DAUPHIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WORKSHOP MEETING

DECEMBER 10, 2014
10:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Chad Saylor, Chief Clerk; Marie E. Rebuck, Controller; Janis Creason, Treasurer; Joseph A. Curcillo, III, Esq., Solicitor; Randy Baratucci, Director of Purchasing; Steve Libhart, Director of EMA; Fred Lighty, Esq., Solicitor’s Office; Kay Lengle, Human Resources; Amy Harinath, Press Secretary; J. Scott Burford, Deputy Chief Clerk; Jennifer Simpson, Court Administration; Eric Naguski, Director of Conservation District; Gerald Feaser, Jr., Director of Registration & Elections; Jeff Enders, EMA; John Goshert, Director of CID; Robert Christoff, Conservation District; Justin Challenger, Conservation District; August Memmi, Director of Community & Economic Development; Greg Schneider, Budget & Finance; Julie Mackey, Commissioners’ Office; Ruby Doub, Commissioners’ Office; Melody Osborn, Commissioners’ Office and Richie-Ann Martz, Assistant Chief Clerk

GUESTS PRESENT

WHTM, WHP, WGAL, Fox 43, Bradley DeLancey, Don Konkle, Ken DeLancey, Sue DeLancey, Dennis Simmons, Nick DiFrancesco and Julie Mattera

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Haste, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 10:15 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 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 was one Executive Session held this morning regarding personnel and litigation.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS/GUESTS

A. Dauphin County Commissioners

   1. Presentation of Craig Webb Memorial Awards

Mr. Pries stated that the Board looks forward to this meeting every year. The Board looks forward to giving thanks and recognition to those outstanding individuals within the community who are constantly out there on the citizens’ behalf 24/7/365. It is the Craig Webb Annual Award in honor of an individual who gave of his most prized personal treasure – his time over and over again. Mr. Webb passed away back in 2004 and the prior Board of Commissioners (Nick DiFrancesco, Jeff Haste & George Hartwick) established this award in his honor. Each year local police, fire and EMS councils nominate an outstanding emergency service provider of the year who embodies the spirit of the late Craig Webb. Mr. Webb died suddenly during the 2004 holiday season. This award signifies excellence in service and is awarded to those emergency services personnel who go above and beyond the call of duty. When Mother Nature is at her worst, these folks are at their best. When individuals are in their time of greatest need, they are there. These emergency service providers are ready to respond within a moments’ notice to provide assistance to the residents of Dauphin County.
The names of this year's courageous and committed first responders will be placed on a plaque at the Dauphin County Emergency Management Agency. This plaque is inscribed with the names of outstanding firefighters, police officers and emergency medical professionals in honor of Craig Webb’s lifetime of service.

The 2014 Award Recipients are:

- Law Enforcement Leader of the Year Award – Daniel Peiper, Police Officer, Harrisburg Bureau of Police
- Fire and Rescue Leader of the Year Award – Donald H. Konkle, retired Chief of the Harrisburg Bureau of Fire
- EMS Provider of the Year Award – Bradley DeLancey, Chairman of the Dauphin County Emergency Medical Services Council

Mr. Pries indicated that he has the honor and privilege to present the first award and that goes to Daniel Peiper, representing law enforcement. (Officer Peiper came forward. Applause was given.)

Mr. Peiper has worked as a police officer with the Harrisburg Bureau of Police since 2001. In 2009, he was assigned to the Street Crimes Unit, handling gun and drug arrests and assisting with violent crime incidents. In 2010, he proudly became a canine handler. He and his partner, Thor, have assisted with hundreds of investigations, including narcotic and gun finds, tracking of suspects and suspect detentions. On April 20, 2013, Officer Peiper’s police SUV was hit by a suspect who was fleeing police, causing his vehicle to flip and severely injuring him, Thor and a bystander, Selina Martin. Officer Peiper sustained multiple broken bones and a pelvis, among many other injuries. Thor underwent treatment at a local trauma center and suffered from internal bruising, but fully recovered. Over a year later, Officer Peiper continues to recover and attend physical therapy. Although he is limited to desk duty, he continues to persevere and make progress. Prior to joining the Harrisburg Bureau of Police, he worked as a Cumberland County Deputy Sheriff, was a member of the Drug Task Force and became an instructor for undercover techniques. He graduated from Mansfield University in 1990 with a BA in Criminal Justice Administration and served as a police officer in the City of Wildwood, New Jersey. He is currently married to Judy Peiper and has a son, Wyatt.

