MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Chad Saylor, Chief Clerk; Marie E. Rebuck, Controller; Fred Lighty, Esq., Solicitor’s Office; Mike Yohe, Director of Budget & Finance; George Connor, Community & Economic Development; Randy Baratucci, Director of Purchasing; Cheryl Dondero, Director of Drug & Alcohol; Amy Harinath, Press Secretary; J. Scott Burford, Deputy Chief Clerk; August Memmi, Director of Community & Economic Development; Steve Libhart, Director of EMA; Jennifer Simpson, Court Administration; Janelle Weidner, Human Resources; Randie Yeager, Director of Human Services; Julie Mackey, Commissioners’ Office; Melody Osborn, Commissioners’ Office; Ruby Doub, Commissioners’ Office and Richie-Ann Martz, Assistant Chief Clerk

GUESTS PRESENT

Leah Eppinger, Karl Singleton, Eric Papenfuse, Stanley Lawson, David Gash, James Roxbury, Barb Miller, Tom Connolly, Ken Cramer and Tim Konek

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Pries, Vice Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 10:16 a.m.
MOMENT OF SILENCE

Everyone observed a moment of silence.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Hartwick and seconded by Mr. Pries that the Board approve the September 30, 2015 Workshop Meeting Minutes and the October 7, 2015 Legislative Meeting Minutes; motion carried.

It was moved by Ms. Rebuck and seconded by Mr. Hartwick that the Board approve the October 7, 2015 Salary Board Meeting Minutes; motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS HELD BETWEEN MEETINGS

Mr. Saylor reported that an Executive Session was held on October 20, 2015 to discuss personnel matters.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Papenfuse, Mayor of the City of Harrisburg, thanked George Connor and the County’s team for the hard work that they did on the NDRC Phase II application. He is very pleased that the City sinkhole project is included. They have worked hard together to make sure that everything was done. They were down to the wire, but it is a good application. It should help the entire County application, because of the implications of that particular project.

He talked about the hotel tax and the dollars which are going to the Hershey Harrisburg Regional Visitors’ Bureau. He is not here to discuss the Civil War Museum. He does not feel it is appropriate to send money, which is supposed to promote and market the City of Harrisburg as a whole to continue to subsidize that organization. He understands the Commissioners’ opinion that was a Steve Reed deal that can’t be broken. He is here to discuss the little bit of money that is left over after the subsidy that goes to the Civil War Museum. There is a small percentage of the hotel tax which goes to the Regional Visitors’ Bureau to promote and market the City of Harrisburg. Most of it goes to the Civil War Museum. It is about $200,000 a year depending on how many people stay in hotels. The City wanted to work very closely with the Regional Visitors’ Bureau to come up with a plan on how to spend that money. He made some suggestions, none of which they particularly liked. What the Bureau has come up with is basically a secret marketing committee to spend $170,000 plus between now and the end of the year. The problem is that they are not involving the City. He is here to ask the Commissioners to instruct HHRVB, because the Board has the authority to approve
all expenditures of HHRVB, to go back to the table and work with the City to come up
with a joint plan that represents the City’s interest. Now, it is a committee of outsiders
trying to tell the City what its image should be. They don’t have a marketing campaign
that is good on its merits or that represents the City’s interests. It is a big waste of
money. With that $170,000, the City could hire three police officers. Instead of
spending $80,000 for an outside firm to design a brand new website, when the City
already has three websites. Invest it in the City’s website and pay the salaries of the
City’s marketing director and the City’s webmaster. If that is done that would free up
money in the General Fund, which could then be used to hire more police officers. The
City is in severe economic recovery. The City has to make sure that every $1 that is
spent is spent in a fiscally responsible way. This money is not being spent, in his
opinion, in a fiscally responsible way. He provided the Commissioners with some
handouts. The other portion of the money is being spent on billboards and a larger
media campaign. HHRVB put together a series of billboards that went up last Saturday,
without City input, that basically says things like “Couch Potatoes and Buzz Kills Don’t
Bother” and “Same Old/Same Old, not Here”. He asked the Commissioners what they
think of these billboards.

Mr. Pries stated that he is not a marketing person and he hasn’t seen the billboards. He
would like to review the information that was provided prior to responding. There is a lot
going on. He is unfamiliar with some of the things that the Mayor mentioned. He
doesn’t know what is going on between HHRVB and the City, but he would like to
gather more information.

