DAUPHIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

LEGISLATIVE MEETING

OCTOBER 8, 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; Joseph A. Curcillo, III, Esq., Solicitor; August Memmi, Director of Community & Economic Development; Steve Libhart, Director of EMA; Fred Lighty, Esq., Solicitor’s Office; George Connor, Community & Economic Development; Amy Harinath, Press Secretary; Gerald Feaser, Jr., Director of Registration & Elections; Bobby Sisock, Courts; Kay Lengle, Human Resources; Randy Baratucci, Director of Purchasing; Mike Yohe, Director of Budget & Finance; Carl Dickson, Director of Parks & Recreation; Greg Schneider, Budget & Finance; Jennifer Simpson, Courts; Melody Osborn, Commissioners’ Office; Ruby Doub, Commissioners’ Office; Julie Mackey, Commissioners’ Office and Richie-Ann Martz, Assistant Chief Clerk

GUESTS PRESENT

Tim Reardon, Robert Grubic, Steve Letavic, Jim Roxbury, Karl Singleton, Gary Myers, Jim Negley, John Mizerak, Tony Subbio, Glen Dunbar, George Wolfe and Lauren Gross

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Haste, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 10:08 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 September 17, 2014 Workshop Meeting Minutes and the September 24, 2014 Legislative Meeting Minutes; motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Pries and seconded by Mr. Hartwick that the Board approve the September 24, 2014 Salary Board Meeting Minutes; motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS HELD BETWEEN MEETINGS

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

ELECTION BOARD

A complete set of Election Board Meeting Minutes are on file in the Commissioners’ Office.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS/GUESTS

A. John Mizerak, Tetra Tech and Tony Subbio

1. Dauphin County’s Comprehensive CDBG-DR Community Ratings System Assessment and Planning Program

Mr. Saylor stated that in the aftermath of the Biggert/Waters Act and other Congressional action at the Federal level, which put the enormous pressure on flood insurance rates here and across the country, the Board charged staff to look for ways to address the flood issue and in particular the increasing flood insurance premiums. His predecessor, Laura Cullison, had done a lot of work and basic research that laid the foundation for where it is today. Economic Development, EMA and folks at the Planning Commission looked at ways that might meet the goals that the Board set out, which was to come up with a comprehensive solution to flooding issues, find ways to prevent flood
damage and to reduce the cost of flood insurance for Dauphin County residents. Tetra Tech is here to present a proposal.

Mr. Mizerak introduced himself and Tony Subbio, who work at Tetra Tech. They are excited about the opportunity to discuss with the Board this comprehensive approach to being able to provide long term potential reductions for insurance rates for flood insurance premium holders in the County. It is good timing with some of the changes that have occurred at the Federal level. He doesn’t have to echo to the Commissioners or municipal officials to know that Dauphin County is flood prone. Dauphin County has a long history of pretty damaging floods that have resulted in serious damage and loss of life. Most recently was Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee. The County was designated by the Federal government as a community development block grant disaster recovery direct recipient for the damage that occurred in the County. The Commissioners are concerned about the Federal legislative impacts on property owners. Biggert Waters Act of 2012 was going to end up dramatically increasing the flood insurance rates of those property owners in Dauphin County and across the country. The Homeowners Flood Insurance Affordability Act of 2014, which was passed in March, helped to revise Biggert Waters. The one important thing is that it did not eliminate the increase in the flood insurance rates. In fact, it has capped it at 18% until you hit a full actuarial value. It can increase on an annual basis at 18% until it hits that full actuarial value, which is really when you can get flood insurance without the subsidy. Residents and insurance holders, not only in Dauphin County but across the country, are going to feel that increase. The Commissioners are committed to trying to figure out ways to mitigate those increases. Discussions were held with some County department heads.

The opportunity that is before the Board is to create a two-part voluntary program. It is important to mention voluntary, because the way this program is created the municipalities will ultimately have the final say as to whether or not they would like to participate. In this program, the County would be proposing to provide the capacity and the technical expertise to the municipalities. They would partner with them to help them get through this program to be able to help reduce the flood insurance rates for their residents. The two-part program would be for the County to work with the municipal officials to conduct an assessment and understand what the impacts might be in the County’s community rating systems flood program and then to assist interested municipalities in being able to move forward and apply for the required application work that would get them into the program. This program would be based on the FEMA’s national CRS (Community Rating System) program. This program has been in place for about 20 years. The County, in this program, would be supporting the municipalities. The decisions rest upon the municipal officials. The County is providing capacity and technical expertise to help them move forward. There would be an educational program so that the municipal officials would understand what it is that they are embarking on and understand what it is that they would need to do to maintain their presence in that program. The County would be working with the interested municipalities in preparing the necessary applications and interfacing with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), which is who makes the decision. At the end of the day, it would result
in creating a long term solution to help reduce flood insurance rates here in the County, but also continue to promote the mitigation strategies and resiliency efforts that the County has been promoting over the years.