Mr. Pries read the following Proclamation:

Office of County Commissioners  
Dauphin County, Pennsylvania

Proclamation

We, the Dauphin County Board of Commissioners, are proud to pay tribute to Daniel Peiper for two decades of dedicated service in law enforcement and to join with his many friends, family members and colleagues in congratulating him on being selected for the 2014 Craig Webb Memorial Award for Law Enforcement;
Whereas, since graduating from the police academy in New Jersey, Daniel has served the City of Wildwood, the Cumberland County Sheriff’s Department and Drug Task Force, and the Harrisburg Bureau of Police;

Whereas, as an integral part of the city’s Street Crimes Unit, Daniel has enhanced public safety by getting violent criminals – as well as illegal guns – off the streets;

Whereas, since becoming a canine handler, he and his partner, Thor, have conducted hundreds of investigations and searches;

Whereas, despite a near fatal vehicular accident, Daniel has demonstrated strength, courage and determination during his recovery and continues to serve his community as a vital member of the Harrisburg Bureau of Police;

Whereas, he is also a loving husband to Judy and devoted father to his son Wyatt;

Therefore, we join with the 268,000 residents of Dauphin County in proudly proclaiming our deep appreciation and admiration for Harrisburg Bureau of Police Officer Daniel Peiper and in marking December 11, 2014 as “Officer Daniel Peiper Day” in Dauphin County; we thank him for protecting and serving the public with courage, honor and integrity;

(Appplause was given and pictures were taken.)

Officer Peiper stated it is truly an honor and a privilege to receive this award. He is very humbled by being voted in for this award. He doesn’t want to forget that there are people every day out there that deserve this award. Individuals here in this room that support him every day and also the officers that are on the street right now, each and every one of them deserve an applause and thank you for what they do for the citizens every day. They serve the community. Each and every one of the EMS responders deserves one of these. He wishes he could give everyone a proclamation.

Chief Carter stated that it is an honor to be here. He thanked everyone for supporting Officer Peiper. Officer Peiper has had a tough road to travel and is still traveling that road. Officer Peiper has always been a fine officer, a great husband and a great friend to all. His words are very true that all law enforcement, EMS, fire, ambulance – they are out there every day because they love what they are doing, they love serving the public and are here to make this Commonwealth, this County, a better place. They are here to treat people with respect and dignity. Officer Peiper has always done that. Chief Carter’s colleagues from Swatara Township, Susquehanna Township and every law enforcement officer in this Commonwealth, every EMS worker, firefighter – we are here to make this a better place for every person in this Commonwealth. He thanked the Commissioners for what the Board has done. He hopes that this motivates Officer Peiper to come back. He has been going to therapy and fighting hard. He believes in his heart that Officer Peiper will be back in the same capacity that he left in – a great officer. (Applause was given.)

Mr. Hartwick stated that it is a great honor and privilege to be able to stand here in front of the recipients and guests and also to be able to serve along with them. The Board is in agreement that Dauphin County has the best first responders, EMS, firefighters and law enforcement community anywhere in this Commonwealth and around this nation. Chief Carter makes sure that as he is training them physically at the Harrisburg Area Community College, leadership of the District Attorney and through the Chiefs of Police Association right down to the line levels in all organizations, the citizens should feel safe. The common thread that you will hear through all the award recipients today is.
keeping God first, family and community and the ability to sacrifice and serve others is the reason and motivation.

It is my distinct honor to discuss the Fire and Rescue award recipient, one who is synonymous with leadership, someone who when you think of a guy who jumps into immediate action, whether it is with the Pennsylvania Urban Search and Rescue Team and immediate response to the 9-11 crisis or leading a fire agency into the 21st century by making sure they have the best equipment, best trained men and women and the ability to respond and understand the responsibility to respond, everyone thinks of Donald Konkle. Mr. Konkle started his emergency service career as a junior fire fighter with the South Williamsport Fire Department in 1968 at the age of seventeen. After graduating from high school, he attended Penn state University, majoring in public policy. In 1974, he became a firefighter with the Harrisburg Bureau of Fire. After five years as a firefighter, he was promoted to the position of lieutenant in the Bureau of Fire. In 1982, Mr. Konkle was promoted to Fire Chief of the Harrisburg Bureau of Fire. He was instrumental in leading improvements, such as spearheading the creation of Pennsylvania’s Urban Search and Rescue Team (PA Task Force One), the consolidation of the Bureau of Fire from eight fire stations to four, implementation of fire prevention measures that significantly reduced fire deaths in the City of Harrisburg, and the progression of the Harrisburg Bureau of Fire into one of the commonwealth’s premier fire departments. He attended the Executive Fire Officer Program at the National Fire Academy as one of its first students from 1984 to 1986. He retired from the Harrisburg Bureau of Fire in 2009 and then became Executive Director of Pennsylvania Fire and Emergency Services Institute. As Executive Director of the PFESI, Chief Konkle has been active in supporting fire and emergency services initiatives by lobbying for legislation or improvements to legislation, such as: residential sprinklers, the PA Volunteer Loan Assistance Program, training of emergency service providers, and recruitment and retention of volunteers.

