DAUPHIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WORKSHOP MEETING

SEPTEMBER 3, 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; Bruce Foreman, Esq., Solicitor’s Office; Amy Harinath, Press Secretary; J. Scott Burford, Deputy Chief Clerk; Gerald Feaser, Jr., Director of Registration & Elections; August Memmi, Director of Community & Economic Development; Bobby Sisock, Courts; Heather Reardon, Human Resources; Peter Vriens, Director of Children & Youth; Dave Schreiber, Human Resources; Jennifer Capitani, Children & Youth; Fred Lighty, Esq., Solicitor’s Office; Ruby Doub, Commissioners’ Office; Randie Yeager, Human Services Director’s Office; George Connor, Community & Economic Development; Melody Osborn, Commissioners’ Office and Richie-Ann Martz, Assistant Chief Clerk

GUESTS PRESENT

Neal West, Wayne Motts, Rick Seitz, Gene Barr, Ken Lee, Karl Singleton, Mike Doub, Jack Sherzer and James Roxbury

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Haste, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 10:17 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 matters.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS/GUESTS

A. Peter Vriens & Jennifer Capitani of Children & Youth

   1. 2015/2016 Needs Based Budget for Children & Youth (Listed as Item A under Items for Discussion.)

Mr. Vriens indicated that he is pleased to present to the Board the Children & Youth’s Needs Based Budget for implementation year 2014/2015 and the Needs Based Year 2015/2016, as well as the actuals for fiscal year 2013/2014. The Needs Based Budget is the funding vehicle for the County budget that was approved back in May. When the 2013/2014 budget was presented a year ago, they predicted an overmatch of $1.8 million. Due to clearer year-end estimates, not only was Children & Youth not in an overmatch situation at the end of this year, but they are projecting being under budget by $6.3 million. In terms of the County’s share, it was $10.3 million and the estimated actual for the County share for 2013/2014 they predicted coming in at $7.5 million; savings of $2.9 million.

Some factors that have positively impacted the budget are in the last year Children & Youth and Juvenile Probation Offices together have seen an additional 10% reduction in out of home placements, the closing of Schaffner Detention has created significant savings and the closing of Schaffner Shelter and providing those services through ARC has created additional savings. The continued use and expansion of best practices that
enhance the family engagement strategies have also contributed to this significant savings. The Needs Based Budget for implementation year 2014/2015, they are projecting a County share of $8.2 million. For the Needs Based Year of 2015/2016 they are projecting $8.8 million. Those are the lowest budgeted County shares in nine years.

Mr. Hartwick asked if Mr. Vriens could go through what the Agency is attempting to try to do for expanded services for 2014/2015.

Mr. Vriens stated that priorities for the coming year include the expansion of their Evidenced-based programs that they are implementing through the child welfare demonstration project. Parent/child interaction therapy is one that is being implemented. They are working with the mental health partners to do that. In addition, they are implementing, effective October 1, 2014, a therapeutic visitation program. This will be taking place at the Hoffman Street building. It is a program that he wanted to implement for years. They know that they can better utilize how parents visit with their children who are in the County’s care and custody. The building is being established as a home like setting, which they will have age appropriate and developmentally appropriate equipment, tools and games for parents to utilize with their children. They will be coached during the entire visit as to what to expect at a particular developmental age and have a better understanding of how to interact with their children and how to support their children. At times they will be required to do other things, such as put a child down for a nap, prepare a meal and do all those things that a parent has to do all at the same time. The SAMARA parenting program will be partnered with that. The parents will be going through that curriculum, as well, to better prepare them to parent their children upon their return. If it is determined that the Agency can move forward with a reunification, those visits will then begin to take place in the home.

Mr. Hartwick stated as opposed to sitting at the Y with a caseworker standing there providing oversight for an hour, sort of watching what is going on in a time when there is not a whole lot of guidance or therapeutic support to be able to provide help, not only with the engagement, but a positive experience that can help bond that relationship that is less institutional.

