DAUPHIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

LEGISLATIVE MEETING

DECEMBER 16, 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; Janis Creason, Treasurer; Joseph A. Curcillo, III, Esq., Solicitor; Randy Baratucci, Director of Purchasing; Mike Yohe, Director of Budget & Finance; Jennifer Simpson, Court Administration; August Memmi, Director of Community & Economic Development; Steve Libhart, Director of EMA; Dan Eisenhauer, Administrator of MH/ID; Randie Yeager, Director of Human Services; Shirley Keith-Knox, MH/ID; Faye Fisher, Director of Human Resources; Melissa Bradley, Human Resources; Lorrie Bushman, Human Resources; Amy Harinath, Press Secretary; George Connor, Community & Economic Development; Fred Lighty, Esq., Solicitor’s Office; Brandi Meyer, Human Resources; Kelli Bessari, Human Resources; Keith Kepler, Director of Solid Waste; J. Scott Burford, Deputy Chief Clerk; Kay Lengle, Human Resources; Tia Wise, Human Resources; Greg McCutcheon, MH/ID; Edgar Cohen, Director of Facilities Maintenance; Eric Naguski, Conservation District Director; Julie Mackey, Commissioners’ Office; Ruby Doub, Commissioners’ Office; Melody Osborn, 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 10:10 a.m.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Everyone observed a moment of silence.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Hartwick and seconded by Mr. Pries that the Board approve the November 25, 2015 Workshop Meeting Minutes and the December 2, 2015 Legislative Meeting Minutes; motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS HELD BETWEEN MEETINGS

Mr. Saylor reported that two Executive Sessions were held. One was held on December 14th to discuss personnel matters. The other one was held on December 15th to discuss matters of litigation.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.
DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS/GUESTS

A. Randie Yeager, Shirley Keith-Knox and Tracye Johnson

1. Project Search Interns Recognition

Ms. Yeager stated that they are very excited about the accomplishments of Project Search in its first year. She thanked the Board for hosting Project Search. She also thanked all the departments and the mentors within those departments who helped the interns learn new skills and grow and really help figure out what it is they really like to do and carry that forward. They also thanked the interns for all of their hard work, very committed to learning new skills, but also helping each of the departments where they performed their internships. Thanks to the families who supported the interns. There were things that were on the list of tasks to do that they weren’t always excited about, and the families support the program and helped the students learn that maybe doing something new and different was actually very appealing.

Ms. Keith-Knox is the Deputy Administrator for Intellectual Disabilities Services. She has worked for Dauphin County for quite a number of years. There were always things that she had an opportunity to do that really make her proud to be a Dauphin County employee and this certainly is one of the best things that she has been able to be a part of as an employee. Project Search is a partnership between Dauphin County (Dauphin County is the business host) for Project Search. The other two partners is the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (Dexal ???) and Goodwill of the Keystone Area (Christine ??). Project Search is a program that allows Dauphin County to recognize the abilities of all its citizens. It allows folks with disabilities to obtain the skills that they need in order to get real jobs in their community or real jobs with real pay. This is the first year of the Project Search program. The program began in March 2015 with nine interns. She is very proud to say that seven interns have finished the program. Three have already obtained employment and four are in either the final stages of the negotiation for employment or doing their interviewing. Getting the job piece is one of the highlights of what is happening right now. She introduced Tracye who is the Instructor.

Ms. Johnson stated that she is the Instructor and she works for Goodwill of the Keystone Area. It was a pleasure to work with this group of students. She is proud of them and their accomplishments. She introduced them. Colin Blair was unable to be here. He is currently working full-time as a Material Handler at Goodwill of the Keystone Area. She asked them to come forward as she calls their name. She introduced the following interns: Alyson Cobaugh, Adaira McNaughton, Dereck Ragland, Julio Reyes, Trevor Tobias and Taylor Williams.

(Applause was given and pictures were taken.)

Mr. Pries stated that he didn’t get to see everybody in action while they were here at the County. He did hear a lot of great things about each intern and the work they did within the departments. He did get to see two individuals off and on. He got to see Alyson...
down in Voter Registration. She did a great job down there. Adaira did a remarkable job at Facilities Maintenance. They all did a fantastic job. Thanks to the partners for their participation. Special thanks to his colleagues and the departments that participated in this worthwhile effort. The Board is very proud of the interns and looks forward to their success in the future.