Mr. Hartwick read the following Proclamation:

Office of County Commissioners
Dauphin County, Pennsylvania

Proclamation

We, the Dauphin County Board of Commissioners, are deeply proud to join with loving family members, friends and members of the community at large in honoring Donald H. Konkle as the 2014 Craig Webb Memorial Award for Fire and Rescue Leader of the Year;

Whereas, from a junior fire fighter with the South Williamsport Fire Department to the Fire Chief of the Harrisburg Bureau of Fire, Donald has devoted his life to public safety and community service;

Whereas, as Fire Chief, he spearheaded the creation of Pennsylvania’s Urban Search and Rescue Team, implemented fire prevention measures that significantly reduced fire-related deaths, and transformed the Bureau into one of the state’s premier fire departments;
Whereas, a courageous and committed leader who, for over 30 years, responded to nearly every city blaze, he risked life and limb to serve, save and protect the public – even traveling to New York City in the wake of 9/11, to New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina, and to Galveston, Texas, in the aftermath of Hurricane Ike;

Whereas, in retirement, Donald continues to actively support fire and emergency services as the Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Fire and Emergency Services Institute, and truly embodies the spirit of the late Craig Webb;

Therefore, it is with great pleasure that we join with the 268,000 residents of Dauphin County in celebrating the lifelong contributions of Donald H. Konkle; he truly exemplifies the finest of American ideals and embodies the spirit of the late Craig Webb; and in grateful recognition thereof, we do hereby proudly proclaim December 12, 2014 to be “Donald H. Konkle Day” in Dauphin County.

(Appplause was given and pictures were taken.)

Mr. Konkle thanked the Commissioners. He is truly honored. It has been his privilege over his career to work with both elected officials and emergency responders. They understood what the service was about and that was protecting the citizens. Their role was to make sure that Mrs. Smith had a better day after they left than what she was having when they arrived. Everybody that he has dealt with put individuals and citizens before themselves and it was an honor. To the Commissioners, this is the first time he hasn’t asked for any money. The Dauphin County Commissioners are long supporters of emergency services. It goes back to Sally Klein and Russ Sheaffer for building HACC, the support of the radio system and continued support of the fire service and EMS with gaming money and the police. Thank you for also working on the 9-1-1 funding.

Mr. Enterline stated that it is an honor and privilege to have the Bureau of Fire honored through Chief Konkle today. The legacy that he has left for those following in his footsteps – no words can describe. The Bureau went through a lot of tough times in the City of Harrisburg and is currently rebuilding and getting that Fire Department back to the state he left it in when he retired. The hard work and dedication that Chief Konkle and his staff put in, specifically with fire prevention and rescue, has really advanced the City of Harrisburg and has affected the entire County. They are proud and honored to be here to support Chief Konkle today.

Mr. Haste stated that it is his honor to have the final Proclamation. Chief Carter hit on some points that he was thinking about. Even though this is a happy day, there is a little bit of anger that builds up as he thinks about things and where we are in today’s society. This goes back a number of years, he had a high school buddy whose father was a state trooper and was killed in a stupid shoplifting incident in Lewistown, Sergeant Valent. When he was in college he was a volunteer fireman at the Fayetteville Fire Company and Chief Gutshall got shot off the side of a fire truck. It is amazing how things like that can happen in our society. These are individuals that for the most part the community takes for granted. Where we are today, when you can have a well-known cop killer can be a speaker at a college commencement is just mindboggling. We are here today to recognize a few of many unsung heroes that make sure the communities are safe. The lives that are saved by these individuals just by their presence, is amazing. He thanked them from the bottom of his heart. Every one of the
three entities that are being recognized has touched his life in a good and sad way as well.