Specifically the way the program would be operating is that there would be in the very near future, a municipal officials' conference. Tetra Tech would be working with the County to hold that conference where all elected officials and appointed officials from the 40 municipalities in the County could come in and sit down and have an overview of the National Flood Insurance Program, the Community Ratings Systems Program and a discussion on the level of effort that the County would be participating in with them so they would fully understand what they were engaging in within the County. There is an assessment process. They would sit down with the interested municipalities and take the CRS process and look at those individual municipalities to determine what their minimum NFIP compliance level is right now, the CRS categories that are out there that allow you to get different classes and hopefully then equal out to different reductions in the insurance premiums and then figure out what those might look like for the municipalities. This is going to be an informational exercise. FEMA makes the ultimate decision, but it would at least give information to the elected officials to determine if they would like to participate with the County in this program. It is important to note that the County has one community, the City of Harrisburg, that is already in the CRS program at a level 6. What they would propose to do in this effort would be to sit down and meet with the City CRS Coordinator and try to figure out and identify if there are some other ways to increase their classification in an effort to try to help increase the reduction in the flood insurances that are there. They would work with the City to figure out those opportunities. They would coordinate and work very closely with the State’s NFIP Coordinating Office, which is in Harrisburg. From preliminary discussions, there are a number of things that they believe are eligible for credits here in the County. There are certain categories such as outreach projects, flood warning systems, stormwater management, and acquisition/relocation. They know that some of those things already exist in the County. What they will need to do is go in and assess those on a municipal basis and see what municipalities can get credit for those to be able to move forward. The County’s flood inundation mapping program that the County and Tri-County has worked on with the Susquehanna River Basin Commission is certainly something that they believe could be credit worthy for some of the communities that it impacts. Those types of efforts that the County and the communities have already embarked upon can be credit opportunities for them in an effort to try to reach the levels to acquire that reduction in flood insurance.

Once they get through the assessment process, they would sit down and have face to face meetings with the municipal officials. They want to talk to them about what was found through their assessment process and gage their interest in being able to move forward into the FEMA CRS application process. It is the municipal officials’ decision. If a municipality says yes, then the County would provide assistance to help those participating municipalities prepare their required FEMA CRS application. The County would provide them with the technical expertise to help them prepare those applications that are required by the program to go to FEMA. Once that information is prepared,
then there would be a request for FEMA to come in and do a visit within the community and work through the application process. The proposal is that this program would be standing side by side with those municipal officials through that process and helping to answer any questions that may have arisen from FEMA and the issues that may come up and help FEMA render a decision. It is important to note that FEMA renders the decision and once they do that they would notify the municipalities, the State and the insurance companies of what levels those municipalities are classified at. That is where the residents would start to see on their next insurance bills the reduction if their community was classified under the program. If a community doesn’t want to participate in the program, they will take the assessment and take the experience that they have working across the country in the CRS program and provide some ideas and opportunities where they may be able to increase their ability to look at a more favorable decision on a CRS maybe at a later date. They will be leaving them with some of those ideas that could help them improve their opportunities for future consideration for entering into the program.

The CRS classification levels mentioned, the lower a municipality is the better. Everybody starts out at a 10. He mentioned that the City of Harrisburg is at a 6. Their residents, that are eligible, receive a 20% discount in their insurance premiums. You want to get to the lowest rating possible. The point systems or credits are what they are looking at with the assessment and what FEMA would ultimately be determining. Once a municipality has decided to move forward it is going to be important for them to understand what the requirements will be for them. It is not a one and done process. It is not a one and done discount. If the community decides to move in and FEMA makes a positive decision, the municipality, on an annual basis, will need to go through some sort of certification process to keep their classification. As long as they keep their classification then that discount will continue to apply to the insurance rates for each year moving forward. It is important to note that if you come in at a 9, you are not stuck at a 9. As the County and municipal officials continue to implement flood mitigation and resiliency projects and going through that yearly certification process, there are opportunities to lower the class or increase the discount that the municipality might have. Tetra Tech wants to be able to provide that information at the end of this project to those municipal officials so they understand what the rules and responsibilities they have moving forward so they can maintain their classification or in some cases hopefully improve that. The final opportunity is that through the assessment and leveraging some of the other things that the County is working on, there will be opportunities for the County to take a lead role in working with the municipalities to implement new types of mitigation and flood management activities that may increase that community rating system on a year-to-year basis. This is going to provide, along with the Hazard Mitigation Plan opportunities, for you to gather information of where you may be able to partner with the municipal officials and County departments to be able to identify other credit opportunities.

