DAUPHIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WORKSHOP MEETING

FEBRUARY 5, 2014
10:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Laura Cullison, Chief Clerk; Joseph A. Curcillo, III, Esq., Solicitor; Jack Wright, Human Services Director’s Office; Amy Harinath, Press Secretary; Carl Dickson, Director of Parks & Recreation; Randy Baratucci, Director of Purchasing; Gerald Feaser, Jr., Director of Registration & Elections; August Memmi, Director of Community & Economic Development; Robert Sisock, Court Administration; Kay Lengle, Human Resources; Greg Schneider, Budget & Finance; Julie Mackey, Commissioners’ Office and Ruby Doub, Commissioners’ Office

GUESTS PRESENT

James Roxbury, Mark Stewart, Justin Warren and Mike Musser

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

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

Ms. Cullison reported that there were no Executive Sessions held between meetings.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS/GUESTS

A. Justin Warren and Mark Stewart, Esq., Dauphin County Gaming Advisory Board
   1. Presentation of Gaming Recommendations

Mr. Warren and Mr. Stewart provided the following Report:

The Gaming Act requires casinos to share their gaming revenues with host counties and municipalities. The Gaming Act’s local share requirements vary by type and location of casino. Table game-based local share has separate requirements for distribution.

Annual local share from Hollywood Casino at Penn National Racecourse: County Share = 2% of gross slot revenue and Municipal Share = 2% of cross slot revenues or $10 million whichever is greater. 50% of local share funds are dedicated for grants.

The mission of the Gaming Advisory Board is to advise the Dauphin County Commissioners on the allocation of municipal grants from local share gaming monies. Grants are to fund the costs of: human services, infrastructure and facilities improvement, transportation, emergency services, health and public safety and public interest initiatives.

By law, local share grant funds may not be used for property tax relief. Local share funds are to help counties and municipalities absorb the impacts of gaming and promote projects in the identified areas. Local share grants do help avoid increases in local taxes. 34% of every dollar of casino revenue supports property tax relief (compared to 4% of local share). State-wide property tax relief to date: 2009 - $612.8 million, 2010 - $772 million, 2011 - $818 million, 2012 - $782.5 million and 2013 - $778 million. Income-based relief for seniors is also funded by gaming.
In the 2013 Local Share Municipal Grant Cycle, the Board received 98 project applications totaling $20,818,330.53 in grant requests. Total applications slightly decreased by 3% and total project costs related to applications exceed $117 million. Grant requests were over 3 times the amount of available grant funds - $6,607,011.

Eligible applicants are East Hanover Township and the contiguous municipalities (Derry, Middle Paxton, Rush, South Hanover and West Hanover Townships) and Dauphin County.


Local Share Grant Principles – priority was given to infrastructure projects and inter-governmental projects and projects that leverage outside investment in Dauphin County were favored. Ready-to-go projects that needed final funding piece had an advantage. Municipal sponsors had to prioritize their support for projects. Fire and emergency services applications were asked to show consistency with the County-wide Fire Study.

2013 Gaming Advisory Board Recommendations - Host and Contiguous

1. West Hanover Township – Fire station debt reduction - $130,000 and Heavy rescue vehicle - $340,000
2. Middle Paxton Township – Debt service for shared municipal services building - $125,000 and Reduction of debt for fire apparatus - $26,518
3. Rush & Jefferson Townships – guiderail for Carsonville Road - $103,100 and Zoning project - $15,100 (Plus $4,900 reallocated from prior grant)
4. Derry Township – Fire apparatus debt reduction - $155,716, People Movers van - $32,000 and Hershey/Derry Historical Society improvements - $25,000
5. East Hanover Township – Public works building and Reduction of firehouse debt - $1,550,000 (Allocation between projects at Township discretion and Plus $606,208 reallocated from prior projects completed under budget)
6. South Hanover Township – Municipal complex and Emergency Services Center construction - $100,000

2013 Gaming Advisory Board Recommendations – Other Applications

1. Harrisburg – new tower engine & police records management - $545,841
2. Susquehanna Township – Public safety building expansion - $250,000
3. Swatara Township – Bridge replacement* and Fire apparatus debt reduction - $182,479 (*conditioned on use of contingency)
4. Middletown Borough – Streetscape and improvement project - $250,000* (*conditioned on receipt of all other project funding)
5. Steelton Borough – Adams Street storm water improvements - $100,000
6. Highspire Borough – Road improvements - $156,138
7. West Hanover Township – New facility for MDJ Witmer - $200,000
8. Londonderry Township – New pumper engine - $250,000* (*conditioned on borrowing for remaining project cost)
9. Lykens Borough – Fire apparatus refurbishment - $100,000
10. Wiconisco Township – Municipal/Fire complex design and temporary structure - $74,210* (*Plus $11,789 reallocation of prior grant)
11. Lower Swatara Township – New fire boat, trailer and truck - $126,329* (*Plus $14,471 reallocation)
12. Halifax Borough – Mobile generator and trailer unit - $40,000
13. Berrysburg Borough – Sewer system improvements - $100,000* (*Conditioned on borrowing for remaining project costs)
14. Elizabethtown Borough – Sewer system improvements - $70,000* (*Conditioned on borrowing for remaining project costs)
15. Pillow Borough – Water system improvements - $80,000
16. Williamstown Borough – Water system improvements - $125,000
17. Susquehanna Township EMS – 2 new ambulances - $112,512
18. Pinnacle Health System – New ambulance - $89,000
19. Dauphin County EMS Counsel – Technology improvements - $124,620
20. Greenbelt/Dauphin County Parks & Recreation – Wildwood to Fort Hunter Extension - $250,000
21. Lower Paxton Township – HVAC replacement for Friendship Center - $161,444* (*Plus $138,556 reallocation from prior grant)
22. Conewago Township – Conewago Park improvements - $66,770
23. Gratz – Gratz Area Park improvements - $100,000
24. Hummelstown Borough/Lower Dauphin School District – Field house project - $50,000
25. R.J. Veterans Center – Elevator for veterans center - $48,000
26. Halifax Borough – Park and recreation improvements - $34,484
27. CONTACT Helpline – Emergency generator for Helpline operations - $10,800
28. Shalom House – Furnishings for women’s and children’s shelter - $5,000
29. African American Chamber – JET (Junior Entrepreneur Training Program) - $15,750
30. Bethel AME – Facility improvements related to County Neighborhood Reporting Center - $16,200