His Proclamation is for a young man that he has seen grow in his career for a number of years – Bradley DeLancey. Brad began his EMS career over 20 years ago with River Rescue Ambulance in the City of Harrisburg. Brad has benefited Dauphin County EMS Agencies, such as Capital Region, Community Life Team and Susquehanna Township EMS. He became EMS Chief at Susquehanna Township EMS and was instrumental in growing the organization into an ALS service. In 2003-2004 Brad help revitalize the defunct Dauphin County EMS Council and brought a collective voice of EMS providers back to Dauphin County. Since 2004, Brad has been the Chair/President of the Dauphin County EMS Council. As President, he has assisted with numerous County projects, such as the implementation of the Dauphin County Radio Project, group EMS purchasing, legislative support for House Bills and the EMS Act, advocating at town hall meetings, and the EMS Vehicle Interoperability and Locator Project. Brad has also been recognized as a leader throughout the South Central EMS Region. He assisted in deployments to numerous natural disasters, and has taken part in all regional operations, such as H1N1, Red Rose, and Gettysburg 150 events. In 2012, he became the Task Force Team Leader for the first EMS Task Force (Alpha Team) from Pennsylvania to arrive in the storm-damaged state of New Jersey following Hurricane Sandy. Since 2005, he has served the fire community with his involvement in the Dauphin County Volunteer Fire Association, where he is currently the Junior Vice President and will be moving up to Senior Vice President and President over the next 3 years. He is a member of the Regional EMS Advisory Board, Medical Advisory Board, Regional Pre Hospital Operations and various public safety committees. Brad’s wife, Shari, daughter Tiffany, and son, Chase have been supportive throughout his EMS career. He is a Trustee of the Marysville Sportsman’s Club and Boy Scout Troup 56 Committee Chair.

Mr. Haste read the following Proclamation:

Office of County Commissioners  
Dauphin County, Pennsylvania  

Proclamation  

We, the Dauphin County Board of Commissioners, are delighted to honor Bradley DeLancey for nearly four decades of service in first aid and rescue in Dauphin County and to join with his many family members, friends and colleagues in recognizing him as the recipient of the 2014 Craig Webb Memorial Award for Emergency Services;

Whereas, over 20 years ago, when Bradley began his career as a volunteer for the River Rescue Ambulance in the City of Harrisburg, he has provided rapid, life-saving aid to hundreds of people in Dauphin County;

Whereas, a recognized and well-respected leader, he has served as the EMS Chief of Susquehanna Township EMS and was instrumental in growing the organization into an ALS service;

Whereas, in 2003 and 2004, Bradley revitalized the Dauphin County EMS Council and has served as its President for ten years, assisting with the Dauphin County Radio Project, implementing group EMS purchasing and advocating for legislative support;
Whereas, in the wake of Hurricane Sandy, he led the first EMS Task Force – Alpha Team – to the storm-damaged state of New Jersey to help victims;

Whereas, in addition to serving his community, he is a devoted husband and father, Troop Committee Chair of Boy Scout Troop 56 and Trustee of the Marysville Sportsman’s Club;

Therefore, we join the 268,000 residents of Dauphin County in paying tribute to Bradley DeLancey for dedicating his life to providing emergency care to the ill and injured; we honor and thank him for rendering swift and critical aid each and every time an emergency strikes; and in grateful recognition thereof, we do hereby proudly proclaim December 13, 2014 as “Bradley DeLancey Day” in Dauphin County.

(Applause was given and pictures were taken.)

Mr. DeLancey thanked the Commissioners. He truly appreciates the recognition that the County showers upon emergency services, whether it is police, fire, or EMS. He sees the Board’s passion on a daily basis and it is deeply appreciated, not only by him, but his staff and those that are in the medical services field. They couldn’t be where they are without the Board’s support. He is humbled. This award would not be possible if it wasn’t for the courageous, dedicated and outstanding EMS providers that he has been lucky enough to call friends, brothers, sisters and partners.