Mr. Hartwick stated that he has the Certificates. He was taking care of his son and apologized for not being here. Huge kudos to all the interns for being here and changing the philosophy and mindset as it relates to the level of work, participation and what they can bring to an organization. Not to many years ago the idea of what was possible, there was a different threshold that was set. Now, the idea of having independence, relationships and the people that overcome barriers every day and still perform are the people that this Board wants as a part of this organization and are the people that should be a part of every organization as it relates to diversity. They believe that the interns have added great value. He thanked the directors of the departments, and the ability to welcome folks in as family. The interns served themselves, their colleagues and future classes extraordinarily well. So much that they are looking forward to future classes. This group of interns is the first—they are the pioneers. It is important to recognize Project Search and the businesses that have stepped up and offered their services.

Mr. Hartwick read one of the Certificates and then distributed a Certificate to each Intern.

(Applause was given.)

B. Dauphin County Commissioners

1. Proclamations for the Holy Name Smurfs and Pee Wee Football Teams – 2016 Super Bowl Winners

Mr. Pries recognized that in the audience today, they have two remarkable teams, full of young players, representing not only their communities, but also Holy Name of Jesus and the JETS. The teams have had a remarkable season. Both teams are a team. They couldn’t win without one. It took great coaching. It also took the support of the parents. He told them not to forget what their parents did for them every day. The parents took them to practice, cleaned the uniform, traveled and were the biggest supporters. The players have each other backs, but the parents were there supporting the players the entire way.

(Applause was given to the parents.)

Mr. Pries asked Coach Darrin Dinello to come forward. He has known Darrin for many years. Winning a championship doesn’t always happen. It is not easy. It takes teamwork, athleticism and a lot of effort and determination and a little luck here and
there. Darrin was the quarterback in the Hershey Youth Football Association. The only time Commissioner Pries ever won was when Darrin “Augie Doggie” was the QB.

Mr. Pries read the following Proclamation:

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

**Proclamation**

*We*, the Dauphin County Board of Commissioners, are thrilled to join with the many players, coaches, proud parents and fans in congratulating the Holy Name of Jesus Jets Pee Wee Football Team on a successful season and for clinching the 2015 Pee Wee Super Bowl Championship;

*Whereas*, ending the season with a remarkable final record of 11 wins and 1 loss, this talented and tenacious football team has become an athletic powerhouse, surpassing other pee wee teams in the region to become the best in the league this year;

*Whereas*, under the leadership of Head Coach Darrin Dinello, several assistant coaches and team moms, these young athletes scored an impressive 324 points this season against their opponents and defeated the York Bears with a score of 8 - 0 to capture the Super Bowl trophy and snap York’s 35-game win streak;

*Whereas*, the 2015 Jets Pee Wee Football Team has carried on Holy Name’s rich tradition of athleticism and achievement;

*Therefore*, we join the 270,000 residents of Dauphin County in honoring this extraordinary Holy Name Jets Pee Wee Football Team for achieving top honors this season; we proudly applaud the team’s spirit and determination and warmly wish them enduring success in their athletic and academic pursuits; and in grateful recognition of their outstanding season and Super Bowl championship, we do hereby proudly proclaim December 17, 2015 to be “Holy Name of Jesus Jets Pee Wee Football Team Day” in Dauphin County.

(Applause was given.)

Mr. Dinello thanked the Commissioners (the players also thanked the Commissioners). He also thanked the parents. It was a great season this year. At Holy Name, they teach teamwork, discipline and hard work. This team did all three 100% every day. It was great to have individual achievements, but they tell the kids that it is done together. It is all about teamwork and encourage teammates.

(Applause was given.)

Mr. Dinello introduced the Assistant Coaches that are here today: Johnny Robinson and Kevin Gemmell.

Mr. Dinello introduced the Pee Wee Players that are here today: Coach Gemmell, Coach Robinson, Erin Kurtz (Team Mom), Venny Brooks, Dallas Davenport, Sebastian Davis, Charlie Dinello, John Dougherty, Gannon Funk, Ryan Garvick, Kaleb, Green,
Wesley Heagy, James Higgins, Nevan Hopkins, Ethan Hunt, Nolan Jones, Ty Kephart, Andrew Kurtz, Julius Maldonado, Andrew Miller, Gavin Reynolds, Tariq Scott, Joseph Sembrot, Tyler Sidella, TJ Smith, Caleb Wray and Robert Smith. (This is the 2015 Pee Wee CFA Super Bowl Champions.)

(Applause was given and pictures were taken.)

Mr. Haste stated that he spent three years sitting in those bleachers when his son played. It’s funny how you develop groups out there. If he couldn’t talk to George Connor or Ed Marsico during the day, he would see them at Holy Name that night. He congratulated all the players and parents. There are a lot of good teams out there, but to really get to the level that the players did this year, takes something a bit special. That little extra effort makes the difference.