Tetra Tech believes that this will take approximately 12 months to work through this process. The reason 12 months is because they believe that over the next 4 to 5 months they can get to a point where they know who in the County of the 40 are
interested in participating to get to a point where they believe they can submit the applications. The 12 month window is because once that is done and an application is submitted to FEMA then there is a time period where FEMA will need to come in and coordinate meetings. They should have a good idea in the early part of 2015 as to who may be interested in working on the program.

He provided some examples: Susquehanna Township is currently sitting at a class 10, which means there are zero discounts. There are about 303 policies in force currently. The total annual premiums that are being paid in Susquehanna Township are $467,511 at an annual average premium of about $1,543 per policy holder. If the Township was able to obtain a classification of 9 and therefore get a 5% discount, the total savings on the premiums in the Township would be $21,710. That equates out to an average of $72 savings per premium holder. A class 8, which is a 10% discount, would result in a total savings on premiums of about $40,590 and an average savings per policy of $134.

Another example is Londonderry Township. They ran a similar analysis. There are 149 policies at about $110,500 in total annual premiums; average annual premium is about $742. If it was a class 9 or 5% discount, it reduces down. The average savings per policy is about $35.00. Under the class 8 discount, the average savings per policy is $68.00. Those policy holders are the residents and that is what you would see given the current status. The percentage is based on current. Those levels would increase if the insurance rates increase on those policy holders.

Mr. Hartwick indicated when they increase.

Mr. Mizerak stated correct.

When you look at it in its entirety, the benefits of this program are it hits the County’s interest in trying to figure out a way to provide annual reductions to flood insurance rates in participating municipalities and not just do it as a one and done opportunity. This program will provide capacity. The municipalities are the ones that need to participate in this and will be the ones that have to make the decisions. The County will be looking at providing capacity to help those municipalities understand the program, go through the process and help to interface with FEMA. The Board articulated that when Biggert Waters occurred that the Board saw that there could be potential negative community and economic impacts in the County. Moving forward, this program could help reduce that. It could help reduce the flood insurance rates that the communities could have; it could help to attract new investment in areas where those negative impacts from the high premium rates might have caused. Although this program is looked at gearing towards an annual reduction in flood insurance rates, the activities that the County is looking to do that give the credits to the communities are all very positive mitigation resiliency and prevention type programs and efforts for flooding. Hopefully that will allow and result in an increase in people wanting to invest in the County, because you are creating a safe environment and protecting the health, safety and welfare of the community. It supports the Board’s sound mitigation strategies. The fact that the Board is working towards an update on the County’s mitigation plan right now will provide opportunities for Tetra Tech as they work through the program to help
figure out more categories and activities that can quality for credits. It helps to leverage current activities such as the flood inundation mapping that was done where the County and Tri-County and the Susquehanna River Basin Commission partnered to model the Susquehanna River along the frontage here in Dauphin County and a little bit further on North and South. Those types of activities are creditworthy type projects. Some of the communities had buy-out programs and have worked towards trying to reduce some of the flood impacts in those municipalities. Those types of activities are all eligible underneath this program. It is important to stress that those types of activities that the County is currently working on right now are creditworthy and will be able to help move this program forward and become successful and be able to support all the resiliency efforts that not only the County Commissioners, but also the municipal officials have been engaging in over the last couple years. Hopefully at the end of the day, this will reduce the impact of flooding in the County and reduce the impact on a monetary basis to the residents of Dauphin County.

Mr. Haste asked if the applications will be one or multiple.

Mr. Mizerak indicated that there would be multiple applications. Each individual municipality would have to submit an application.

Mr. Haste asked if Tetra Tech will work with each municipality to get the application through.

Mr. Mizerak stated correct. Tetra Tech would work with those municipal officials to prepare that application and then answer any questions that FEMA may have after the application has been received and reviewed by them.

Mr. Haste stated the 12 months; he asked if that will be when Federal approval is estimated.

Mr. Mizerak indicated correct. He conditioned that upon how quickly they can get FEMA into the County and start working with the municipal officials. He believes they can get through a significant amount of the efforts, understanding who the municipalities are within the first five months of that.

Mr. Haste stated that on the examples, it went from 10 to 8. He asked how difficult is it to get a rating lower than 8. He hopes that municipalities would strive to get to 1.

Mr. Mizerak stated that to get to 1 it is possible. Tetra Tech has the only 1 level in the entire country. The activities that need to be involved with that are incredible. Between having State level credits and in Pennsylvania there are 120 points already approved for State level activities. All municipalities would come in with that level of 120 credits already. Class 8 is a reasonable expectation. The fact that the City of Harrisburg has achieved a Class 6 shows that could be achievable. From that point, the initial assessment would get you into that area and then Tetra Tech could provide some
strategies on how to increase it. The higher you can get the better off it will be. That involves a lot of activity.