Mr. Vriens stated that traditionally child welfare visits have taken place in a very sterile environment. The Agency already has a good rate of children reentering care after 12 months. It is a very positive rate, but that can be improved even further through this visitation program.

Mr. Hartwick asked about the expansion of the mentoring programs.

Mr. Vriens stated that the Agency is supporting that effort as well. They have developed brochures and information for the website to really emphasize the importance of a mentoring relationship and a mentoring program here in Dauphin County. It has been proven that this type of relationship has more impact on youth in their development than many other kinds of programs.
Another area of focus is the foster care program. They have been utilizing the PRIDE curriculum to better train and support the foster parents. The training centers on trauma, loss and grief, mental health issues, psychotropic medications and just those challenging behaviors that foster parents will experience in working with the youth. They want to establish a foster care program that can support youth that traditionally would have been placed in congregate care. The outcomes through congregate care are not positive. They want to create a less restrictive environment, one with additional supports so that they can better meet the safety and well-being needs of the youth.

Mr. Haste asked how many foster parents are there in the County.

Mr. Vriens replied that there are approximately 80 foster families right now. They are doing a lot of recruitment to bring that number up so the County can keep more of the youth in their own communities as they move forward.

Mr. Haste asked if that is one of the key components of fulfilling the plan.

Mr. Vriens stated absolutely. Another piece of that he would like to see created is a team of foster homes that can take some of the youth on an emergency basis and be able to utilize that more home-like less restrictive setting as opposed to a shelter so that families are prepared to meet the needs of youth on an emergency basis. A lot of times they don’t know a lot about the youth when they first come to the Agency. They want to establish a team of foster homes that can respond to those emergency type situations as well.

Mr. Pries asked what the targeted number is for foster parents.

Mr. Vriens stated that he would like to see 100 as soon as possible.

Mr. Hartwick asked if Mr. Vriens could explain differential intake.

Mr. Vriens stated that differential response is another program that the Agency would like to implement. This would be for families who are struggling in ways that don’t meet the need or criteria of child welfare services. They know with supports and connections to community programs and such could benefit and use as a preventive measure so that issues don’t escalate to the point where it would require child welfare involved. It is really to provide those preventive services and connections with community-based supports and services to those families who are having those initial struggles in parenting can receive the services that they need.

Mr. Hartwick stated that would be voluntary.

Mr. Vriens stated yes it would be voluntary.

Mr. Hartwick stated that is a big challenge in understanding a lot about the process and system. If there is not something that meets the criteria for an open case related to
child welfare and there is still concerns there is a voluntary opportunity to be able to connect to the services, but unless you meet that threshold can still refuse even to differential opportunities.

Mr. Vriens indicated that is correct.

Another priority is the expanded utilization of the CANS and Fast Assessment Tools that have been implemented as part of the Demonstration Project. The Agency wants to ensure that their Court Ordered objectives and the goals in the family service plans are directly driven by the findings in these assessments. They really want to identify the root causes of issues that families are addressing and how can they best then implement a support or a service to address that.

Other factors that are impacting the budget over the next two years; the Board is aware of all the new legislation associated with the Child Protective Services Law. On the average, counties are anticipating a 25% increase in referrals. They included two additional CPS workers in the 2015/2016 Needs Based Budget. The 2015/2016 Needs Based Budget is just a projection of the need so that the State can determine the allocation. The County is not obligated to anything yet in terms of 2015/2016. That will come as a result of the budget process next year. They have to submit the Needs Based projecting what they see the need as a year from now. Along with that they have included a $2.00 per day increase in foster care rates. The rates have not been increased in eight years.

Mr. Haste stated that the budget is based upon how many foster homes.

Mr. Vriens stated days of care.

Mr. Hartwick stated that he would like to discuss the potential budget impact of PREA and what that may mean moving forward. It has been a hot topic issue from CCAP’s perspective, whether or not there needs to be sight and sound separation for juveniles who are direct filed or transferred and what that may mean if the Agency is able to gain Act 148 reimbursement, if the Agency is going to be forced to provide that level of service on sight and sound separation. The County is going to be asking for the ability to utilize Act 148 dollars to reimburse the County for the additional costs. That is something that he wants to make sure is being considered as it moves forward.

