MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Laura Cullison, Esq., Chief Clerk; Marie E. Reuck, Controller; Janis Creason, Treasurer; Joseph A. Curcillo, III, Esq., Solicitor; Melissa Bradley, Human Resources; Fred Lighty, Esq., Solicitor's Office; August Memmi, Director of Community & Economic Development; J. Scott Burford, Deputy Chief Clerk; Leila Brown, Solicitor's Office; Randy Baratucci, Director of Purchasing; Dave Schreiber, Human Resources; Jean King, Register of Wills; Key Lengle, Human Resources; Amy Rosenberry, Director of Victim/Witness; Jenna Wheale, Victim/Witness; Ruby Doub, Commissioners' Office; Melody Osborn, Commissioners’ Office and Richie-Ann Martz, Assistant Chief Clerk

GUESTS PRESENT

Jack Ulsh, Jim Walmer, Harold Bowers, Eric Frank, Larry Mummet, Grace Uravic, Jeff Kilmer and Ellen Kyzer

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Haste, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 10:11 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 two sets of 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

Ms. Grove of Harrisburg discussed the Polling Place in the City of Harrisburg 14th Ward. The current location is the Riverside Fire Company #15 located at 3203 N. Fourth Street, Harrisburg. The City owns the front portion and the fire company owns the kitchen and land. There is no heat in the building. She talked to the Judge of Elections for that Ward and they have lost workers because of the conditions. The Chisuk Emuna Synagogue at 3219 Green Street would be a good location. The Synagogue is handicap accessible, has heat, bathrooms and ample parking. She had a petition signed by 50 individuals to ask for this change of polling place.

Mr. Haste indicated that it is a very busy Ward.

Ms. Grove indicated that the Mayor knows about this, but she was not able to get his signature. His wife is fine with the change.

Mr. Pries thanked Ms. Grove and Rabbi Muroff for their involvement. It is a win/win situation for everyone.

Mr. Hartwick asked if there was any opposition to the move.

Ms. Grove stated that there was none. Explanations were provided as to why the move would be beneficial.

Mr. Feaser indicated that he will post this possible change. You need at least five days once the notice has been posted. If the change is approved by the Board, the voters will receive a letter regarding the change and a new voter registration card with the new polling place noted.
Mr. Pries asked what the anticipated timeframe is for this change.

Mr. Feaser indicated that he can post as soon as tomorrow. He can work with the Chief Clerk so that it can be in place for the Primary.

Ms. Grove stated that they can put this change in the neighborhood newsletter.

Mr. Hartwick indicated that he will make himself available, if needed, to make sure that we are doing everything that can be done to notify the voters. This Ward is one of the largest in the area and is the most visited.

Ms. Grove mentioned that the only question received was if it was okay to have a polling place in a Synagogue. There are many polling places located within churches and mosques.

Rabbi Muroff indicated that this is his first time appearing before the Board. This is an opportunity for the Synagogue to serve the greater community. The community helped the Synagogue after the fire and we would like to give back to the community.

Mr. Haste indicated that the Election Board will need to convene next week to consider the polling place change.

Jeff Kilmer – Smartwatt

Jeff Kilmer from Smartwatt Energy discussed a program offered by SmartWatt Energy and PPL Electric. It is a three-year program that promotes energy efficiency and water conservation to low income facilities. The City has a handful of these facilities, as well as other towns in PPL territory. SmartWatt Energy is the sole source administrator of this program; which allows him to meet with executive directors of these facilities and do a free energy audit. He then proposes to them the upgrades or measures that can be done to the facility to improve its efficiency. There are three requirements of this program that it is low income, master-metered and non-profit. Another component of this program is the educational component. This educates the tenants on energy efficiency and water conservation. A requirement of the program is to host an onsite tenant education session. That is all done through SmartWatt Energy.

Mr. Haste asked if he has a meeting with someone from the Housing Authority.

Mr. Kilmer indicated that he is meeting with Leo today.