Mr. Haste stated that the plans that are going to be submitted to FEMA, he assumes have a class in mind.

Mr. Mizerak indicated yes.

Mr. Haste asked if that will be dictated by the municipality.

Mr. Mizerak replied yes. For the communities to be able to go in and request you have to be able to at least demonstrate to get to a 500 level.

Mr. Hartwick asked Mr. Connor or Mr. Saylor to explain the RFP process.

Mr. Connor stated that the money being used for this project is through the CDBG Disaster Recovery grant. There was a Federal RFP done. It was in the Patriot-News and Tetra Tech submitted a proposal. There was only one response to the RFP.

Mr. Hartwick stated that all three Commissioners have been heavily engaged in this issue and lobbying from the Federal level. There has to be strategies that run on a parallel path. The idea of each municipality setting their own target based upon what investment and what time and level they want to engage in and the resources they want to commit. The County, in a leadership role, is willing to be a part as it relates to this specific issue. A buy-out effort is not going to work in Lykens or Highspire. The idea of buying out 80% of the community is going to completely destroy it and absent the ability to have significant impact on flood insurance rates you are going to see property values decrease dramatically once this five year term and the 18% goes up on those homeowners in those areas. He asked if Tetra Tech is going to talk about specific larger mitigation projects that were identified through this contact with local municipalities that may be a subject of other Federal or State requests. The reason he asks is when you talk about Lykens it is a stream or a larger creek that is going to cause the flooding. The diversion of some of these waterways is extremely challenging. To do an assessment of what the price tag would be to save that community and talk about a Federal/State request. When he was in Ohio, they were announcing, because of the flooding that they had as a result of the one storms, that they were partnering with the downtown City of Cedar Rapids to invest $150 million of State monies and $275 million of Federal dollars to do mitigation efforts to really eliminate the risk of flooding in their downtown altogether. He does not know what went into that, but to really eliminate the risk for homeowners and municipalities mitigation and the ability to reduce the risk significantly plays into what their insurance rates are going to be. He asked if Tetra Tech is going to be identifying those kinds of projects and providing recommendations or sort of a larger report as it relates to what type of work needs to be done or does that expand the scope of what is currently being done.
Mr. Haste stated that some of those may be multiple municipal projects. He also envisions where part of that project could be in a municipality that is not directly affected. Maybe a certain area doesn’t have the flooding issue, but it is at a different municipality. That other municipality has to become involved, because it does affect the downstream municipality.

Mr. Mizerak stated that as part of the program that is being proposed is that Tetra Tech would work with each of those municipalities and those activities. They would be looking for opportunities where there may not be initiatives already occurring that could generate credits on that. There could be some level of knowledge transferred about potential opportunities. They do a lot of flood mitigation type effort and work. This is focused in on the CRS effort. He does not know if there will be a large level of detail coming out in the efforts as to what those potential projects are. As they work with the municipal officials part of that conversation will raise up some of those types of projects that could be a part of the planning effort.

Mr. Hartwick stated so if Tetra Tech identifies those projects and think there may be a potential realistic solution that would expand the scope of what is being done. This assists significantly with areas that can be controlled, but to eliminate the risk altogether when they are going to the full actuarial value of the home and its contents, which is known to drive down property values and force most homeowners to not be able to afford their flood insurance. It will be beyond what their mortgage rate is. The real mitigation efforts to save some communities that have 80% of their property in that floodplain is something that this Board has to have serious dialogue about if the Board is going to address how we try to curb the potential loss in property values and loss of property taxes.

Mr. Haste stated that one of his concerns with the whole buy-out, some cases he knows it is needed, but he would rather spend that money to do mitigation elsewhere instead of buy-out. When you do the buy-out in essence we have taken that property value and just cut it forever. It would greatly have a negative impact on the local municipality, as well as the school district. If you do some of the other things, you may actually be able to increase property value.

Mr. Hartwick stated that based upon work with the local municipalities, will Tetra Tech do the assessment, talk about the voluntary work with the local governments, education, and then who will do the specific work related to all of the requirements to get to a certain level. There are credits that you receive. He asked if Tetra Tech puts the game plan together for the local municipalities and would the municipalities do the implementation to gain the credits. A lot of companies have done the planning, talked about the map and the road to where they go, but with the capacity of local government to be able to do the implementation of that strategy is often a big struggle and challenge. The reason why the County is interested in this is that the County wants to play a leadership role, because the Board understands how vital this issue is, but who would be responsible for the implementation and for those projects being seen through in order to receive the credits.
Mr. Mizerak stated that as the assessments are done the credits that would be identified would be projects that are already currently under way or have been initiated. That is how the credits would be generated. A lot of the projects that they would do going through with the assessment would be things that maybe have already been occurring. They would also take a look at some things that they see would be obvious future credit opportunities for those communities and would include that as part of the report back to the County and also to the municipalities that this is where they stand right now and this is where they believe they could get and what some of those activities might look like. They will be unique and specific to the individual municipalities. As it relates to the implementation of those types of projects; that would be something that they would need to look at down the road. The municipalities are the ones who end up having to make the determination as to what makes sense for them, as to what level of effort they want to take. Part of the effort at the end of this process would be for the municipalities that are involved is to have a second level of training for them so they understand and can ask questions and can fully comprehend what it will take to maintain and enhance those efforts down the road. To move forward down beyond that goes beyond the scope of what they are looking at right now.