Mr. Vriens stated that they can have that conversation with the State as well.

Mr. Hartwick stated that it is a proposal from a legislative perspective. The County can’t be forced to comply with the regulations if in fact there are no dollars that are tied to it based upon the expense of doing that. They can present some unique private opportunities for secure types of settings in these cases for juveniles that are going to be in that position. The Agency needs to make sure that it is planning for that as it moves forward.
Mr. Haste stated that it is pretty critical to know on a regional basis. In the criminal justice system, there are more youth offenders that are getting classified. There are a number of counties in the region that are talking about how to handle this and do they look to the regional facility or what do they do. They won’t know that until they know the funding stream. He asked Peter to keep on top of that.

Mr. Vriens stated that the Agency is very excited about the programming opportunities. They feel that the focus on best practice and the assessments that have been implemented that they will be in a positive position to ensure the safety and well-being of the kids with whom they work.

B. Wayne Motts, Civil War Museum

1. Presentation on Civil War Museum

Mr. Seitz introduced himself. He is the current Chairman of the Board of the Museum. On behalf of the Board of Directors and the staff of the museum, he thanked the Board for the opportunity to meet with the Commissioners and also thanked the Commissioners for their ongoing support over the past years. Wayne Motts, the CEO, will make a presentation to the Board. Gene Barr, a current board member and former Chair of the Board and Neal West, a former board member are also in attendance today.

Mr. Motts thanked the Commissioners for having them here. He put together a handout about the National Civil War Museums premier travel destination. He will go over that first and then the fiscal report. He will not review all the pages. Everyone knows what the mission is. It relates to the American Civil War and inspires lifelong learning. The whole mission statement is in the packet. One of his main priorities is to see to the educational mission. As a non-profit business, the Museum’s measure is how they take their product and put it out to their audience and constituents. As a non-profit that is completely related to education of the civil war. They match many Pennsylvania core standards related to education. The Museum has an educator that works with the school-based groups that come in. Twelve percent of high school seniors graduating in this country are proficient in American History. It is the lowest subject in the country when students are tested overall. There are only nine museums affiliated with the Smithsonian and the Civil War Museum is one of them. That gives the Museum technical advice from the Smithsonian. They are allowed to borrow artifacts. It really shows that the Museum is operating at an extremely high standard. This past week, they accepted “Simply the Best” Award for Harrisburg Magazine. That is the 9\textsuperscript{th} time in 13 years that the Museum has been awarded “Simply the Best” Museum in this region. He thanked the Commissioners for their recent letter recognizing them for that award.

Pennsylvania, the Keystone State, and Harrisburg are important for the Civil War. This State contributed second, only to New York, for Union soldiers in the Civil War. Harrisburg is a major railhead and had the largest training camp for Union soldiers in the Civil War right here in Harrisburg with 300,000 people attending that camp, training
and being a part of it. That is when the City had a population of about 14,000 people. It was huge numbers. For the Keystone State, just north of us, the anthracite coal is what fueled the blockade ships to actually blockade the southern coastline. Without Harrisburg, one of its most important cities, you don’t have that major railhead along with many other things. For the Museum to be located here in Harrisburg, it is a great thing, because Harrisburg has many ties with the Civil War. It was Robert E. Lee’s target during the 1863 campaign until he found out the Union army was nearby and then he moved back down towards Gettysburg. In November of 1865, Harrisburg had an African American parade of soldiers in the United States Color Troops. These soldiers were not allowed to parade in Washington, DC. They did do that right here in Harrisburg. There is a very significant historical event coming up—the 150th next year.

