DAUPHIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WORKSHOP MEETING

AUGUST 19, 2015
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; Joseph A. Curcillo, III, Esq., Solicitor; Randy Baratucci, Director of Purchasing; Fred Lighty, Esq., Solicitor’s Office; George Connor, Community & Economic Development; Kay Lengle, Human Resources; Amy Harinath, Press Secretary; Jennifer Simpson, Court Administration; James Bruno, Commissioners’ Office; Ruby Doub, Commissioners’ Office and Richie-Ann Martz, Assistant Chief Clerk

GUESTS PRESENT


MINUTES
CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Haste, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 10:18 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 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 on August 18, 2015 to discuss legal and personnel matters.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS/GUESTS

A. Dauphin County Commissioners

   1. Presentation of Certificates and Proclamations to State Cup Soccer Championship teams: U-9 CASA Fire Girls “B” Team and U-12 CASA CAPA Boys Viper Team

Mr. Haste welcomed everyone. Commissioner Pries will read the Proclamation for the girls’ team and Commissioner Hartwick will read the Proclamation for the boys’ team. He thanked everyone who has come here today. He just got off the field. He had practice this morning. He thanked the young athletes, because to get to the level that they have gotten to takes a fair amount of dedication and commitment. The players may not realize that now, but that dedication and commitment will set them for the rest of their lives. If they are able to maintain that desire and passion and be able to keep everything in their life going while they are making a commitment to this sport that will pay them dividends as they get older. The Board honored the local State Cup Champions. The Board will start with the U-9 CASA Fire Girls “B” Team and then will move to the U-12 CASA CAPA Boys Viper Team. There were 2 other teams that were
not able to be here today. Those teams are: U-14 Hershey Orange Boys Demolition and the U-15 Boys LDC United Crushers.

Mr. Pries stated that he gets to give the Proclamation for the Girls Fire U-9 Team. It is great to see the girls in the front row. This is a tremendous athletic achievement. He also thanked the coaches for giving of their time and most importantly he thanked the parents and family for giving of their time and money. They make sure that you get to practices and games, clothes are washed and they are the biggest cheering section at the games. He noted that the players should thank their parents, because without them they would not be here celebrating this accomplishment.

He asked the following coaches to come forward: Coaches Austin, Bill and Eric.

Mr. Pries read the following Proclamation.

Office of County Commissioners
Dauphin County, Pennsylvania

Proclamation

We, the Dauphin County Board of Commissioners, are delighted to join with the many players, coaches, proud parents and fans in applauding the Capital Area Soccer Association (CASA) U-9 Fire Girls "B" Team in clinching the 2015 Eastern Pennsylvania Turkey Hill Challenge Cup U-9 Girls championship;

Whereas, this dynamic and dedicated team went undefeated and shut out opponents throughout the entire competition;

Whereas, also during the 2014-15 season, the CASA Fire were the U-9 girls champions at the 2014 CASA Mid-State Classic Tournament, placed second in the Fall 2014 Central Pennsylvania Youth Soccer League Girls U-9 Premier Division, and were finalists at the 2015 PA Classics Challenger Invitational;

Whereas, during the course of the season, the CASA Fire's record was an impressive 14-6-2;

Whereas, these young athletes have overcome extraordinary obstacles and odds to rank among the top teams in the state;

Therefore, we join the 270,000 residents of Dauphin County in congratulating the CASA U-9 Fire Girls "B" Team for winning the 2015 Eastern Pennsylvania Turkey Hill Challenge Cup U-9 Girls; we recognize the team’s spirit and determination and wish them enduring success, both on and off the soccer field; and in grateful recognition thereof, we do hereby proudly proclaim August 19, 2015 to be "CASA U-9 Fire Girls ‘B’ Team Day" in Dauphin County.

(Applause was given.)

Mr. Siodlowski thanked the Commissioners for this honor and also the parents. One year ago the girls were at a rec and came into a premier soccer environment. With their focus, dedication and commitment, they went from there to State Champions in one year. It is remarkable. The players are now becoming leaders and role models for the rec program. More importantly, they are becoming female leaders in the community. He thanked and congratulated all the girls.