Mr. Hartwick stated that it is great to see everyone. He is especially excited to be here. Holy Name Football is really like a big family. The commitment that the kids have in a program that he happens to believe is the best football program in Central Pennsylvania regardless of championships, which he knows they are going to win many. The idea of teaching fundamentals, discipline, teamwork, hard work and they practice like they play. The idea that they come out every night, earlier than everybody else, they prepare a lot harder and they actually hit in practice. They have drills that allow for fundamentals. They have coaches that are committed and parents that are seen at practices almost every single night. That level of commitment really brings people together like family. There is a winning tradition at Holy Name – for the Pee Wees it is great to see some of the Smurfs that they had last year. The team needs to continue to get better as the year goes on. There is nothing more than an example of that than the Smurfs. Coach Davis is a spirited leader, one that teaches great fundamentals, hard work and discipline. With his military background and his combat boots every night and him getting the folks fired up, including the coaches is something that keeps all spirits high. For the Smurfs this year, they were expecting – they lost a lot of good players to the Pee Wees. There were some kids from last year, but they didn’t know they had quite the championship team until – they didn’t have the size this year, but what they lacked in size they made up in heart. That became clear. In the beginning of the season the Smurfs took an early loss to Carlisle. He is very proud of the kids, the commitment of the parents and coaches and it is a lot of fun. What they did at Holy Name is going to be in the record books and it is something that everyone is proud of and the teams finished strong. He congratulated the Pee Wees for overcoming that York barrier and to the Smurfs.

Mr. Hartwick read the following Proclamation:

Office of County Commissioners
Dauphin County, Pennsylvania

Proclamation
We, the Dauphin County Board of Commissioners, are pleased and proud to join with the many players, proud parents, coaches and fans in congratulating the Holy Name of Jesus Jets Smurf Football Team on an outstanding winning season and for clinching the 2015 Smurf Super Bowl Championship;

Whereas, with a successful season of 12 wins and 1 loss, the Holy Name of Jesus Jets had the spirit, strength and skill to outscore opponents 213 to 19 during the regular season and earn the Smurf Super Bowl title on October 17, 2015;

Whereas, led by Head Coach Doug Davis, several assistant coaches and team moms, these young football stars have brought tremendous excitement, school pride and honor to Holy Name of Jesus and to this very proud County of Dauphin;

Whereas, the 2015 Jets Smurfs Football Team has carried on Holy Name’s rich tradition of athleticism and achievement;

Therefore, we join the 270,000 residents of Dauphin County in recognizing the Holy Name of Jesus Jets Smurf Football Team as Super Bowl champions and applauding their tremendous team work during the course of the season; we wish them continued success, both on and off the football field; and in grateful recognition thereof, we do hereby proudly proclaim December 16, 2015 to be “Holy Name of Jesus Jets Smurf Football Team Day” in Dauphin County.

(Applause was given.)

Mr. Davis stated that this is the result of all the players’ hard work all season long. When the parents and coaches were younger, they looked up in the dictionary the word “teamwork”. When you google it, it will tell you that teamwork is cooperation of a group of people, especially when effective and efficient. That is what the players did this year. The worked hard during practice, sometimes things happen, you didn’t feel good or it was raining, but the team game together as a team. He thanked the parents, because without the parents teaching them and bringing them to practice every day, sometimes two games on a weekend, all the commitment so they could be molded by the coaches. The parents put their faith and trust in the coaches and that is something that they take very seriously. The coaches all volunteer and the reason why they do it is because of the young men. He has five sons at home and when the season begins he has 26 to 32 additional sons. All the hard work throughout the season paid off at the Smurf Bowl. Those wins were almost fun and easy, because of the hard work that was done throughout the season. He thanked the parents. There are two special women that help out as team moms all year long. He thanked Coach Hartwick and Coach Terry Green and asked them to come forward. He showed the trophy that they Smurfs won. Coach Barnes, Coach Butts and Coach Lahr could not be here.

He presented Certificates to the following: Coach Hartwick, Team Mom Carla Green, Zachary Brown, Jackson Davenport, Matteo Cangialosi, Joshua Davis, Akeelyn Smith, George Hartwick, IV, Landon Smith, Evan Collins, Sebastian Heagy and Terrick Green, Jr. He introduced the 2015 CFA Smurf Bowl Champions.

**SALARY BOARD**

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

Ms. Lengle asked if there were any questions. (There was none.)