He provided a Visitor Profile to the Board. For fiscal year 2013/2014, they collected the zip codes of every person that came into the National Civil War Museum. They didn’t do that for groups. The other piece of data is visitor surveys. For this past year, almost 40% of the visitors indicated that they stayed in a hotel. They started asking that question about four years ago. If you average all the surveys, a little over 36% of the visitors that came to the Museum said they stayed at a hotel. They had about 711,000 visitors to the Museum. They do a lot of national marketing. They also have very strong local and regional constituents that not only come to the Museum, but bring their friends who travel to this area. It is one of the places that people who live around here decide that they want to show their traveling friends. They have collected at least 73,637 Dauphin County zip codes of people that have come to the Museum and at least 22,473 visitors from Harrisburg and that does not include the zip code that the Museum is in (17103), which is also Penbrook and nearly 114,000 students. The Museum has a huge virtual footprint. There is a web page that is extremely active. The number one international visitors to the web page were Canada, the United Kingdom and Australia. The number of visitation last year to the Museum was by collecting zip code data was Canada, the United Kingdom and Australia. There is a huge Facebook presence. Of the 24 attractions in Gettysburg, as far as he knows, the Museum has the most number of the Facebook likes of any of the attractions here in Harrisburg. On June 30th they had 11,098 and are almost at 13,000 now. They are the #2 attraction listed out of 24 in Harrisburg. The Museum is right behind the State Capitol Building. The Museum has 239 reviews, 4.5 out of 5.0 stars. One of the reviews on the website came from the Sons of Veterans of the Civil War. It also mentioned that there are a few good spots to eat around the area. So, when this person came to the Museum, not only did he come to the Museum, he also ate in the area.

Mr. Motts also provided National Museum Statistics from the Alliance of American Museums and the Pennsylvania Museum Statistics about economics.

Some questions came about on how numbers are calculated related to visitation. He provided data on the visitors that came to the Museum for fiscal year 2013/2014. This is the same format that the Hershey Harrisburg Regional Visitors Bureau uses. This is the most recent study. They took out the Harrisburg zip codes and all the school
Mr. Motts also provided the Fiscal Marketing Report for fiscal year 2012/2013. He does not have the complete number for fiscal year 2013/2014. Each and every year, the Museum has filed the proper documentation; all the appropriate reports have all been accepted by the Hershey Harrisburg Regional Visitors Bureau. This is an expanded report. This was done to show the activity related to everything that the Museum does. The Museum has always said that the hotel tax funding is used for marketing efforts. That includes the sales and marketing personnel that the Museum has that does this kind of work. Marketing personnel puts together ads and press releases. In the Tourism Promotion Agreement it states that “The City does not have the staff specifically designed to hire, to conduct marketing or tourism promotion related activities while the Tourism Bureau does have full-time staff performing these activities.” In another clause it also states that “staff has engaged in marketing production of tourism in the City especially the visitation that includes the Museum.” The Promotion Agreement agrees that compensation and benefits of personnel conducting marketing and promotion of tourism expenses are properly covered by the tax funds and acknowledges that the Museum staff has engaged in the marketing promotion of tourism in the City. The Lease also acknowledges that the Museum, when it was created, at the discretion of the Board of Directors that they could hire sales and marketing staff to do those particular duties. Mr. Motts is the first CEO at the Museum to do a lot of outreach.

Mr. West stated that he was the Chairman back in 2007 at the Civil War Museum. When you look at the Statute it was worded in this section that the money would go to the TPA, the Tourism Promotion Agency, to make the decision on the use of the funds, subject obviously to the limitations of the County Ordinance and Statute. As Chairman at the time, he was involved in a lot of discussions with the legislators and others that there was a conscience decision made that the process should have the funds going to the TPA that was designated by the County so that tourism professionals would be making the decision on how best to use the money to promote tourism. That was the decision made. They are asking for that decision to continue so the TPA would be allowed to make the decision on how best to use the money. They would like to see that process continue.

Mr. Seitz stated that the National Civil War Museum does not receive any funding from the City of Harrisburg and has not for over five years. They believe that the funding that they currently receive from the Dauphin County hotel tax is an appropriate way to fund a non-profit entity like the Civil War Museum, because many of their visitors are from out of the area. They are contributing to the hotel tax revenue from which they are receiving funding. They are a regional asset that brings visitors to the City and the County. Most museums around the country receive some level of public funding and they believe that the hotel tax funding is appropriate in their case.
Mr. Pries thanked the folks from the Museum for being here. It was mentioned that there was an over $5 million annual economic impact to the region. You took out a segment to the visitors. Mr. Pries asked what the economic impact would be if you included all of the visitors.