B. Robert Christoff, Conservation District

1. MS4 Presentation

Mr. Christoff stated that he is here to summarize the County’s activities for compliance with their MS4 Municipal Storm Sewer System Permit for 2014. The MS4 Permit has six areas that the County needs to comply with. The first one is public education. They provide educational activities for municipalities, developers and contractors. They also coordinate some of the activities – distribution of school posters and newspaper ads with local governments. The second measure is public involvement. They do have information on the District website. This meeting is also considered public involvement and they do invite any public comment on their MS4 Program. The third message is the illicit discharge detection. They screen outfalls. This year they screened the outfalls at the Prison for the possibility of any illicit discharges. The fourth measure is construction sites and stormwater management. The County Conservation District implements Chapter 102; that is the ENS Control Program, which meets those requirements. That also meets all the requirements for the local governments that are regulated under MS4. Post construction stormwater management that is the fifth measure, partially met by the Chapter 102 Program. They also do some educational work under that and do some tours of the best management practice facility demonstration project at the Dauphin County Ag Center. The last one is good housekeeping. That makes sure that the possibility of pollution is limited at County regulated facilities. Those facilities have been inspected twice a year by the maintenance staff. He asked if there were any questions. (There was none.)

The permit that the County is operating under began in 2003. In the last year to year and a half, DEP has provided more guidance on meeting permit requirements than they
got in the decade prior to that. They have some staff that is really doing a good job to get that information out. A couple months ago they began an overhaul of their program to basically try to make it a little more EPA audit proof. About a month ago they attended an EPA Audit in Steelton. Steve Fry is an ENS Tech with the District and he and Mr. Christoff attended, not to represent Steelton, but to represent the Chapter 102 Program to answer any questions that might come up from EPA regarding implementation of that program. The information that they get on these Audits by EPA is it is not a matter of if the municipality is going to get audited, it is when they get audited. The Audit that they attended in Steelton was a full two-day audit with four EPA people doing an audit of the MS4 Program in Steelton. They were only there for the Chapter 102 portion.

Mr. Hartwick asked how it went.

Mr. Christoff stated that the Chapter 102 portion went fairly well. Right now in Steelton there was only one active construction site and it was fairly small. It was in pretty good shape. The other aspects of that audit he doesn’t know yet. About three years ago there was another sweep of audits in Dauphin County. Several municipalities ended up with significant fines. He did get ahold of one of the reviews and it was rather detailed. It is something that they need to make sure they have all the documentation in place for when they get here.

Mr. Hartwick asked what kind of supportive role does the County play in doing that with the local municipalities. The County just does the 102 portion. He believes that the municipalities have the review of what they need to be aware of and prepared for in the case of additional audits.

Mr. Christoff stated that the municipalities should have that information. They have conducted in the past workshops and educational outlets on this program for municipal governments. In addition, DEP has done that as well. DEP has held several workshops to tell the municipalities what they need to implement the program and what type of paperwork and documentation they need to provide.

Mr. Haste asked if the biggest finding is poor documentation.

Mr. Christoff stated that is his understanding.

Mr. Haste indicated that is the sense that he has gotten, even with the CRS. It appears that if there is a weakness that the local governments have right now and that is in proper documentation.

Mr. Christoff stated that it is his understanding that EPA can watch the municipalities do something, but if they don’t have a document that says they did it, they didn’t do it.

Beginning in 2015, the Conservation District staff will take over the inspections of the storm sewer systems in the various regulated facilities.
Mr. Haste asked how many municipalities.

Mr. Christoff stated just for Dauphin County.

Mr. Haste asked if the Conservation District will do all of the County

Mr. Christoff stated that the County has its own Permit and there are certain regulated facilities like the Prison, Schaffner that have a storm sewer system. The other regulated municipalities would do that independently of the County for their own permit.

Mr. Haste asked if they could contract with the District.

Mr. Christoff stated that he suspects they could. They would need to go through a process, sort of a MOU for that to make sure that they are providing the municipalities with the right documentation.

He reported last year that in 2012 they submitted their renewal application to the PA DEP and they still have not heard back anything on that renewal. They are still operating under the old permit. His understanding is that because part of the County’s storm sewer systems discharge into Paxton Creek, which has a TMDL (total maximum daily load) that permit is not being processed quite yet. EPA and DEP are still trying to work some things out on that TMDL. That TMDL had been challenged in Court and EPA had removed some of the requirements. Until DEP and EPA figure out what they want to do with that, the County’s Permit will not be renewed. With the new Permit, when the County gets it, in the renewal application they will need to provide a general plan for how the County will address the TMDL and the Chesapeake Bay Pollution reduction goals. Once that permit comes in, they are going to need to develop a very specific plan on how they are going to do that. They have done some preliminary work, but he doesn’t want to get too far into that until they know exactly what that permit looks like. He doesn’t want to start implementing retrofits or best management practices until they find out exactly what it is going to need. Right now, they are doing background work on it.