(Applause was given.)
Certificates were presented to the following players: Molly Beittel, Thalia Berrun, Mila Brescia, Lauren Cavoli, Lauren Enterline, Brinly Gerhards, Tessa Haugsby, Maya Lynch-Dickerson, Sarah Myers, Leah Thrush, Isabella Zulli and Makenna Kirk.

(Applause was given and pictures were taken.)

Mr. Hartwick stated that he has the opportunity to honor the boys. He knows the kind of dedication and efforts that are given by coaches and parents. The amount of travel and the cost to go to all the tournaments in multiple locations takes a lot of commitment - the ability to make sure that they are there on time for practices and developing the skillset necessary to compete. It wasn’t that long ago that Central Pennsylvania was not considered the best soccer location in the State. Lately, based upon what has been seen by the youth teams, Central Pennsylvania is the place to be related to the level of soccer and competition. It used to be the Southeast, but right now the level of coaching and competition has switched to the Central Pennsylvania area. That is a real testament to the level of commitment that the parents and coaches make, the skillset that is being taught. You have kids coming off of rec league and now are in a position to compete for a statewide title. That means that there was a lot of work put in to be able to see raw talent, but also to develop that talent as a team to be able to compete for the State championship.

Mr. Hartwick read the following Proclamation.

Office of County Commissioners
Dauphin County, Pennsylvania

Proclamation

We, the Dauphin County Board of Commissioners, are delighted to join with the many players, coaches, proud parents and fans in applauding the Capital Area Soccer Association (CASA) U-12 Boys Vipers Team on winning the 2015 EPYSA Outdoor President’s State Cup and Premier Indoor State Cup;

Whereas, over the past two years, the Vipers have amassed an impressive record of 35 wins, 7 losses and 9 ties;

Whereas, in 2014, the team clinched the Hempfield Adidas Fall Classic Soccer Tournament Championship, Delco Youth Soccer League Division I Fall Championship, Kirkwood Premier Tournament Championship and CPYSL Premier Division Spring Championship;

Whereas, the Vipers also were finalists in the 2014 Spirit United Kickoff Classic, PA Classics Mid-Atlantic Cup and EPYSA Premier Indoor State Cup;

Whereas, this team of outstanding young athletes from seven different school districts in Central Pennsylvania has brought immense admiration to the CASA program, to their schools and to this very grateful County of Dauphin;

Therefore, we join the 270,000 residents of Dauphin County in congratulating the CASA U-12 Boys Vipers Team for winning the State Cup; we recognize the team’s spirit and determination and wish them enduring success, both on and
off the soccer field; and in grateful recognition thereof, we do hereby proudly proclaim August 20, 2015 to be "CASA U-12 Boys Vipers Team Day" in Dauphin County.

(Applause was given.)

Mr. Esterly thanked the Commissioners for having the teams here today. It is much appreciated. He thanked all the parents of all the players on both teams. The players, hopefully they understand that none of this happens without the efforts that the parents put in by getting them to practice and tournaments. That is immensely important and the players need to make sure that they are thanking their parents on a regular basis. He works directly with the boys. They have worked very hard over the last year and have done exceptionally well on the field. Hopefully as they go forward, they are keeping in mind the things that are discussed on a daily basis – holding a high personal standard, never giving up, pushing themselves rather than requiring someone else to be pushing them to make progress. These are things that while they can really help you excel on the field, they will also help well beyond the soccer field and into your life when you are done playing. Hopefully they will be able to give something back at some point, but as they go to do whatever it is that they want to do through their life, if they are fortunate enough to play the game on a professional level or go work in some other area of life, the things that they are doing right now and the habits that they are building are ones that will benefit them always. Keep working hard and representing CASA on and off the field.