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

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

PURCHASE ORDERS

Mr. Baratucci stated that in addition to the Packet that was distributed last week, a few items have been added. They were approved by the oversight Commissioner. All budget adjustments have been made. Page 11 has the Sheriff’s Office vehicle, which he discussed at last week’s meeting. Page 5 is for Facilities Maintenance for some locks and hardware for the Administration Building. Page 17 is for a repair at the Schaffner Center. On Page 20, there is a vehicle for Drug & Alcohol, which was approved by the oversight Commissioner. He asked if there were any questions. (There was none.)

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.

Bid Award – Office Supply Contract

Mr. Baratucci stated that bids were received for the Office Supply Contract. Two bids were received. The low bid was from W. B. Mason. This will be the third year in a row that they have won the bid. He is recommending that the bid be awarded to W. B. Mason for Part A and B. They were the low bidder for both parts.

It was moved by Mr. Pries and seconded by Mr. Hartwick that the Board award the bid to the low bidder, W. B. Mason, for both Part A and Part B, at a bid price of $142,437.45.

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

Elevator Replacement Bids for Administration Building

Mr. Baratucci stated that a couple weeks ago he opened bids for the Elevator Replacement Project for the Administration Building. Two bids were received, one from
Otis and one from ThyssenKrupp. Unfortunately both bidders took a number of exceptions to the bid packet. The bids were reviewed by Buchart Horn and also by the Solicitor’s Office and it was determined that the exceptions that the bidders took were not material and could not be waived. The recommendation is to reject both bids and rebid the project. A meeting will take place with Buchart Horn and also the vendors to see what the issues are so that the bid package can be corrected.

Mr. Haste asked if this bid was for all three elevators.

Mr. Baratucci stated two.

It was moved by Mr. Pries and seconded by Mr. Hartwick that the Board reject the bids received for the Elevator Replacement Project in the Administration Building and that the project be rebid.

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

REPORT FROM BUDGET & FINANCE – MIKE YOHE, BUDGET DIRECTOR

Mr. Yohe presented the following Report:

Report from the Office of Budget & Finance
December 16, 2015

- **December 4, 2015** transferred $552,980.35 to the Payables account from the County’s Concentration account for checks issued that week.

- **December 11, 2015** transferred $3,585,115.17 to the Payables account and $2,241,912.96 to the Payroll account from the County’s Concentration account for checks issued that week.

- Wire Payments since last report: **$621,492.11**

- Debt Service Payments since last report: **$0.00**

- Term Investments
  - 5/12/15 - **$5,000,000.00** 9-month CD – Customers Bank – 0.59% - matures 2/6/16
  - 5/12/15 - **$5,000,000.00** 12-month CD – Customers Bank – 0.84% - matures 5/11/16

- Balance today in PA INVEST account #2100017144860: **$1,381.35** rate 0.050%

- Balance today in BB&T Bank investment account #1390003149591: **$6,038,756.92** rate 0.300%
• Balance today in BB&T Bank investment account #1390000577541: $1,069.38 rate 0.050%

• Balance today in First National Bank investment account #97014743: $9,612,413.42 rate 0.300%

• Balance today in Integrity Bank Money Market Checking account #2206001209: $1,434,196.80 rate 0.300%

• Balance today in Santander Bank investment account #9551017714: $3,078,273.11 rate 0.300%

• Balance today in Metro Bank investment account #539014068: $1,026,877.95 rate 0.300%


Mr. Yohe stated that the Investment Accounts are being whittled down pretty quick with the State budget impasse. It is up over $28 million. Some of these accounts the County has been carrying for years.

Mr. Yohe is in the process of putting together a TRAN for January. If the County had the money it was due from the State, there would be no need for a TRAN.

Mr. Saylor asked Mr. Yohe to explain a TRAN.

Mr. Yohe stated that it is a Tax Revenue Anticipation Note. It is a lending vehicle that enables governments to meet their cash flow needs until the tax revenue starts to arrive in mid-February/early March.

Mr. Haste stated that he had some folks ask why the County isn’t doing one now. The reason you don’t want to do one at the end of the year is under the TRAN it has to be paid back in that fiscal year. Since the County is on a calendar fiscal year and would have the cash flow issues at the end of the year there is no way to do a TRAN and pay it back by the end of the year. It is of no value at the end of the year.

Mr. Yohe stated that the County was fortunate to make it through this year.