Mr. Hartwick stated so the recommendations would be make, define some of the homeruns that could be accomplished and they maybe meet with the engineer of that municipality and if they want to move forward they would have to engage a team to do that level of implementation for those strategies.

Mr. Mizerak indicated that is correct. The unique opportunity with the County is they are currently getting ready to update the Hazardous Mitigation Plan. There may be activities that arise to the top through those assessments that could be part of the Hazardous Mitigation Plan update. There are things that the County could be doing if they were identified that may create creditworthy type activities. It will be important to leverage that planning effort as well.

Mr. Haste stated as Tetra Tech is going through that wouldn’t it be more prudent for us to work with those municipalities, part of this assessment is going to say this is where you are today. Say everyone wants to move up two grades and they identify in those municipalities what it takes to move up those two grades, instead of doing it project by project by project, wouldn’t it be better to pull that all together and using economy of scales and let someone be the project manager or let the municipalities agree if it is a COG or some other agency so you can get economies of scales and do everything together.

Mr. Mizerak stated that working together is definitely a better way to go.

Mr. Haste asked if that is going to be part of the conversation that Tetra has with the municipalities.
Mr. Mizerak indicated that it will be. The only thing that he would stress is that the individual municipalities have to do the applications for the CRS program.

Mr. Haste stated that he understands that, but can’t all those projects be put together into one larger project. PennDOT is doing a bridge bundling program, which has resulted in some significant savings. If we are able to use Federal dollars in there to entice cooperation that is really where he would like to see this go.

Mr. Mizerak stated that you may find that two or three neighboring municipalities would like to get into stormwater management or something along those lines that naturally transcend municipal boundaries and that might be an opportunity to bundle a project.

Mr. Hartwick indicated that it was mentioned about the inundation mapping that was done on the Susquehanna River. He thinks it is important for the County to take a look at another discussion with the Susquehanna River Basin Commission about doing that same level of mapping for the Swatara Creek and ensuring that is one activity that will assist in allowing those municipalities that are probably as flood prone, since we have been here, to flooding as they are along the Susquehanna River. He wants to make sure that is a project that has been clearly identified.

Mr. Haste stated that in order to deal with that correctly that could be a multi-county, because that goes into Lebanon County.

Mr. Mizerak stated that is a fantastic tool that has been created along the County’s border Susquehanna River. It is an enormous asset to the County and its residents.

Mr. Hartwick stated that the Board is appreciative that the folks listened and took this next step, because this is only a temporary solution and without significant planning and real mitigation efforts communities and local governments will be in the exact same position at the expiration of this current legislation. It has only delayed implementation and sort of capped the implementation through the five year process. The shortfalls in the NIFP program continue to grow and there is no plan to come up with a new source of revenue to fix it, not to his knowledge. Based upon where the Federal government is at it is great that we got relief, but it is critical that we implement the strategies in order to try to assist and save homeowners and ultimately save local governments with their reliance on property tax. It has such an impact on those cities and towns along the potential flood zones. He looks forward to the report. This is a priority and the County has money and another round of funding that is a possibility through the Federal disaster recovery monies that the County wants to be in a position to be eligible for. He doesn’t think, if the County is going to take leadership role in this, they can’t be thinking small. The municipalities that have an 80% of their homes in a floodplain don’t have any option, but to figure out another way to divert the potential liability and risk.

Mr. Haste stated that is why he was asking the timeframe question, because five years seems like a long time from now, but it really is not. He doesn’t want to lose sight of that time. This has to be done before this goes away.
Mr. Pries thanked the other two Commissioners for covering just about everything he was going to ask as well. With that unprecedented, destruction, damage and loss of life from the storms that were mentioned, it is good to see folks here representing other municipalities around the County – Derry, Susquehanna, City and Lower Paxton. He thanked them for coming out and getting the information today. It will be a team effort to move this forward from point A to point C.