Certificates were presented to the following players: Irvin Alecendres, Eric Axtman, Samuel Bartosik-Velez, Nolan Ciesielka, Ethan Flickinger, Jason Goldfeder, Luke Johnson, Cace Oburn, Andrew Renaldi, Sebastian Salinas, Ryan Smith and Alex Winters.

(Applause was given and pictures were taken.)

B. George Connor, Economic Development

1. Update on Dauphin County’s Resiliency Plan

Mr. Connor stated that he is here today to talk about the National Disaster Resiliency Competition Grant. There were 67 eligible applicants that could apply for this funding. Dauphin County was one of 67 in Phase 1. It is now down to 40 grantees that are applying for this $1 billion grant, with a maximum award of $500 million, minimum award of $1 million. Dauphin County is one of the 40 and is representing Pennsylvania in this competition grant. He was just in Chicago at the end of July for the second academy that he had to attend for this competition. The County needs to find as many things possible to make the application the most valuable to get the most points. Three public outreach meetings have been scheduled: October 24th at 6:00 p.m. at the VFW in Halifax, August 25th at 10:00 a.m. at the Swatara Township Building and August 27th at 6:30 p.m. at the Middletown MCSO Building. In the public outreach meetings, they will be talking to the public on where the flooding occurs and what type of disasters they have in their area. That information needs to be gathered from the public on their
experiences. This program is based off of resilience. Resilience is a capacity to withstand challenges and also the capacity to recover quickly from difficulties such as major storms. At these meetings they will be looking at infrastructure, housing, economy, health and human services, environment and recreation. A website was created by Leah Eppinger of the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission. It is a survey if someone can’t attend the meetings. It talks about types of jobs and businesses, recreation opportunities and if people feel safe in their communities. If you don’t feel safe - why. If you do feel safe, what makes you feel safe. Also, what is the greatest risk in the community.

Mr. Haste asked about the safety issue – is that geared just towards storms or everything.

Mr. Connor stated everything.

Mr. Haste stated crime and everything.

Mr. Connor asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Pries asked that when he goes around to these meetings, if he is getting with the first responders around the County to have them participate at these meetings so that their comments are included.

Mr. Connor stated absolutely. They have pretty much contacted everyone to be involved in this process. They want to hear from everyone.

Mr. Pries stated that they are the ones that boots are on the ground when things happen. They are the first ones in and the last to leave. Having them be part of this process is critical.

Mr. Hartwick asked if Mr. Connor could explain the process, the issues that were discussed related to road diversion. What are the next steps to assemble that information and to put together an application that he suspects will be part of a public review process before it is submitted to HUD.

Mr. Connor stated that there is a 15-day comment period on the application. Once they hear from the residents, after these three public outreach meetings, they may find out that there are things that were missed. They know where the flooding comes from the tributary streams and creeks that flow in and out of the Susquehanna River. Gathering that information, framing and scoping an application is going to be a competitive process on the submittal and the grants.

Mr. Hartwick stated that based upon what is heard and the information that is gathered – are there any specific projects that seem to be ones that could really mitigate risk and create real diversion and avoid future disasters. The Federal government is looking for ways to mitigate future catastrophic loss. He asked what the process is for prioritizing
what the projects are on the application and is there going to be engineering needed. He asked what the timeline is for the submittal of the application.

Mr. Connor stated that he had the opportunity to meet with some of the State Legislators and Congressmen. That is the kind of questions that they want to know. They are concerned about their regions. It is the priority of the projects. HUD wants to see a resilient approach to mitigate flooding for the future. They are not going in to fix a storm water culvert that is 10 feet wide and replace it back at 10 feet. They may want to divert a river or stream around that culvert so they don’t ever replace it or increase the capacity on that.

Mr. Haste asked when this is due.

Mr. Connor stated October 27th, with a 15-day comment period and then they will know whether or not the County will receive funding in late December or early January.