Mr. Papenfuse stated that the Board of Commissioners is the regulator of HHRVB. All
of their expenditures have to be approved by the Board. He feels that the defining issue
in this election is whether the Board of Commissioners is going to exercise its regulatory
authority to make sure that the agencies underneath the Board are spending money
wisely and transparently and in the public interest. None of that is happening with
HHRVB. He asked the Board to please instruct them to stop spending money on this
campaign until they have a chance to sit down with the City and work collaboratively.

Mr. Hartwick indicated that this is the first time that he has been made aware of the
slogan. He would like to gather information and understand what the overall theme of
the campaign is and understand how the Board can work more closely with the City in
order to get a marketing campaign that will attract additional residents and additional
tourism dollars to raise the pot and that is ultimately what it is supposed to do – attract
more tourism, assist with public safety, get more folks in hotel rooms. He does not
know what the coordinated plan is to do that with the City dollars.

Mr. Saylor stated that the Tourism Bureau is an independent agency to which the
County, Perry County and the City are members. These agencies designate a person
to sit on the Board, but HHRVB is an independent agency. They are not a County
department.
Mr. Hartwick stated that it was mentioned that the Board is a regulator. He asked if the Board has the ability, once the money is allocated, to approve the actual plans that they have or does the Board just approve the budget request.

Mr. Lighty stated that he is not the Solicitor that reviewed this in the past, but the law requires the Board to pick such an entity and then you would have a contract with them. It would be contractual first. He does not know if the contract goes so far as to give the Board the authority to approve whatever their marketing will be before they do it, but he would have to look at the terms of that contract.

Mr. Hartwick asked if the Solicitor’s Office could review that contract.

Mr. Papenfuse indicated that the law clearly gives the Board the power to approve their expenditures. HHRVB is supposed to come up with a tourism promotion plan that meets the Board’s approval. The Board can ask them to report on what their plans are. “Couch Potatoes and Buzz Kills Don’t Bother” means to him – it is an odd billboard, because it is basically telling people not to come. It doesn’t say that it is the City of Harrisburg. This is not going to encourage you to go to Harrisburg. If it does maybe it is implying that Harrisburg is really only for the young, those looking for a buzz or those out for excitement. That is pretty much insulting and the exact opposite of what the residents of Harrisburg want to see the marketing of Harrisburg to be. “Same Old/Same Old, not Here” – How would you react to that if you lived in Harrisburg your whole life. You can’t have a City marketing campaign and say that they are not going to work with City residents or the elected officials of the City. HHRVB is essentially saying that they know best – there is an element where this is essential white privileged outsiders telling a poor, impoverished diverse City this is what your identity is going to be and this is how it will be marketed. HHRVB is in the paper saying that this is their money and they don’t need the City’s approval or input and they are going to spend it any way that they want to spend it. It is not their money. It is taxpayers’ money. There has to be transparency and collaboration in the spending of that money. He asked if the Board knows if any of the contracts for this $170,000 were publicly bid.

Mr. Hartwick indicated that he doesn’t know the answer to that.

Mr. Papenfuse stated that the answer is probably not. He asked if any of the contracts went to City businesses -- No, not the major ones. He asked if any of the companies that were awarded contracts have a commitment to diversity – he went to the website of JJPL which is a local company that is getting money for the web design, they have 16 photos on their website and all of them are white. There is no connection to the residents of Harrisburg. The City is in a dire fiscal situation. He is leaving this meeting to go to the PEDFA meeting. If Laura Cullison has already reported back to you on the meeting from yesterday, she will have told you that the City is going to be getting over $1 million less in future years than what was anticipated from the parking deal and really has no hope of getting the extra $1 million that it was supposed to have already gotten this year. Revenues are going to be adjusted accordingly for next year. The City is millions of dollars in the hole. The City has a $6 million budget deficit that it is trying to
solve. The City can’t afford to waste money. The City has to scrutinize every expenditure and to help the City in its recovery. This campaign is not helping the City in its recovery. He would just ask that the Board tell HHRVB to stop. Let’s work collaboratively.

Mr. Hartwick asked if the City was asked to be a part of the planning.