Mr. Saylor stated that the key points here, this Community Rating System can provide real benefit, but it takes a lot of work. The City of Harrisburg can tell you that there is a lot of paperwork involved and a lot of challenges, but the idea is that the partnership with the County will get there. The other point is that there are a lot of things that are currently being done that would qualify for points under the rating system, such as the County’s mapping system, the early warning system for flooding, the State already has a number of policies in place that would automatically count for points and for example Swatara Township had bought some properties in a floodplain. So municipalities are already doing stuff out there that would qualify. You want to capture those points and start using them. There is a proposal from Tetra Tech to implement this program to partner with the municipalities. The total cost would be approximately $160,000 for these efforts. The Solicitors are reviewing the proposal. He anticipates, barring any other concerns or issues that come up, he would have it ready for the Board to vote on as early as next week. Funding for this proposal would come through the Community Block Grant Disaster Recovery Funds. Part of those dollars received is reserved specifically for planning. They cannot be used for disaster recovery. Those are the dollars that would be used to pay for this study.

Mr. Haste stated that since there are some municipal partners here, if they would like to address the Board they should come forward or if they would like to send an email.

Mr. Letavic of Londonderry Township indicated that anyone familiar with the Township knows that they faced flooding and serious flooding hazards in the past. Those storms are recurring on a more frequent and intense basis. From his perspective, he really appreciates the County’s leadership on this issue, not just it’s a smaller issue of getting a reduction for NFIP rates for the residents, but the bigger issue is how do they deal with this long term and how do you look at regional planning, watershed planning and do those things that would affect multiple communities. Londonderry Township really appreciates everything that the County Commissioners do for them, not only through the past events, but in their leadership. Londonderry Township will be at the table and are glad to be part of it.

Mr. Haste stated that some of Londonderry’s projects could be multi-municipal projects as well.

Mr. Myers from Susquehanna Township was representing President Frank Lynch. He sees this program as another glowing example of the leadership of Dauphin County and under the leadership of the County Board of Commissioners. Susquehanna Township
will be very excited about hearing more about this project. It is a project that would not only protect property and people, but it would be done in a fiscally responsible manner. Susquehanna Township really appreciates the hard efforts of the County Commissioners and staff in moving this project forward.

Mr. Hartwick indicated that there is some exciting announcement about one of the first Land Bank projects that is coming up and the ability to work along with us and to allow local government cooperation is really allowing the County to see that partnership come to real tangible results at the local level.

Mr. Myers indicated that it is all about cooperation and partnerships.

Mr. Haste asked Mr. Myers to share with Frank and the rest of the Board the County’s appreciation in working with them. There has been a number of projects over the last couple of years that we have done that would not have been able to be done if it wasn’t for the partnerships that the County has with the municipalities.

**SALARY BOARD**

A complete set of Salary Board Meeting Minutes are on file in the Commissioners’ Office.

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

Ms. Lengle noted that Item #26 was pulled last week. There is one additional change to Item #32, the effective date should be October 13, 2014. There are no other changes.

The Board had no questions.

    It was moved by Mr. Pries and seconded by Mr. Hartwick that the Board approve the Personnel Packet as amended.

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

**PURCHASE ORDERS**

Mr. Baratucci reported that the budget adjustments were corrected and the packet remains unchanged. The Board had no questions.

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

    Question:  Mr. Haste – Aye; Mr. Pries – Aye and Mr. Hartwick – Aye; motion carried.
Mr. Yohe provided the following Investment Report:

Report from the Office of Budget & Finance
October 8, 2014

- **September 26, 2014** transferred $1,412,729.48 to the Payables account from the County’s Concentration account for checks issued that week.

- **October 3, 2014** transferred $2,931,075.47 to the Payables account and $1,830,746.40 to the Payroll account from the County’s Concentration account for checks issued that week.

- Wire Payments since last report: $177,761.77

- Debt Service Payments since last report: $438,062.50

- 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: $1,380.52 rate 0.050%

- Balance today in Susquehanna Bank investment account #10013172621: $7,701,016.78 rate 0.12%

- Balance today in Susquehanna Bank investment account #119002023: $1,068.76 rate 0.050%

- Balance today in First National Bank investment account #97014743: $9,578,819.85 rate 0.300%

- Balance today in Integrity Bank Money Market Checking account #2206001209: $36,788,770.02 rate 0.260%

- Balance today in Santander Bank investment account #9551017714: $15,023,347.32 rate 0.300%


It was moved by Mr. Hartwick and seconded by Mr. Pries that the Board accept the above noted Investment Report.

**Question:** Mr. Haste – Aye; Mr. Pries – Aye and Mr. Hartwick – Aye; motion carried.
Mr. Haste asked if the budget hearing schedule has been sent out.

Mr. Yohe indicated that it went out this morning. There is one more meeting and he should have some figures for the Board shortly.

**REPORT FROM CHIEF CLERK/CHIEF OF STAFF – CHAD SAYLOR**

Mr. Saylor reported that he had nothing unless there were questions of him. (There was none.)