Mr. Hartwick stated that he is proud of the fiscal management of this Board over the past 11 years. He believes the County is going to set a record related to no tax increases. That was done by paying down the long term debt and continuing to maintain a really good bond rating for future borrowing. It does alarm him that, because of a State budget crisis, the fund balance that was part of where the County has tried to maintain itself with very solid and fiscally conservative budgeting is now dwindling away because of the State budget crisis. He just saw this week in Luzerne County where their bond rating was reduced which increased their borrowing costs significantly. They
were looking to borrow $20 million to repay existing debt, as well as keep the doors open for human services. The State budget crisis, the impacts are still yet to be fully known to counties. Despite the Board’s ability to manage its own internal operations to find ways to cut costs and to keep the County running as efficiently as possible, places like mental health are completely starved and actually have the position of continuing to receive further cuts. The County is now in a position to have Federal and State mandated services be completely underfunded at risk to individuals now being served at Dauphin County Prison and a lack of a community-based resources that quite frankly are not serving the needs of individuals. Add on to that a Children & Youth system that is going through a rebalancing initiative where they are reducing $172 million out of a system that has seen most increases be from 30 to 120% increase in caseload as a result of 26 different laws that have been promulgated by the State of Pennsylvania as a reaction to Jerry Sandusky. At a time where the County can ill-afford to continue to put people in institutions and prison systems, we are transferring from institution to another and only the State is doing a transfer of cost instead of raising revenue in a way that they should to fund State and Federal services. They are passing it on to commissioners and forcing them to consider property tax increases as a way to be able to fund these mandated services. While the County continues the appropriate management and continue to do more with less and the tires are flat. The County is still pushing for reforms and access to services, but something has to give. The County cannot continue to move in this direction and appropriately manage the fiscal position in the way it has and continue to take on these cuts. The Board was considering reopening this budget, because of the impact and considering a future tax increase. That is not because of the management of this Board. It’s happening because of the State’s inability to get over politics and to be able to adequately fund county human services. Based upon the current situation at the State, which they don’t believe has been completely resolved, future budget increases now only include nine months of funding for Children & Youth, which is the largest contribution from the County’s perspective. If the State doesn’t get language right to make the County whole, the County could be floating millions of dollars a lot sooner from a fund balance that is going to be depleted from the State’s inability to get these things accomplished. Despite all the cuts and all the fiscal management the County has had, the Board has no control over what flows downhill. Lately from State government, it has been ones that have hurt county property tax owners. If this Board has to raise property taxes in the future, he would ask the State Representatives in an Election year, why they are passing the buck from State revenues to county property tax revenues as a way to avoid those responsible decisions of raising revenue for those mandated services.

Mr. Haste stated that he would not stop with the Legislators. Everyone should be calling the Governor’s Office right now to ask why he did the line item vetoes and messed this up.

Mr. Hartwick stated that it is not one person to blame. It is both the Administration and the Legislature. The Board talks about the partnership between the County and the State. The County ends up doing all their work and they sit up and pass laws and require the counties to follow through on. One of the other things is about a year and a
half ago, the State called upon counties to help them get a Transportation Bill passed. The counties worked hard and did their due diligence and got a Transportation Bill passed. As a thank you to counties and local governments for that, they had Act 13 that had monies that were coming in that were to be earmarked for low level bridges that are not funded in any other program. The Board takes great pride on its bridges and work with the local partners to do that. In this budget last week, the State decided that they are going to take the Act 13 dollars to get this passed and to make sure they have certain votes the State is going to take $20 million out of the Act 13 away from counties, which in fact goes to local governments as well. They are going to give that to the Commonwealth Finance Agency (CFA) so they would have money for grants that legislators will be able to give to CFA to fund. The WAMS are back, but they are calling them grants now. This Board has worked hard with local governments to improve the infrastructure. They are taking $20 million away from counties and local governments to have WAMS.

Mr. Pries stated that on a day that is supposed to be a celebration of a historic moment here in Dauphin County, 11 consecutive years without a tax increase, the County is having a bittersweet moment talking what could potentially occur to the County next year as a result of the State budget stalemate. The Board is doing its job. Counties can only do so much. He commended his colleagues and the prior Board, which included Nick DiFrancesco, for allowing the Board to get to this point of 11 straight years. Department heads and row officers have all worked to keep costs down. It may never happen again.

Adoption of the 2016 Budget

Mr. Haste stated that the reason it happens is the level of frustration that is out there. The Board does everything it can do and you still get kicked in the head.

Mr. Hartwick stated that it is not just expressed by this Board. It is expressed by other commissioners across the Commonwealth as they examine both legal options and other options to ensure that folks are not held hostage or receive services. The folks that are hurt the most are kids, seniors and the ability for counties to provide mental health services and taxpayers. They are the ones that are held hostage by this budget crisis.