Mr. Motts stated that it would be a lot higher, because they would include those in the daytime numbers. It would have included the 5,000 school-aged children and the Harrisburg zip codes and then it would be multiplied by $111, which is the daytime trip. They assume that none of the school children spent the night. They do have school-aged children that do spend the night. They get a school that comes from the Aleutian Islands.

Mr. Pries stated that he was curious why that was not included, because the economic impact if it was $5 million excluding them it would be probably significantly higher.

Mr. Motts stated that it was questioned at some time whether or not the school-aged children spend that much. Most of the local residents come on a free day or a discounted day. He didn’t put it in there, because he felt it should be a conservative number. He also did not put in there the indirect or induced benefits. The National Civil War Museum, in this particular fiscal year, had 71 different events. They work with about 20 different approved caterers; many of them are located within the City and County. Business comes to the caterers. The Museum rents the space, but the caterers work with the particular rentee to collect fees based on the business that they make for these catered events. The Museum does not see any of that money, nor does he know what it is. He knows that it exists. The Museum did not calculate the local businesses that are a contributing business into this number. They also did not calculate the employees that are at the Museum that draw wages, pay taxes and consume goods, including gas, groceries, etc. This number could be much larger. A $5.7 million return for an investment of about $300,000 was good.

Mr. Pries indicated that he is a big fan of tooting the Museum’s horn. If there is more of an opportunity out there to share what is being brought in please do so. He asked if the current level of funding to the Museum that the County provides were to disappear, what would happen to the Museum.

Mr. Motts stated that it would severely cripple the Museum. The strategic plan and the different documents that are worked up, since there is an agreement, are all planned around that funding. The Museum has assumed that they would be receiving this money as the document indicates. It would remove all of the marketing for the #2 attraction in Harrisburg. All the marketing dollars that are used comes from the hotel tax. It would remove all the staff that they have that does all of that marketing. It would hurt other sources of their revenue. If he can’t market people to come to the Museum then what would that do to the admissions. If less people come into the facility then what about the sales in the gift shop. The number would decline. Not only would they lose the hotel tax funding, it would hit them very hard on the other levels of funding. Great progress has been made at the Museum over the last couple of years. This
Board, who are volunteers, worked hard to run a much targeted, lean facility to bring in more funds and build visitation.

Mr. Hartwick stated that the bottom line, from his understanding of the requirements by law, Dauphin County is to provide the dollars to the Tourism Promotion Agency, which is HHRVB for a plan that they approve that is directed towards the City. As far as he knows there is only one plan that’s right now in front of the Board. He does not know of any alternative plan that has been presented for this Board to consider through the HHRVB. Until the Board has an alternative plan that provides significant input that is provided by the HHRVB he really does not know today if there is another option to be able to direct those dollars legally by law. The law makes it clear. Right now the HHRVB is that group, based upon the Legislation that presents an approved plan in front of the Board of Commissioners for that consideration of those dollars that are directed to the City. As of today, this is the approved plan.

Mr. Pries asked the Solicitor, when they talk about the Legislation, they are referring back to the 1999 Legislation.

Mr. Curcillo indicated that is correct.

Mr. Hartwick indicated that he is not saying that there may not be another plan, but some of the challenges about rushing to any kind of judgment on some of the issues related to the City of Harrisburg now are the idea of presenting a plan and looking at all aspects of those dollars, engaging the citizens and having public input and allowing that plan to be vetted by the legally authorized agent in this case, based by the law, which is the HHRVB and the presenting of that plan to the Board of Commissioners. He is not saying that he is not willing to consider whatever options are placed before this Board, but again that is a matter of taking a look and thoroughly vetting a tourism plan in the City of Harrisburg that would be provided as a plan. Right now the approved plan is the Civil War Museum. The Board does not have any other authorized plan that has been set forth by the HHRVB for consideration. He is grateful for the economic impact and to the asset. He knows the City has significant other issues and needs. Again, it is not the Board’s choice. The law designates the HHRVB to move forward with that plan. The Board has not had any other plan to consider so until he does he cannot give his opinion on it. He appreciates all the information that has been brought forward and all the work that has been done by the folks at the Museum. It is a valuable asset and it will be helpful in the deliberations.

