconded by Mr. Pries that the Board approve Matters Requiring Board Action, Items A through Z, listed above.

Discussion: Mr. Hartwick mentioned that Item X is the first grant agreement that has been accomplished through this program.

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

FORMER BUSINESS
There was none.

NEW BUSINESS
There was none.

COMMISSIONERS’ DISCUSSION & ACTIONS
There was none.

CORRESPONDENCE
The following correspondence was received in the Commissioners’ Office and will be handled appropriately.

A. Notification from Century Engineering advising that Hershey Entertainment & Resort Company are applying to DEP for a NPDES Permit for stormwater discharges associated with construction activities for a project located at 100 West Hersheypark Drive for Attraction 2015.

B. Notification from Skelly and Loy advising that Dawn Myers is applying to DEP for General Permit #4 and General Permit #7 for the Myers Driveway Development Project.

C. Notification from Hartech Engineering & Consulting, LLC advising that the Halifax School District is applying to DEP for a NPDES Permit for stormwater discharges associated with the construction of a new bus drop-off and parking area, minor building improvements and additions and the installation of geothermal wells for an upgraded HVAC system.

D. Notification from Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc. advising that the Township of Derry is applying to DEP for a NPDES Permit for stormwater discharges associated with the relocation of a portion of Park Blvd. (T-591) including a new bridge over Spring Creek.

E. Notification from Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc. advising that Lower Paxton Township is applying to DEP for a BWM-GP-11 General Permit for the Compton Drive Culvert Replacement Project.
F. Notification from Millersburg Area Authority advising that they are applying to the PA Department of Community & Economic Development for a grant for financial assistance for the completion of a sanitary sewer line inspection and rehabilitation project in Millersburg Borough.

G. Notification from Steckbeck Engineering & Surveying, Inc. advising that Historic Acres of Hershey is applying to DEP for a NPDES Permit for the construction of a 6,650 square foot pavilion, parking facilities, sidewalk, walking path, utilities and stormwater management facilities.

H. Notification from Select Environmental Solutions, Inc. advising that they are applying to DEP for the renewal of a NPDES Permit for the Alex Acres Mobile Home Park in Halifax Township.

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; motion carried.

Transcribed by: Richie-Ann Martz