Mr. Pries stated they make the laws and the counties have to follow the laws. Just imagine if counties played the same game. People would be up in arms. On the hill, it seems to be business as usual.

Mr. Haste stated that the Board is vetting its options. It has been a frustrating couple of months. A conference call was held the other week and it was explained to him that the Legislators are not hearing pressure from anybody. They go home to their neighbors and no one is talking about it. It just appears to be something that the media is talking about and the quote that he said “whining commissioners”. In the discussion they explained that for them to really have an impact there has to be a level of pain. The Legislators didn’t see the level of pain. The level of pain that they are talking about,
they removed the level of pain that they heard when their employees weren’t getting paid and the staff would come in and complain that they weren’t getting paid. That went away. The reason they don’t know of the pain is because they have counties to buffer that pain. What the Legislators are asking counties is for them to hear the pain is they are asking counties to do something that not a single county commissioner in this Commonwealth has the guts to do—they want counties to either not fund mental health and not fund children and youth. He asked the question – they are asking basically for counties to let 1 homeless person freeze to death or one child die or get abused or let someone who has a crisis in their family not be addressed. What they are saying is that until that happens, it is really not affecting them. It isn’t happening because there are county commissioners who have a heart and care about what they are doing and don’t sit up there and just pass laws and let someone else carry it out. He is probably at one of his most frustrated levels that he has ever had as a Commissioner. Some of these folks are friends and at one time were colleagues of his. It is disgusting.

Mr. Hartwick stated that the Board discussed those options of not funding crisis intervention. There is no commissioner across the Commonwealth that is going to let someone who is in crisis that could potentially kill themselves or harm somebody else to not go with the level of service that they need and will figure out whatever financing mechanism to be able to do that and not have deaths occur while they have the opportunity to provide some level of financing and help. Counties are public servants. Somebody dying is not an option for county commissioners. Counties will continue to do what is necessary even at its own peril to make it work and they wish that same level of service existed at all high levels of government.

Mr. Yohe stated before the Board is basically the same document that he went over three weeks ago. He did make changes to personnel costs as people came and went. For 2016, the tax rate will remain the same at 6.876 mils for the 11th straight year.

Mr. Saylor stated that the Board spoke about the management of the budget for the past 11 years. One of the key tools that the County uses is the hiring freeze. There is a Resolution on the Agenda to continue that. That is where there are hiring windows that are open four times a year. That forces vacant positions to stay open until that hiring window. It saves money. He asked Mike what the savings have been.

Mr. Yohe stated that it is well over $1 million.

It was moved by Mr. Hartwick and seconded by Mr. Pries that the Board adopt the 2016 Dauphin County Budget.

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

Tax Levy Resolution
It was moved by Mr. Pries and seconded by Mr. Hartwick that the Board adopt Resolution #32-2015 approving the Tax Levy and Appropriations for 2016.

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

**Hiring Freeze Resolution**

It was moved by Mr. Hartwick and seconded by Mr. Pries that the Board adopt Resolution #33-2015 – Hiring Freeze promulgated by the Dauphin County Board of Commissioners for all employment positions in the County of Dauphin.

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

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

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

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

Mr. Curcillo stated that unless there are any questions everything that has been reviewed by the Solicitor’s Office is ready for approval. (There was none.)

**MATTERS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION**

A. Cooperative Agreement between Dauphin County (Domestic Relations), the Court of Common Pleas of Dauphin County and Pennsylvania Premier Process Service.

B. Cooperative Agreement between Dauphin County (Domestic Relations), the Court of Common Pleas of Dauphin County and Pamela L. Purdy, Esq.

C. Assignment and Assumption Agreement between Dauphin County (IT) and geographIT and EBA Engineering, Inc.

D. Subscriber Agreement between Dauphin County (Human Resources) and Rapid Remedy, LLC.

E. Cooperative Agreement between Dauphin County (Domestic Relations), the Court of Common Pleas of Dauphin County and the Dauphin County Sheriff’s Office.


G. Dauphin County Juror Parking Agreement between Dauphin County and Park Harrisburg.

H. Extension of the Harrisburg State Farm Community Gardens Lease from January 1, 2016
to December 31, 2016 at a rental rate of $660.00.

I. Amendment to Prison Chaplaincy Service Agreement between Dauphin County (Prison) and Christian Churches United.

J. Extension of the Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Agreement between Dauphin County (Solid Waste) and WM At Your Door Special Collection – extending time period from October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016 and all door-to-door HHW stops will be $125.00.