Mr. Haste mentioned that Mr. Kilmer may want to talk to Bob Burns, the Director of Area Agency on Aging with regard to some of the senior facilities. He does not know how many are non-profit.

Mr. Kilmer stated that he will give Mr. Burns a call. They must be serviced by PPL to participate.
DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS/GUESTS

A. Dauphin County Commissioners

1. Proclamation – Tall Cedars of North America Week
2. Proclamation – American Red Cross

Mr. Haste stated that the Board has been recognizing the Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America for the past couple years.

Mr. Haste read the following Proclamation:

Office of County Commissioners
Dauphin County, Pennsylvania

Proclamation

We, the Dauphin County Board of Commissioners, are delighted to join the many outstanding members of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America, their family members, friends and community supporters in celebrating the organization’s landmark 112th anniversary during Tall Cedars Week from March 16 to March 22, 2014;

Whereas, an achievement for which they can be justly proud, the Tall Cedars of Lebanon was chartered 112 years ago to promote a stronger bond with ALL Freemasons and to further the goals and tenets of Freemasonry;
Whereas, living up to its motto “Fun Frolic & Fellowship,” this esteemed group has offered every Master Mason an opportunity to enjoy a fuller, more enriching life;

Whereas, with more than 13,000 members who share an unyielding commitment to providing a “place in the sun” for thousands of victims suffering from neuromuscular diseases, the Tall Cedars have truly made a difference in the lives of many;

Whereas, from former U.S. Presidents Gerald Ford and Franklin D. Roosevelt to professional golfer Arnold Palmer, the Tall Cedars have thousands of distinguished and decorated members;

Therefore, we join the 268,000 residents of Dauphin County in honoring our local Tall Cedars for their extraordinary 112 years of remarkable service to mankind; we wish this caring and committed organization many more years of service and success; and in recognition of their enduring efforts to make the world a better place, we proudly proclaim March 16 to March 22, 2014 as “Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America Week” in Dauphin County.

(Applause was given.)

Mr. Frank, on behalf of the Cedars, thanked the Commissioners for this recognition. The Tall Cedars is a Masonic organization that raises money for Muscular Dystrophy. The annual Pancake breakfast will be held on April 5, 2014 at the Zembo Shrine. Members volunteer countless hours working on this event to make it a success. This is one of the biggest fundraisers. The money raised goes towards the Harrisburg Forest and the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). The Tall Cedars is the longest running supporter of MD. They have been supporting the MDA since 1951. Hopefully one day all the children with MD will be up and out of their wheelchairs running and playing like other children.
(Applause was given and pictures were taken.)

Mr. Pries mentioned that when mother-nature is at its worst, the people that come to aid those citizens are the American Red Cross. When you hear about a fire or other disaster, you also hear that the American Red Cross is there to assist.

Mr. Pries read the following Proclamation:

**Office of County Commissioners**  
Dauphin County, Pennsylvania

**Proclamation**

We, the Dauphin County Board of Commissioners, are proud to join with the many volunteers of the American Red Cross and citizens across the county in commemorating American Red Cross Month in March;

Whereas, since Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross in 1881, the organization has offered help and comfort to those in need;

Whereas, every year, the American Red Cross responds to nearly 70,000 disasters, big and small, and provides 24-hour support to members of the military, veterans and their families; collects and distributes about 40 percent of the nation’s blood supply; and trains millions of people in first aid, water safety and other life-saving skills;

Whereas, as part of American Red Cross Month, we recognize the many heroes who help disaster victims get on the road to recovery, including residents of Dauphin County who lost their homes to floods, fires or other disasters; give blood to help a hospital patient; brighten the day of an injured service member who is hospitalized and far from home; and teach the lifesaving CPR and first aid classes;

Therefore, we join the 268,000 residents of Dauphin County in honoring all those who support the American Red Cross and its mission to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of devastating emergencies; and in grateful recognition thereof, we do hereby proudly proclaim March, 2014 as “American Red Cross Month” in Dauphin County.