Mr. Haste stated that he is not an attorney, but in reviewing it and going back and looking at the law, it is his understanding that the County has an obligation to give the funds to the designated TPA, which in this case is the HHRVB and then the HHRVB needs to negotiate with the City on how to spend those monies. There needs to be a plan and this is the plan that is in place for right now. The Board will wait for legal advice on all of that. The longer this festers the more rumors are out there. He would like to get a better understanding of the situation. He asked if the City owns the building and if Mr. Motts could go through so he understands the arrangement.
Mr. Motts stated that the City owns the building. The Museum has a long term Lease on the building with the extension that was done it goes to 2039. That also includes a Lease License Agreement for City-related artifacts. When the Museum was built, it was built with money from a State grant. A State grant actually constructed the Museum, but in order for the Museum to be built, the City had to place a match toward that money. The match that the City used was the artifacts. The Museum is a 501c3 non-profit entity that has a Lease and License. The Museum currently pays $1 for rent. The Museum maintains the building. They pay all the regular maintenance and upkeep for the building. If gutters need flushed, the National Civil War Museum takes care of all of that. The Museum has been doing that since the beginning. The City has never paid for those expenses. It is in the Lease that capital repairs/improvements are the responsibility of the City. If the HVAC motor burns up that runs the infrastructure of the building, those are repairs, according to the Lease, that the landlord is responsible for. Since 2009, the City has not paid for any of those expenses. The Museum has born all of those expenses despite the fact that the Museum believes they were proper obligations of the City. Right now in front of the City for their consideration is over $150,000 of funding. That is a significant challenge for the Museum. He could use that money to start an endowment for the Museum. He has to take operational money away and pay for these capital repairs. The Museum is also carrying additional insurance on the building, which the Lease mandates that they do not have to do, but the Museum Board of Directors deemed that it proper that they do so, because in 2011 the Museum had a fire in one of the boilers. That repair cost about $20,000 and it was turned into the City insurance and was rejected. The Lease says that even the deductibles have to be met by the City. Those deductibles were not met so the Museum took out of its pocket about $20,000 and repaired that. Now, there is a property insurance policy that gives them a $1,000 deductible on the property on top of what the City carries. He does not know what the deductible is for the City right now. The Museum is to be named second insurer.

Mr. Haste stated that since it was a State grant, many times in those State grants if the initial use of those dollars changes, sometimes there is a payback clause. He asked if there was a payback clause in this and if there is how much is it and who would have to pay that back.

Mr. Motts stated that not being an attorney, he does not know all the ins and outs of that agreement.

Mr. Seitz indicated that they are attempting to find that out. It came through the PA Department of Community & Economic Development a number of years ago.

Mr. Haste indicated that may be a liability that someone would inherit.

He has been to a number of events at the Museum. This is a critical time, not only in America’s history, but Pennsylvania’s history and the history right here. One of the things that he has been amazed at is the role that this area played when it comes to the
history of America. He is amazed by the amount of educated people who are totally ignorant to our local history. One of the things that the Museum has done for this region is to educate the citizens. The Museum is doing that and doing it well. He asked if there are any other museums within a reasonable amount of time that has highlighted the USCT at this critical time in history.

Mr. Motts stated not that he knows of.

Mr. Saylor asked to clarify what USCT means for the record.

Mr. Motts indicated that it means United States Colored Troops. These are African American soldiers that fought for the Union cause in the Civil War. The number is between 180,000 and 200,000. The Museum has a whole display on that.

Mr. Haste asked if there are any other museums within a reasonable amount of time that highlights that.