K. Master Lease Agreement between Dauphin County and Enterprise Fleet Management.

L. Purchase of Service Agreement between Dauphin County (Children & Youth) and County of Chester.

M. Amendment #1 to Purchase of Service Agreement between Dauphin County (Children & Youth) and NHS Pennsylvania.

N. Adoption Assistance Agreement #2010-68 – Amendment #1.

O. Amendment #1 to Purchase of Service Agreement between Dauphin County (Drug & Alcohol) and Mazzitti & Sullivan Counseling Services, Inc.

P. Amendments to Purchase of Service Agreements between Dauphin County (MH/ID) and:

1. Arcturus Home Care LLC – Amendment #1
2. The Medical Bureau of Harrisburg, Inc. – Amendment #1

Q. Amendment #7 to the HealthChoices Behavioral Health Agreement between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Human Services and Dauphin County (MH/ID).

R. Memorandum of Understanding between Dauphin County (Conservation District) and Swatara Township.

S. Settlement for Workers Comp - Terry Lebkicher.

T. Consultant Agreement between Dauphin County (Economic Development) and Terry R. Haines.

U. Resolution #34-2015 – increasing of parking rates at the Dauphin County Human Services Building for non-County employees.

V. Ordinance #6-2015 - $5 Vehicle Registration Fee.

W. Ordinance #7-2015 amending the fee schedule for recording those instruments initially assigned uniform parcel identifiers pursuant to the Uniform Parcel Identifier Law.

X. Resolution #35-2015 approving the submission of a Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant for $1,165,439 from PennDOT to be used for Dauphin County Bridges #52 and #56 Superstructure Replacement Project.

Y. Proposal from Midwest Excess Workers Compensation – Option II - for coverage effective January 1, 2016 to January 1, 2017.
Z. 2016 Tourism Grants:

1. Barak, Inc. - $20,000
2. Big 26 - $15,000
3. Big 33 Scholarship Foundation, Inc. - $85,000
4. Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Capital Region - $30,000
5. Capital Region Association of Irish and Celts – $7,500
6. Capital Region Economic Development Corp. - $75,000
7. Central PA Friends of Jazz, Inc. - $15,000
8. Chinese Cultural & Arts Institute - $10,000
9. Dauphin County Parks & Recreation - $225,000
10. Harrisburg Area Riverboat Society - $15,000
11. Harrisburg City Islanders - $50,000
12. Harrisburg Heat - $20,000
13. Hershey Harrisburg Regional Visitors Bureau - $800,000
14. Hershey Jr. Bears PeeWee Cup - $40,000
15. Hershey Soccer Club - $2,000
16. High School Sports Live - $25,000
17. Historical Society of Dauphin County - $15,000
18. Historical Society of Dauphin County - $25,000
19. Modern Transit Partnership - $40,000
20. National Civil War Museum - $75,000
21. National Rifle Association of America – $75,000
22. PA National Horse Show Association - $30,000
23. The Three Star Foundation, Inc. – $10,000
24. Londonderry Township - $10,000
25. Hershey Figure Skating Club and Central PA Figure Skating Club - $50,000
26. Dauphin County Parks & Recreation/Hershey Harrisburg Wine Country - $50,000
27. Jump Street - $15,000
28. Senators Partners LLC dba Harrisburg Senators Baseball Club – $25,000
29. Invica, LLC - $15,000
30. Civil War Days in Harrisburg – $10,000
31. Whitaker Center for Science and the Arts – $60,000
32. Capital Area Soccer Association - $2,000
33. Gratz Fair Association - $5,000
34. Hamm Camp, Inc. - $2,000
35. Harrisburg Beer Week - $2,000
36. Harrisburg Downtown Improvement District - $8,000
37. Harrisburg Rugby Football Club – $1,500
38. Harrisburg Sharks - $1,500
39. Harrisburg Young Professionals - $5,000
40. Hershey Jr. Bears – $10,000
41. Hershey Symphony Orchestra – $7,500
42. Hershey United Lacrosse Association - $4,000
43. Hola Harrisburg/Latino Connection - $5,000
44. Millersburg Borough - $2,000
45. Millersburg Borough - $2,000
46. Ned Smith Center - $5,000
47. Open Stage – $7,000
48. Pennsylvania Association of Travel and Tourism - $5,000
49. Penn State Harrisburg - $5,000
50. Robert M. Jackson Veterans Center, Inc. - $2,000
51. Township of Derry ICDA - $10,000
52. Youth Step USA, Inc. - $5,000
53. Susquehanna Arts Museum - $100,000
54. Dauphin County Community & Economic Development - $70,000

AA. Amendment to the Group Life Insurance Contract with Dearborn National Life Insurance Company reflecting a benefit increase for current and future Dauphin County Retirees, effective January 1, 2016 (per action taken at Retirement Board Meeting).