Mr. Hartwick asked if anyone has given any thought on ways to engage folks who advocate for this County, local delegation and the idea of leveraging dollars for these specific purposes. If projects are put in here and talk about external and other abilities to provide financing for the larger scale projects, it certainly would add value to the application. If you can leverage dollars from State and Federal with additional dollars it may add great value to how the County is perceived in the application process.

Mr. Connor stated that the County needs to show that potentially it can pay for this project on its own without this grant funding. That is going to be one of the most difficult parts about this project. HUD wants to see leveraging funds into this project, see that the County can basically afford to pay for this project on its own, with other multiple grant sources. A cost benefits analysis that will be done on the project to see if it is possible to do what the County wants to do. HUD wants to see a resilient project. They don’t want to fund the unmet need upfront in this particular program, but he does know that in the future there will potentially be additional money to possibly fund the unmet need projects. Once these projects are prioritized, there are $197 million of unmet needs projects, which those projects will have to be prioritized to see which ones would devastate the community the worst.

Mr. Hartwick stated that once the priorities are done, a meeting with the Federal delegation and State delegation needs to occur.

Mr. Haste stated that he believes that has already begun.

Mr. Hartwick stated that the County needs to make sure they are part of the radar screen.

Mr. Connor stated that Congressman Perry, Congressman Dent and Congressman Barletta are very excited about this program. They have had conversations with them numerous times. The County is getting support letters from them.
Mr. Hartwick stated project specific support.

Mr. Haste asked if he has engaged the Conservation District from the MS4 side on this.

Mr. Connor indicated that he has. They are trying to contact everyone. He has a list on who the partners are going to be on this project. Agreements will be provided for these different agencies.

Mr. Haste stated that with the MS4, the Conservation District should have some data in there that could help.

Mr. Connor indicated that they will contact them again. EMA is also participating.

Mr. Haste asked Mr. Connor to keep the Board in the loop.

Mr. Saylor asked if Mr. Connor could do a quick update of the Community Rating System and how that will fold into this.

Mr. Connor stated that because the Dauphin County Commissioners signed up to approach the flood insurance and Biggert’s Water Act with the Community Rating System (CRS) that is pretty much how the County got into Phase 2 of this project. No one at the conference had a CRS set up like Dauphin County. That is where the County received the most points in the Phase 1 framing for this application. That is what threw Dauphin County over and above the other communities that may have been close in the point system. There were 23 Dauphin County municipalities that signed the letter of intent for the program. Tetra Tech is going through the process to evaluate the different criteria that they need to apply to the FEMA program, the CRS program. He will provide an update on that probably in the next month or so. It is almost completed. They think that maybe six to twelve may join into the program, because it is a difficult process. Staff is needed in order to keep the criteria up to date to keep the rating system up. You wouldn’t want to join into this program and get a 7 or 8, the residents are getting 15% of 20% off of their insurance and then it drops off. Employees will be needed to keep that rating up. He believes it is evaluated every three years.

Mr. Haste stated that the biggest part of that is data collection and maintaining those. If those local municipalities cannot continue this, is there a way for the County to do it for them.

Mr. Connor stated that he would have to look at the budget and the DR.

Mr. Haste indicated that it may make sense to help because it makes a lot of sense for the residents.

Mr. Connor stated that Scott Burford, Deputy Chief Clerk, also serves as the Resiliency Coordinator. That position will probably morph into something that would be an
administrative role for this particular program. The team is going to Pittsburgh next week to talk to the Pittsburgh Resilience Coordinator to see how they do it.

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

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

The Salary Board Packet and the Personnel Packet will be considered at next week’s Legislative Meeting.

**PURCHASE ORDERS**

Mr. Baratucci stated that the Purchase Order Packet is a small one this week. All budget issues will be addressed prior to next week. 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**

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

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

(There was none.)

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

Mr. Curcillo stated that it looks like everything will be ready for next week.

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

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

**COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS**

Mr. Saylor asked when the next hiring window is.

Ms. Lengle indicated that this meeting cycle is the current hiring window. The next one would be in November.

**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; motion carried.

Transcribed by: Richie-Ann Martz