With some projects that happened at County facilities – the Work Release Center and the Judicial Center. Those two projects required permits through NPDES, which is a separate program. One of the things that the County had to do with those projects is implement stormwater management best management practices. Those are long term stormwater practices to protect water quality. Some of the devices, a device called a snout, basically it is a stormwater basin device that allows things like sediment and gravel to settle out and be trapped in the basin and floatables are also trapped in the basin. Those were installed to protect water quality. In order to maintain those and the annual maintenance requires that one goes down to make sure they are clean and working, however, the three devices are at a depth that would require confined space procedures. That is a difficulty. They are getting some cost estimates from outside
companies that have qualified and certified confined space people to look into doing that on a periodic basis. Two of them are approximately 8 feet and one is 12 feet deep.

Mr. Haste asked if it is necessary that they go that deep.

Mr. Christoff stated that is one of the issues that they are working on. He has been talking with Mr. Saylor and Mr. Burford on this. Before they see a plan come into the Conservation District for an ENS review—when it comes into the Conservation District it is going to have an ENS Plan and a Post-Construction Plan. The snout device is part of the Post-Construction Plan. Once that permit is issued, those procedures or protective measures are part of the Permit and are required. The Post-Construction Plan is also approved at the township level. The township approval carries with the requirement to follow through that Post-Construction Plan. What the County needs to do at future projects is to make sure that when these BMPs are proposed that it looks at those kinds of issues—what are the maintenance requirements and will it require confined space people.

Mr. Haste asked how many feet you have to go to have confined space.

Mr. Christoff indicated that he wasn’t sure, but the person would be all the way into these spaces.

Mr. Haste stated that if they are not needed that deep why wouldn’t the County just fill them in and shorten them.

Mr. Christoff stated that would be an option. Part of that depends on the slope of the pipes that go into that. There is one in the back parking lot and then sort of in the middle between the Prison and the Judicial Center, there is a manhole in the middle and there is a snout in there. That one is 12 feet deep. The third one was installed at the Work Release Center. With the Judicial Center, another issue was street sweeping. He is not sure who the person was that would do the street sweeping. It is written into the plan. Swatara Township is open to the possibility of having their street sweepers take care of that while they are doing other areas. The bottom line is that before these plans get to the point where there has already been a lot of engineering work done and a lot of money spent by the County to get them to that point, they need to talk to whoever is developing those plans that if there are any more projects like this in the County to address these issues prior to having that work done. Those are the highlights. He asked if there are any questions. (There was none.) Again, the Conservation District welcomes any public input or comments on the MS4 program and there is a lot of information on the website.

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

Ms. Lengle asked if there were any questions on the Salary Board Packet. (There was none.)
She also asked if there were any questions on the Personnel Packet. (There was none.) Ms. Lengle noted that Item #15 is a new hire, they are requesting permission to waive the benefits waiting period.

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 should be the last one for the year. He notified everyone that they needed to get everything in for this Workshop. Unless there are any emergencies, which he usually directs to the oversight Commissioner for addition, this will be the Packet for next week for approval. He asked if there were any questions. (There was none.)

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

**TRAINING PACKET**

Mr. Saylor noted that approval is requested on Items #2 and #3.

> It was moved by Mr. Pries and seconded by Mr. Hartwick that the Board approve Items #2 and #3 of the Training Packet.

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

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

There was none.

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

Mr. Curcillo stated that all of the items will be ready for next.

**CHIEF CLERK’S REPORT – CHAD SAYLOR**

Mr. Saylor stated that he has nothing to report unless there are questions of him. (There was none.)

**COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS**

Mr. Haste noted that the Retirement Board will meet after the Commissioners’ Meeting.