BB. Full participation in the Pennsylvania County Health Insurance Purchasing Cooperative Stop-Loss Coverage.

CC. Request to contribute the County’s pro rata share for appraisal services and trial costs needed to ascertain the true value of Hershey Foods Corporation “Hershey Chocolate World” – Parcel #24-009-037 – Docket #2015-CV-9158-TX - $2,081.60.

DD. Appointment of Gary Lenker, W. Roy Newsome, Jr. and Roy E. Christ to the Affordable Housing Board. Mr. Lenker and Mr. Newsome’s terms expire December 31, 2017. Mr. Christ’s term expires December 31, 2016 (filling an unexpired term).

EE. Appointment of Kenneth Bechtel to the Dauphin County Ag Land Preservation Board – term expires December 31, 2018.

FF. Appointment of Dolores Miller, Andrea Addison, Catharine Weaber and Janet Smith to the Dauphin County Council on Aging – terms expire December 31, 2018.

GG. Appointment of Michael Solomon, Michael Musser and Daryl LeHew to the Dauphin County Board of Assessment Appeals – terms expire December 31, 2019.


II. Appointment of Timothy Wentzel and Edward O’Gorman to the Dauphin County Conservation District Board – terms expire December 31, 2019.

JJ. Appointment of Christopher Humes to the Fort Hunter Board of Trustees – term expires December 31, 2018.


LL. Appointment of Andrew Johnson to the Dauphin County Industrial Development Authority/Economic Development Corporation – term expires the 1st Monday in January 2021.

NN. Appointment of Elizabeth Pliszka and Barbara Biancone to the Dauphin County MH/ID Advisory Board – terms expire December 31, 2018.


PP. Appointment of Paul Navarro to the Dauphin County Redevelopment Authority – term expires December 31, 2020.

QQ. Appointment of Bennett Chotiner to the Susquehanna Area Regional Airport Authority – term expires 1st Monday in January 2021.

RR. Appointment of George Connor to the Tourism Board. Mr. Connor’s term expires December 31, 2018.

SS. Appointment of Josh First and James Szymborski to the Capital Resource Conservation and Development Area Council Board of Directors. Mr. First’s term will expire November 2018 and Mr. Szymborski’s term will expire November 2016.

TT. Interest-Free Grace Period for Property Owners with 2015 Delinquent Property Taxes.


VV. Training Packet.

It was moved by Mr. Hartwick and seconded by Mr. Pries that the Board approve Items A through VV, listed above under Matters Requiring Board Action.

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

FORMER BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

COMMISSIONERS’ DISCUSSION & ACTIONS

Mr. Hartwick thanked all those that helped with the Holiday Celebration. It was an overwhelming amount of work, but it was well received. Many families would have went without Christmas had it not been for that event.
Mr. Pries thanked Helen Spence for the work that she has done with that program.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

A. Notification from Act One & Associates advising that Eshenaur & Son, Inc., owner of a facility with a total aboveground capacity greater than 21,000 gallons, is notifying all surface water users and municipal and county officials within 20 downstream miles of their facility at 6771 Linglestown Road.

B. Notification from Light-Heigel & Associates, Inc. advising that UGI Utilities, Inc. is applying to DEP for a GP-5 Utility Line Stream Crossing Permit for the installation of approximately 2,500 LF of new gas main along Valley Road, Caughey Drive and Fawn Drive in Lower Paxton and Susquehanna Townships.

C. Notification from Mellott Engineering, Inc. advising that Hillcrest Properties, LLC is applying to DEP for a NPDES Permit associated with the discharge of stormwater from the construction of Hillcrest Business Center on 7799 Allentown Blvd., West Hanover Township.

D. Notification from K&W advising that the Harrisburg School District is applying to DEP for a NPDES Permit for stormwater discharges associated with the John Harris Campus Baseball Field Restoration Project.

E. Notification from Dauphin Precision Tool, LLC advising that they have submitted a State-Only Operating Permit Renewal Application to DEP – Permit #22-03009.

F. Notification from AET advising that James Schwalm is applying to DEP for a NPDES Permit for a concentrated animal feeding operation located at 351 Bastian Road, Halifax, PA.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Pries and seconded by Mr. Hartwick that the Meeting adjourn; motion carried.

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