(Applause was given.)

Mr. Haste stated that the American Red Cross is well known for the disasters and the big things, but the little thing that is taken for granted is the classes that are offered by the Red Cross. The Red Cross is able to touch many lives even when you don’t know it.

Mr. Hartwick offered his gratitude to the members and leaders of the American Red Cross. This is an area that really does make a significant difference in the time of disaster. This Board is grateful for your leadership and your willingness to coordinate and organize, most of the time, extremely difficult situations. This Board will always remain in support of your efforts and initiatives.

Ms. Kyzer thanked the Commissioners on behalf of the American Red Cross. She reported on the scope of services that are offered. About 90% of the service that is provided at the American Red Cross is provided to local communities. Last year it served, in the Tri-County area, about 5,000 members of the armed forces, both active
duty and veterans. A majority of the disaster responses happen day-in and day-out. They are the small one-family house fire, row home fires, sink holes or whatever happens that displaces families. The Red Cross has a very small paid staff and a huge volunteer base. There are about 2,000 registered, trained and screened volunteers that make the work possible. The hug people who put the Red Cross blanket around someone that you see on the news at 2:30 in the morning those are all committed community volunteers. The Red Cross could not do it without the volunteers.

Mr. Pries stated that during the one disaster where it was snowing and freezing and there was a row home fire and several families were displaced and the American Red Cross responded and helped those families. You and your volunteers give of your most personal asset – your time.

Ms. Kyzer stated that the Red Cross was also opening warming stations in Middletown that night. We make sure that people have that immediate food, clothing and shelter.

(Applause was given and pictures taken.)

B. Amy Rosenberry, Executive Director, Victim/Witness Assistance Program

1. Victims of Juvenile Offender (VOJO) Grant

Ms. Rosenberry reported on the Victims of Juvenile Offender Grant. The grant is for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. It is in the amount of $53,646. Due to significant cuts in this funding stream last year, the monies received were only used to sustain the salaries of two advocates. The County pays for the health benefits, taxes and insurances associated with both, a part-time receptionist, supplies and any training and travel. The current grant is adjusted to cover 60% of all salaries, payroll taxes and benefits of two advocates using a similar amount of funding. The remainder will continue to be paid out of the County’s funding to the Victim Witness Assistance Program while staying within the budgeted amount allotted for this service. The services are the same. There are some other grants, which she will be forwarding for approval. They are the VOCA and the RASA.

Mr. Haste indicated that the Board will consider these grants at the next week’s Legislative Meeting.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Ms. Lengle asked if there were any questions on the Salary Board Packet and the Personnel Packet. (There were none.)

The Salary Board and Personnel Packets will be considered at next week’s Legislative Meeting.
PURCHASE ORDERS

Mr. Baratucci indicated that there are a few budget adjustments that need to be made. 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

Ms. Cullison requested a vote on Item #1. There is no cost to the County, but the event is prior to next week’s Legislative Meeting.

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

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Mr. Hartwick thanked everyone involved in making the One Stop Shop a success.

Mr. Hartwick also indicated that the Resolution regarding the flood insurance is before the President. The President has ten days to sign it. Future planning needs to take place. There is a lot of work that needs to be done. He was wondering how the local communities are going to handle this.

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

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

CHIEF CLERK’S REPORT – LAURA CULLISON, ESQ.

Ms. Cullison reported on the following:

- The next Dauphin County Diversity Forum will be held tomorrow at 8:00 a.m. at CMU.
- This Friday, Dauphin County will host its 5th annual Ladies’ Night Out from 7 to 10 at the Grace United Methodist Church in Millersburg. Ladies 18 and older are invited to enjoy an evening of free live entertainment, health and wellness. This year’s theme is a 1950s Rock ‘n Roll theme.
COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS

Mr. Haste commended Janis Creason on the phenomenal job that the Treasurer’s Office is doing with the dog licenses. The numbers are impressive.

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.

Transcribed by: Richie-Ann Martz