Mr. Pries indicated that he noticed through the media that West Hanover Township has begun discussions with Lower Paxton Township about police services. That is another
step in the right direction from the initial outset of the County’s police regionalization study.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ms. MaryAnn Mattis was present at today’s meeting to discuss an issue related to her property. In listening to some of the plans that are available to the public, she believes that they are needed around her home. Her mother is 90 and she is 70. She has 37 years with the U.S. Army. During that time, she was the 902nd MI Agent, the first female on the Board – Garrison. Also in the Department of Justice, she did the central clearance facility program for Desert Shield/Desert Storm, also law enforcement and security at Tobyhanna Army Depot for 17 years. She is now at the War College. She is hoping to retire to come home to her family home/estate in Elizabethville. She is not here to find fault or to disagree with anything or to blame anyone for anything, however, they just installed the 5th sump pump in the home. They have their own spring water that they maintain and have maintained since 1922. She wants to get a grant. She has already been approved for $20,000 in Federal grant money. They are filling out paperwork to try to get more to help the town, because the system goes back to the 1950’s with SF piping. She hired an engineer to come and look at the water runoff for the entire western end of the town of Elizabethville. It is destroying seven building lots of her family home, two residences and buildings that have been upgraded this past two summers, and a $22,000 steel building that houses over 50 antique cars. She is here for somebody to show her the way. She has gone to the Borough and tried to resolve things, but nothing has been done. During her tour with the Army, she is also on the Federal Bar Association in the Circuit Bar in Washington, DC. She helps with a lot of the volunteer work there. She provided pictures to the Commissioners. The piping that she needs for her property, she can solve her own problem. They can put large pipes in throughout her development/property, but that will not solve the problem for the town. There are 15 houses on the other side of her property, which is almost two blocks in the town. Those people are flooded all the time when it rains. She is trying to get someone to help her with this issue other than a lawyer. She comes with a high level of degrees. She has four college degrees. She doesn’t feel good about what has been going on while she was away. The properties are deteriorating in Elizabethville, especially in western end and even on the southern end. The Borough says they don’t have the money, yet she can get a $20,000 grant. She asked if the County could help in giving the Borough some guidance in what they need to do. She had testing done at a local lab and one at Tobyhanna, e-coli is 2000. There is sewer water running through the streets. This is not just in this town, it is also in Millersburg.

Mr. Haste stated that the County itself does not have jurisdiction over this. Commonwealth subdivisions are set up; the local municipality is in charge of it under the guidance of DEP, unless they don’t have the appropriate folks. He believes that Elizabethville does. Through the County Conservation District they try to assist them, but he doesn’t believe that there is anything that the County can make the borough do. Bob and Eric are here.
Ms. Mattis stated that she doesn’t believe they are negative in solving the problem. She thinks there are some new people on the Board that are capable and have a sound heart and interest into their community, the betterment of the water quality. The sewer department seems to be very good in what they want to do. The encroachment of the properties and the taking of the land. She doesn’t want to be responsible. She has gone there for help. It is not her water that is rushing in on her like a river. She has walls of water coming in at her home from parking lots, the whole streets, three streets coming at her. She is the basin of it. Give her $500,000 and she can dig a big hole and you could have a big pond. She doesn’t want to do that.

Mr. Haste stated that the County is very willing to help local municipalities with problems like that. They can’t develop a plan and do that for them. They need to develop the plan and the County, through the Conservation District, has expertise and the ability to connect the Borough with people who can assist them. The problem is that the municipality needs to take the lead. If the municipality takes the lead, the County is more than willing to help them, whatever that ends up being.

Ms. Mattis stated that it is a very serious situation. It is not just her problem.

Mr. Haste stated that if she has folks in the Borough who are willing to try to resolve this and if they work with the folks at the Conservation District, the Board will help develop a plan and get it there. The Borough has to be willing to take the lead.

Mr. Saylor stated that last year, Elizabethville was awarded a gaming grant of about $70,000. That was for improvements to the sewer system and some kind of chemical feed system.

Mr. Hartwick stated that it is not including CDBG.

Ms. Mattis stated that the pipes are rusty and there are sinkholes throughout the whole bottom end.

Mr. Haste stated that this is the tale of the Commonwealth. There are still a number of boroughs throughout Pennsylvania that have wooden pipes and then they wonder why they are losing water. If there is an infrastructure need in the Commonwealth, it is really in the boroughs. The townships have, over the years, gotten to the point where they have a little more wealth than boroughs do. At one point in time the history was the other way. If there is a municipality that is wanting to solve a problem and willing to deal with it, the County is there to help them.

Ms. Mattis stated that she could leave, but she feels responsible. She has heart to deal with it and the education to do it. She will continue with the Board’s blessing.

Mr. Haste stated get the folks who are willing to deal with it and the County will be there to help along the way.
ADJOURNMENT

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

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