DAUPHIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WORKSHOP MEETING

JULY 22, 2015
10:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

Jeff Haste, Chairman (ABSENT)

STAFF PRESENT

Chad Saylor, Chief Clerk; Janis Creason, Treasurer; Joseph A. Curcillo, III, Esq., Solicitor; Randy Baratucci, Director of Purchasing; Steve Libhart, Director of EMA; August Memmi, Director of Community & Economic Development; George Connor, Economic Development; Fred Lighty, Esq., Solicitor’s Office; Jennifer Simpson, Court Administration; J. Scott Burford, Deputy Chief Clerk; Stacey Glickman, Controller’s Office; Kay Lengle, Human Resources; Melody Osborn, Commissioners’ Office and Richie-Ann Martz, Assistant Chief Clerk

GUESTS PRESENT

Barb Miller, James Roxbury, Karl Singleton, Leah Eppinger, John Leirzapf of WHP and Eric Heisler of WHTM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Pries, Vice Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 10:13 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 three sets of Meeting Minutes that will be considered at next week’s Legislative Meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS HELD BETWEEN MEETINGS

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS/GUESTS

A. Jay Wenger, Susquehanna Group Advisors
   1. Health, Safety and Welfare Resolution #25-2015 – United Church of Christ Homes, Inc. (Dauphin County General Authority) - (***A Vote is Requested 7/22/15***) (PULLED FROM AGENDA)

B. George Connor, Economic Development
   1. Update on Sinkhole Project on South 14th Street, Harrisburg

Mr. Connor stated that the Commissioners have in front of them the Grant Agreement between Dauphin County and the City of Harrisburg. The County is moving forward with Harrisburg’s 14th & Magnolia Sinkhole Project. The Board is being asked to approve the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Agreement. It is basically the engineering report to show tie-back to the 2011 storms (Tropical Storm Lee and Hurricane Irene). Meetings have been held with the sinkhole residents and everything is moving forward. The report will give a study of the rainfall back in September of 2011 and it will show the average rainfall compared to the increased rainfall when the storms hit. Also, they have completed a Tax Refund Program for the residents of the Sinkhole area. The County Tax Assessment Office has refunded 39 parcels of property from 12th, 13th and #14th Streets. They are all related to the sinkhole issues. It is a combination of refunds, exonerations, strike-offs and unpaid
Mr. Hartwick commended Mr. Connor for going through the due diligence of the process. It is important based upon where the County is at in the position to receive additional dollars based upon previous history and how it moves forward that it has all the appropriate level of documentation and tie-backs. He thanked the City for working with the County in order to make sure that the County can assist those residents. The County never stood against this project. The idea is that the County needs to figure out ways and the appropriate way to provide a tie-back that will ensure that it can deliver dollars that won't cause the County future paybacks to HUD or the ability for the County not to gain future dollars for the entire flood mitigation program that the County has been actively pursuing. He thanked him for his efforts. He is grateful that the County is at a point today where it can move forward and assist in that project.

Mr. Pries echoed those comments. He noted that Karl Singleton is here from the City and that the Board looks forward to working with the City moving forward on behalf of the residents to get this project done. This is but one step in that process.

It was moved by Mr. Hartwick and seconded by Mr. Pries that the Board approve the Subrecipient Agreement between Dauphin County and the City of Harrisburg for South Harrisburg Sinkhole Evaluation Program.

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

HUMAN RESOURCES

Ms. Lengle asked if there were any questions on the Salary Board Items and/or the Personnel Transactions. (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 there are a few budget items that will be cleaned up until 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

It was moved by Mr. Hartwick and seconded by Mr. Pries that the Board approve Items #1, 2, 3 and 10 of the Training Packet.

Question: Mr. Pries – Aye and Mr. Hartwick – Aye; motion carried.
ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A. Subrecipient Agreement between Dauphin County and the City of Harrisburg for South Harrisburg Sinkhole Evaluation Program. (**A Vote is Requested 7/22/15**)

B. Contract between Dauphin County (AAA) and C&J Catering. (**A Vote is Requested 7/22/15**)

Item A was approved earlier under Mr. Connor's presentation.

Mr. Saylor reported that Item B is a Contract for an event that the Area Agency on Aging is doing later this summer for the volunteers that participate in the programs that the County does for older Dauphin County residents.

Mr. Hartwick stated that every year the County has essential services with a fixed budget for its aging population. If it wasn’t for volunteers the County would not be able to provide in-home services and meals on wheels. If the County just paid them minimum wage it would be valued at more than $3 million. Within the scope of the County’s budget, it would not be able to provide the services that it does if it wasn’t for the volunteers. He strongly supports the ability to recognize, honor and to be able to encourage additional volunteerism within Dauphin County for the Area Agency on Aging. The volunteers do a phenomenal job.

It was moved by Mr. Pries and seconded by Mr. Hartwick that the Board approve Item B listed above under Items for Discussion.

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

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

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

CHIEF CLERK’S REPORT – CHAD SAYLOR

Mr. Saylor indicated that the County has worked with Cumberland County to put together a meeting of county commissioners and the City of Harrisburg to follow-up on PennDOT’s study of regionalizing transit services in this region. The purpose of the meeting is to have a presentation from a Berks County Commissioner and the Director of the Berks/Lancaster Transit Agency. Berks and Lancaster just combined and regionalized their individual transit agencies. The goal is to get a feel from them as to what their counties went through, what the transition was like, what worked and what didn’t work. The meeting will take place today at 1:30 p.m. at the Fort Hunter Centennial Barn.
Mr. Hartwick stated that he hopes the goal is not just to have a discussion about how its worked between Berks and Lancaster, but to also include them in the planning process related to a regional authority that may include tourism destination points and counties that are willing to participate in the ability to have a public transportation system that allows the movement between all of those destinations. Berks and Lancaster should be included in this plan.

Mr. Pries indicated that he will include that in his introduction about the need to include the triangle, which is Lancaster, along with Hershey/Harrisburg and Gettysburg, which makes more sense.

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; motion carried.