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

Mr. Curcillo reported that he has nothing to add to the Solicitor’s Report and that everything is ready for consideration by the Board.

**MATTERS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION**

A. Purchase of Service Agreements between Dauphin County (Children & Youth) and:
   2. Mazzitti and Sullivan Counseling Services, Inc.

A. Adoption Assistance Agreements #2014-38 and #2014-42.

B. Subsidized Legal Custodianship Agreements #2014-07, #2014-08 and #2014-09.

C. Amendment #1 to Purchase of Service Agreement between Dauphin County (Drug & Alcohol) and Dauphin County and Education Development Center, Inc.

D. Amendments to Purchase of Service Agreements between Dauphin County (MH/ID) and:
   1. The Advocacy Alliance, Inc. – Amendment #1
   2. Aurora Social Rehabilitation Services, Inc. – Amendment #1
   3. CMU, Inc. – Amendment #1
   4. Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Inc. – Amendment #1
   5. Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Inc. – Amendment #1 (HAP)
   6. Central Pennsylvania Supportive Services, Inc. – Amendment #1
   7. Century Medical Response, Inc. – Amendment #1
   8. Jaime L. Hunter, MA, CCC-SLP – Amendment #1
   9. Paxton Street Home Benevolent Society, Inc. t/d/b/a Paxton Ministries – Amendment #1
   10. Pennsylvania Psychiatric Institute, Inc. – Amendment #1
   11. Youth Advocate Programs, Inc. – Amendment #1
   12. Brethren Housing Association, Inc. – Amendment #1
   13. Gaudenzia, Inc. – Amendment #1
   14. Shalom House, Inc. – Amendment #1
   15. YWCA of Greater Harrisburg, Inc. – Amendment #1
   16. Cumberland-Dauphin-Harrisburg Transit Authority t/d/b/a Capital Area Transit – Amendment #1
E. Long Term Structured Residence Program (LTSR) Agreement between Dauphin County (MH/ID) and the Cumberland/Perry Mental Health/Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Office.

F. Medical Assistance Transportation Program 4th Quarter Certification.

G. Subsidized Child Care Program Sub-grant Agreement between Dauphin County and Child Care Network, Inc.

H. Lease Purchase Agreement (Lease/Schedule #103120000031) between Dauphin County (IT) and Hewlett-Packard Financial Services Company for the Prison 3Par Storage, replacing existing Ibx equipment.

I. Operating Lease Agreement (Schedule #103108000059) between Dauphin County (IT) and Hewlett-Packard Financial Services Company for DCAB Data Center servers, VMWare support and CommVault software.

J. Marketing Agreement between Dauphin County and Financial Marketing Concepts, Inc. "the Coast2Coast Rx for a discount card program.

K. Resolution #27-2014 authorizing the opening of a checking account at Mid Penn Bank for the Dauphin County Community Fund.

L. Appointment of the following to the Dauphin County Community Board: Chad Saylor – term expires 12/31/17, Carl Dickson – term expires 12/31/16, Jeff Haste – term expires 12/31/17, Mike Pries – term expires 12/31/16 and George P. Hartwick, Ill – term expires 12/31/15.

M. Request to contribute the County’s pro rata share for appraisal services and trial costs needed to ascertain the true value for: Lowes Home Centers, Tax Parcel #35-067-018, Docket No. 2014-CV-2894-TX, 4000 Union Deposit Road - $2,187.16.

N. Satisfaction Piece for Megan Strausbaugh on the property located at 2032 N. 4th Street, Harrisburg, PA 17102 - $5,000.00.

O. Satisfaction Piece for Melissa Stultz on the property located at 3758 Brisban Street, Harrisburg, PA 17111 - $4,445.00.

P. Satisfaction Piece for Ann Marie L. Laban on the property located at 5608 Radnor Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17112 - $3,500.00.

Q. Request to contribute the County’s pro rata share for appraisal services and trial costs needed to ascertain the true value for: Pennsylvania State Employees Federal Credit Union, Tax Parcel #14-041-110, Docket No. 2014-CV-5773-TX, 1 Credit Union Place - $919.73.

R. Subordination Agreement for Cherie L. Groff on the property located at 2127 Boas Street, Harrisburg, PA 17103.

S. Request to contribute the County’s pro rata share for appraisal services and trial costs needed to ascertain the true value for: 1500 SPE LP, Tax Parcels #06-009-024 through #06-009-068, Docket Nos. 2014-CV-6243-TX and 2014-CV-6244-TX - $2,212.08.

T. Subrecipient Agreement between Dauphin County and the Housing Authority of the County of Dauphin for the SEBOS Volunteer Transportation Program for the elderly and disabled.
U. Submission of a Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency Application for the continuation of the STOP Grant.