2013 Remaining Applications (in priority)

1. CAT – Market Square improvements - $60,000
2. Community Action Commission – Allison Hill parking lot project - $55,000
3. YWCA – Kunkel Center renovations (conditioned on matching funds) - $100,000
4. American Red Cross – Disaster relief vehicle - $30,000
5. Lower Paxton Township – Lighting for public field/park - $55,000
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50. Midstate Alliance – Sports field complex - $145,500  
51. MOSELF – Tournament fees and travel expenses - $48,730  
52. Its About Change – Facility purchase - $18,000  
53. Millersburg FBA – Dry-dock construction - $697,160  
54. Citizens Fire Co. No. 1 Penbrook – Parking lot improvements - $30,000  
55. Fair Housing Council – Facility renovations - $120,000  
56. Harrisburg PAL – Facility project - $20,000

It is important to note for Susquehanna Township that they are looking for the recommendation of the lower cost ambulances, both Susquehanna and Pinnacle chose the lower cost ambulance.

The Boys and Girls Club is for lights for the field. A lot of good is coming out of this. This is a small ask in relationship to the project.

The Gaming Advisory Board recommends a total of $6,607,011 in grants to the Dauphin County Commissioners. 39% ($2,602,434) are for East Hanover Township, the host municipality, and the other contiguous municipalities which are most likely to be impacted by the Hollywood Casino. Grant Pool 1, which requires a nexus between the project and Hollywood Casino, totaled $2,303,346 in available funds.

Overall:
- Infrastructure and Facilities Improvement $2,805,654 (42%)
- EMS, Health and Public Safety $2,681,336 (41%)
- Public Interest Initiatives $778,124 (12%)
- Transportation $341,717 (5%)

Assuming available funds, the Gaming Advisory Board recommends that the Commissioners fund the remaining applications through the Harrisburg Area Community College application. All are worthy projects that promote the public interest and leverage significant additional investment in Dauphin County. The grand total of all recommendations equals $7,507,011.

The recommended projects will leverage substantial additional investment and create jobs in Dauphin County. $33,169,731 in additional investment related to recommended projects, $3,489,274 in additional investment if projects are funded through Harrisburg Area Community College application (for a total of $36,659,005) and over 1,092 permanent or construction jobs are projected to be created or retained in conjunction with all recommended applications.

They thanked the Commissioners for giving them the opportunity.

Mr. Hartwick indicated that there are a great deal of requests with resources available. He commended the Gaming Advisory Board for the time they put into researching why the funding occurs or doesn’t occur. Our municipal partners are respectful of the
process and understand if their project doesn’t make the cut. He was told that resources are down from gaming monies.

Mr. Pries echoed his colleague’s comments. The Gaming Advisory Board did a fantastic job and wonderful analysis of recommendations. The real winners are the municipalities and taxpayers.

Mr. Haste indicated that this funds $36 million into the economy. There are 1,092 jobs that are affected by this. Thank you for the hard work that the Board does. We will take action next week.

Mr. Pries thanked Mr. Roxbury for being the only media here today for this announcement.

**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 Personnel Packet will be considered at next week’s Legislative Meeting.

**PURCHASE ORDERS**

Mr. Baratucci asked if there were any questions on the Purchase Order Packet. There are a few over budgets that will need to be corrected prior to next week.

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

**TRAINING PACKET**

Ms. Cullison reported that there was nothing on the Training Packet that needed approval. The Training Packet will be considered at next week’s Legislative Meeting.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

A. Time Extension for Part I of the Reimbursement Agreement No. 089633, Duke Street Bridge Project – new expiration date is June 30, 2014. (**A Vote is Requested 2/5/14**)

   It was moved by Mr. Pries and seconded by Mr. Hartwick that the Board approve Item A listed above under Items for Discussion.

   Question: Mr. Haste – Aye; Mr. Pries – Aye and Mr. Hartwick – Aye; motion carried.
SOLICITOR’S REPORT – JOSEPH A. CURCILLO, III, ESQ.

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

CHIEF CLERK’S REPORT – LAURA CULLISON, ESQ.

Ms. Evans reported on the following:

- On Monday, February 10th at 5:30 p.m., Dauphin County will host its Local Government Forum at the Conservation District for local elected officials. The forum is designed to educate municipal officials about county-wide programs, grants, regional planning, public financing, infrastructure and more. More than 35 local officials are expected to take part in the program.

- With regard to the heavy ice conditions this morning, more than 3,000 County residents are experiencing power outages and providers are working to restore power.

COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS

Mr. Hartwick indicated that folks will be attending the meeting next week to discuss the flood insurance issue.

Mr. Pries thanked Commissioner Haste for his leadership in getting the Great American Outdoor Show back.

Mr. Haste indicated that he has been at the show every day. The NRA gets it and so do the vendors. The vendors that he has talked to are pleased with the show.

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.