DAUPHIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WORKSHOP MEETING

APRIL 2, 2014
6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jeff Haste, Chairman
George P. Hartwick, III, Secretary

Mike Pries (ABSENT)

STAFF PRESENT

Chad Saylor, Chief Clerk; Marie E. Rebuck, Controller; Joseph A. Curcillo, III, Esq., Solicitor; J. Scott Burford, Deputy Chief Clerk; Randy Baratucci, Director of Purchasing; Donna S. Miller, Commissioners’ Office; Edgar Cohen, Director of Facilities Maintenance; Kay Lengle, Human Resources; Jeff Enders, EMA and Richie-Ann Martz, Assistant Chief Clerk

GUESTS PRESENT

John Orr, Ron Hepner, Marilyn Henninger, Chris Dietz, Chris McGann, Ann Jackson, Kathy Wolfe, Brent Boyer, Alex Reber, Rick Ibberson, Gary Ibberson, Jared Shade, Halifax Archery Team and parents of athletes

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Hartwick, Secretary of the Board, called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. The Board decided to hold two of its meetings out in various locations. The Board also holds Eggs and Issues Breakfasts. This provides citizens the opportunity to voice their concerns. The Board works together as a team. There has been no tax increase for the past nine years, which doesn’t happen without some challenges.
Mr. Haste is running late and Mr. Pries is unable to attend due to a previous commitment.

(Mr. Hartwick proceeded with the meeting, holding any items that needed a vote until Mr. Haste arrived.)

**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**

Mr. Saylor reported that there were no Executive Sessions held between meetings.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was none.

**DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS/GUESTS**

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1. Proclamation – Halifax Area High School Archery Team State Championship Title

Mr. Hartwick stated that this is a yearly event and it is a wonderful achievement – back-to-back accomplishments. Last year the Board meeting was in Halifax, at which time the Halifax Archery Team was also recognized.

Mr. Hartwick read the following Proclamation:

*Office of County Commissioners*
Dauphin County, Pennsylvania

Proclamation

We, the Dauphin County Board of Commissioners, are thrilled to join with school administrators, teachers, parents and members of the community at large in honoring the Halifax Area High School archery team for clinching first place at the National Archery in the Schools Program Pennsylvania State Tournament for the second consecutive year;

Whereas, this dedicated and dynamic archery team earned a grand total of 3,304 points at the state tournament, its team score to date, giving Halifax back-to-back state championship titles;

Whereas, also at the state tournament, where more than 1,100 students from 41 schools competed, four archers – Amber Laudenslager, Jake Cook, Sam Cook and Maniah Erdman – were among the highest scorers at the competition;

Whereas, led by Head Coach Jared Shade, the Halifax Area High School archery team not only has achieved a successful, record-setting season, but also has amassed an impressive athletic track record, bringing much recognition to their school and hometown;

Therefore, we join the 268,000 residents of Dauphin County in applauding this talented team of archers for their second straight state title and for their exceptional sportsmanship; and in grateful recognition thereof, we do hereby proudly proclaim April 2, 2014 as “Halifax Area High School Archery Team Day” in Dauphin County; we truly wish this championship team enduring success, both on and off the field.

(Appplause was given.)

Mr. Shade, coach of the Archery Team, stated that the kids are hard workers. Being on the archery team promotes punctuality by getting to practice on time. The team was on time for this meeting and for the entire season. They are a good group of kids and he plans on being at a Commissioners’ meeting next year with the same group of kids. The booster and community support has been great. Several of the archers will be traveling to Kentucky for the National championship.

Mr. Hartwick stated that he has a lot of pride in this team for their hard work, dedication and commitment in obtaining this State championship. He thanked the parents for their commitment as well, since they are the ones that drop off and pick up their kids for practice. He thanked all involved and wished them well.

The following Certificates were presented (those names underlined were present at the meeting): Ellianna Billow, Hunter Enders, Kayla Enders, Mason Erdman, Morgan Fetterhoff, Kaitlyn Hutchinson, Austin Kissinger, Kyleigh Lackey, Amber Laudenslager, Tyler Lenker, Loghan Nace, Molly Smith, Emmalee Stipe, Eric Britner, Jake Cook, Sam Cook, Brooke Crowell, Devin Klinger, Brooke Miller, Isaac Miller, Colten Sponsler, Jess Stout, Adam Sweigard, Shaina Walker and Nathan Wilbert.

(Appplause was given and pictures were taken.)

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HUMAN RESOURCES

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

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

PURCHASE ORDERS

Mr. Baratucci stated that the Purchase Order Packet was distributed yesterday. There are a few budget adjustments that will need to be made. He asked if there were any questions with regard to the Packet. There was none.

The Purchase Order 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 there are 16 items listed on the Solicitor’s Report that will be reviewed and ready for consideration at next week’s Legislative Meeting.

COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS

Mr. Hartwick reported that he would like to re-welcome an old face to County Government. Chad Saylor has returned to County government as the Chief Clerk. He had worked for Lt. Governor Cawley for the past three and a half years. The Board is delighted to have him back.

Mr. Saylor stated that he is glad to be back.

CHIEF CLERK’S REPORT – CHAD SAYLOR

Mr. Saylor stated that he has nothing to report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Deitz thanked the Commissioners for holding one of their meetings in Millersburg. It allows citizens in the northern end to experience one of your meetings and to provide comments.

Mr. Hartwick stated that there is a lot going on in the County. There is the issue with the flood insurance. Some folks will be hit with extremely high insurance rates, because
they are within the 100 year flood plain. There was discussion on whether or not to offer a Dauphin County subsidy to assist residents with these large insurance premiums. Pennsylvania is the most affected State. There are a lot of waterways in Pennsylvania. This affects the residents that have made an investment in their homes. They are not able to move away from their investment. A meeting is being scheduled to begin dialogue on this issue.

Mr. Boyer indicated that he is impressed to work with the Commissioners on several projects. The Commissioners assisted with the Riverfront cleanup in Millersburg. The Commissioners also stepped up to the plate and played a big role in the resolution of the Harrisburg Incinerator. He looks forward to working with the Commissioners on future projects.

A resident thanked the Commissioners for organizing the electronic recycling drop-off at the Upper Paxton Township Building.

Mr. Hepner indicated that it is open the second Saturday of every month and it is very busy.

Mr. Good asked if the Commissioners are assisting with the emergency care facility for this region. He questioned if the County has been asked to join this push. Emergency care for this region is lacking due to resources and the aging doctor population.

Mr. Hartwick mentioned that this Friday, Mission of Mercy’s Mobile Medical Clinic will open in Harrisburg. The clinic provides access for the underinsured and the uninsured. The Board is involved.

Mr. Good raised the prescription drug abuse crises.

Mr. Hartwick stated that it is a statewide and nationwide issue. There is not one county that is not affected by this. There are more deaths caused by prescription drug overdoses than by gunshots, but people are not locking up their medicine cabinets. The County has placed prescription drug drop-off boxes around the County.

Mr. Haste stated that he got the chance to talk to some of the archery folks when he arrived at the meeting. He was at the tournament and got to see them shoot. He also mentioned that he was at the Colonnade for the Premier Gala Event. The facility is very nice.

**TRAINING PACKET**

It was moved by Mr. Hartwick and seconded by Mr. Haste that the Board approve Item #1 of the Training Packet.

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

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

Transcribed by: Richie-Ann Martz