V. Approve the award and allocation of a Restricted Local Share Gaming Grant in the amount of $103,396.00 to East Hanover Township, consistent with the recommendation of the Dauphin County Gaming Advisory Board.

W. Approval of the reallocation of $298,378.58 from multiple 2011 and 2012 Local Share Municipal Gaming Grants awarded to East Hanover Township to the approved 2012 Grant for the reconstruction of Bow Creek Road to be used for the completion of the project.

X. 2014 Sick Leave Sell-Back Program.

Y. Mass Transit Funding Agreement between Dauphin County, Cumberland County, City of Harrisburg and the Cumberland-Dauphin-Harrisburg Transit Authority.

Z. Engineering Agreement between Dauphin County and Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc. for the inspection and inventory of bridges in Dauphin County.

AA. Training Packet.

There were items that needed to be addressed separately. Mr. Hartwick indicated that he will be abstaining on Items E4 and E5 and asked that Item Y be pulled for a separate vote.

**It was moved by Mr. Pries and seconded by Mr. Haste that the Board approve Item Y, listed above under Matters Requiring Board Action.**

**Question:** Mr. Haste – Aye; Mr. Pries – Aye and Mr. Hartwick – No; motion carried.

**It was moved by Mr. Pries and seconded by Mr. Hartwick that the Board approve Matters Requiring Board Action, Items A though BB, listed above, minus Y. Mr. Hartwick noted that he is abstaining on Items E 4 and 5.**

**Question:** Mr. Haste – Aye; Mr. Pries – Aye and Mr. Hartwick – Aye, noting that he is abstaining on Items E 4 and 5; motion carried.

**FORMER BUSINESS**

There was none.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was none.

**COMMISSIONERS’ DISCUSSION & ACTIONS**
Mr. Hartwick mentioned that there was a tour yesterday of Nutrition Group, the company that has been the sole provider of a bid related to kitchen services. Part of the tour consisted of folks who are volunteers, drivers, Advisory Board members and members of the Administration. He learned a lot and asked a lot of questions. He actually left with a couple of ideas that seem to provide even more engagement related to the direction of the food service activity. He ate an actual meal yesterday and it was pretty good. They talked about setting up a committee, even prior if the Board moves forward and does adopt and make the change, the ability for volunteers, recipients and consumers to sit down with the company. They talked about doing things that are regionally specific like when you talk about noodles in Lebanon and Lancaster they need to be bow tie noodles. They talked about stuffing versus filling. They are willing to hear the direction of the individual consumers. The idea of being willing to work along with the folks that receive the meals is something that he looks forward in engaging in. It will offer a great deal of input for consumers that don't currently exist. It was a good meeting. He left with a positive opinion.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

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

A. Notification from Light-Heigel & Associates, Inc. advising that UGI Gas Service is applying to DEP for a GP-5 and/or other required permits to install a new gas line along S.R. 230, between Middletown Borough and Londonderry Township.

B. Notification from the PA Public Utility Commission advising that UGI Utilities, Inc. is requesting the Commission’s approval to alter the public crossing (DOT 592 196 E) where State Route 3009 (S. Front St.) crosses, below grade, the tracks of Norfolk Southern Railway Company in Harrisburg.

C. Notification from the PA Public Utility Commission advising that UGI Utilities, Inc. is requesting the Commission’s approval to alter the public crossing (DOT 518 044 K) where S. Second Street crosses, below grade, the tracks of Norfolk Southern Railway Company in Harrisburg.

D. Notification from Raudenbush Engineering, Inc. advising that Penn State Harrisburg is applying to DEP for a NPDES Permit for stormwater discharges associated with the construction of a new student enrichment center building on Penn State Harrisburg campus, in addition to surrounding outdoor dining area and walkways.

E. Notification from Akens Engineering Associates, Inc. advising that Pennsy Supply, Inc. is applying to DEP for a NPDES Permit for discharges of stormwater associated with industrial activities, including group applicants at the Paxton Street Yard property, City of Harrisburg.

F. Notification from NRG Energy Center Paxton LLC advising that they submitted an application for a renewed Title V operating permit for the facility located in Harrisburg, Dauphin County.

H. Receipt of the final recorded copy of the Environmental Covenant for Bob’s Auto Service, Harrisburg, PA.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Roxbury stated that a couple of weeks ago he asked about the vacant position on the Gaming Advisory Board. He asked if there was a determination of filling that position yet.

Mr. Haste stated that he believes the County is accepting applications still.

Mr. Roxbury stated that Mr. Saylor mentioned that there were a number of other board positions open. He asked if he could get a list of those boards.

Mr. Saylor stated that some of those positions are not necessarily open, but a number of terms are expiring. He can provide that information.

Mr. Roxbury asked if he should just email Mr. Saylor for the information.

Mr. Saylor indicated that would be great.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Transcribed by: Richie-Ann Martz