Mr. Motts stated not that he knows of. There is a small display at the Gettysburg Museum. At the National Civil War Museum, the Curator at the African American Memorial came to talk about the program. He can’t think of one around the area. He filed for a grant to get an African American figure in the Museum. They don’t have one that relates to a US Colored Troops. They could maybe make that a local personality.

Mr. Haste asked if there are any other facilities within a reasonable amount of time that are talking about or highlighting the Emancipation process.

Mr. Motts stated that every place that has to do with American History would try. He asked if the question relates to a specific exhibit and he does not know off the top of his head. The State Museum would have something and Gettysburg. The National Civil War Museum is trying to bring that up to civil rights.

Mr. Haste asked if any of the museums talk about the Underground Railroad and in particular what Central Pennsylvania has played into the Underground Railroad.

Mr. Motts stated that unless you go into a regional museum like a County historical society the answer would be no. If you went to a County historical society the answer would be yes. Adams County has a small exhibit on that. He believes York and Dauphin do as well. The Civil War Museum has something on that which relates to the whole area and it also talks about the bigger picture.

Mr. Haste stated that Harrisburg, Dauphin County’s history is worded in all those things that he just mentioned. It is within walking distance of the State Capitol, the Museum; history was made in all those cases. What it appears that we are doing is instead of flourishing and expanding upon that education, it appears that we are trying to close that chapter. One that he is very interested in is the 8th Ward. The 8th Ward has played a significant role into this region’s history, as well as the Commonwealth’s history, good
and bad. The local play production talked about the history. The minute that we choose to close the door on our history we are going to make mistakes. It is unique to this area and is very telling of this area and it is something that we should be proud of. He is not a follower of PennLive, but he did see a survey that was done on this and the region is saying that this is a gem and that we should be looking to improve the Museum. The other issue is the relationship that the County has with the TPA, the TPA with the City and the appropriate ways to deal with that legislation. It is clear that the Museum is needed and should embrace this and everything around it and start to tell the history a little more. The Board will do whatever it has to do, given all the requirements of the legislation, laws and agreements. He, as one Commissioner sitting here, will continue to support the Museum, because he thinks it tells a story that way too many folks have not told for years and way to many folks around this area have chosen either not to support, not to promote or just ignorant to the process. This is a great area that has lots of history. He thanked the folks from the Museum.

Mr. Motts stated that they want to work with the Commissioners and the entities in this area so that story can be told together.

Mr. Haste stated that he thinks that has been underutilized. None of the other museums can tell the story quite like the National Civil War Museum can. None of the other facilities have it within walking distance. A lot of history happened within walking distance of the Museum and the State Capitol.

Mr. Pries stated that since it is a Statute and law, would the County be in violation of that law if it would not follow the directive of the State legislature.

Mr. Haste indicated that the Solicitor’s Office is reviewing everything.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Ms. Reardon asked if there were any questions regarding the Salary Board Packet and the Personnel Packet. There were none.

The Salary Board Packet and the 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 were none. There are a few budget adjustments that will be made prior to next week.

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

It was moved by Mr. Pries and seconded by Mr. Hartwick that the Board approve Items #1 and #2 of the Training Packet.

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Mr. Haste stated that there are two items for discussion. There is one additional item to be added.

Mr. Curcillo indicated that he has from the District Attorney’s Office a Justice Assistance Grant Waiver to allow the funds to be used for local government use.

Mr. Haste noted that it will be added as Item C.

A. 2015/2016 Needs Based Budget for Children & Youth (***A Vote is Requested 9/3/14***)

B. Approval of County sponsorship, for eligibility purposes only, of Local Share Municipal Gaming Grant Applications from the following entities. (***A Vote is Requested 9/3/14***)

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C. Justice Assistance Grant Waiver – PA District Attorneys Institute.

It was moved by Mr. Hartwick and seconded by Mr. Pries that the Board approve Items A, B and C 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 all items on the List will be ready for consideration next week.

CHIEF CLERK’S REPORT – CHAD SAYLOR

Mr. Saylor stated that he has nothing to report, unless the Commissioners have any questions. (There was none.)

COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS

There was none.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

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