Mr. Papenfuse stated that it wasn’t. He only got wind of it after the billboards came up on Saturday. He saw an email that he received on Saturday that says keep this all secret. HHRVB’s position will be that the City is impossible to work with. That is their position, because the City does not agree that they are spending money wisely. They should be advertising the holiday parade. It shouldn’t be a general branding to day trippers to try to make them feel good about Harrisburg.

Mr. Hartwick asked if there were any City residents on the committee.

Mr. Papenfuse stated that he didn’t know of anybody who was on the committee besides Mary and Dave Black. He spoke to Brad Jones of Harristown and he indicated that he was never on the committee, as well as DID. This plan was basically a series of contracts negotiated in a non-transparent way by HHRVB to spend public money without any vetting. That is what the Board of Commissioners can regulate. Don’t let the legal advisors tell the Board that it can’t. Read the law and you will see that the Board must approve their tourism promotion plan.

Mr. Pries asked if Mr. Papenfuse has reached out to the representatives at HHRVB.

Mr. Papenfuse stated that he did. He asked for a meeting. HHRVB was too busy on Monday and Tuesday and Wednesday and Thursday they had a conference. They may be able to meet on Friday.

Mr. Pries asked if the Mayor or his cabinet have been asked to sit or have discussions on this type of issue.

Mr. Papenfuse stated no. Mr. Black is saying that the ship has sailed on this. There is nothing that can be done. The campaign can be stopped.

Mr. Pries stated that he has not had the opportunity to see the article that he is referring to. He needs more time to look at the information.

Mr. Hartwick indicated that he would like to find out who made up the committee and start to do some level of investigation.

Mr. Pries thanked Mr. Papenfuse for his initial comments.

Mr. Papenfuse stated that it shows that the City and the County can work together.
Mr. Pries stated that there was some back and forth there initially, but now everyone is on the same page.

Mr. Hartwick asked if Mr. Papenfuse has a list of suggestions that the Board can receive.

Mr. Papenfuse indicated that he can follow up with an email.

DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS/GUESTS

A. Stan Lawson and Dave Gash

1. Presentation of 2015 NAACP Presidential Award

Mr. Lawson stated that people that don’t do anything don’t make mistakes. The Board will make mistakes from time to time, but overall the Greater Harrisburg NAACP has watched the Board this year and has seen the diversity decisions that it has made. The NAACP has been very pleased with them. In particular, “Ban the Box”, which the Board made a commitment to approve. The NAACP wants to thank the Board and appreciates the Board. On mark, the Board is doing a good job and that is why the NAACP wanted to honor the Board this year. The Board has their certificates.

Mr. Gash stated not only “Ban the Box”, but whenever there is a group like the NAACP, they are involved in a lot of community issues and whenever they reach out to the Board, the Board always responds and takes an interest in the issues. The Board agrees that they have a seat at the table and that is important. The NAACP appreciates what the Board does for the people in the community that need help. The Board does a great job.

Mr. Haste stated that both Mr. Gash and Mr. Lawson have been quite involved in the community for a very long time, wearing different hats at different times. Sometimes Stan wears multiple hats at the same time, but he thanked Mr. Gash and Mr. Lawson for what they do in the community. A lot of what the Board does is a partnership with individuals and Mr. Gash and Mr. Lawson are key partners in that process.

Mr. Hartwick stated that when this Board came here there was no diversity plan. The idea of trying to have an Affirmative Action Plan, attempting to have the employees be more reflective of the communities that it serves and to ensure that the County has an opportunity for everybody to be welcome and to ensure that this is a place that is open. We have the Cultural Festival where the community comes together. The Board appreciates this recognition and there is still a lot of work to be done. He looks forward to working with Mr. Gash and Mr. Lawson.

Mr. Pries thanked Mr. Gash and Mr. Lawson for all that they do. People look up to you. He stated a quote by Julian Bond “On the movement – most of those who made the movement were not famous, they were the faceless, they were the nameless, they were
the marchers with tired feet, they were the men and women who were beat back by fire hoses and billy clubs, the men and women who risk their homes, jobs and their lives.” That is what Mr. Lawson and Mr. Gash do – they work for the community. He is pleased to know them.

Mr. Lawson stated that he is here to congratulate the Board and now it is reversed. On behalf of the 600 members and their families they appreciate what the Board does.

B. George Connor, Community & Economic Development

1. Update on the Dauphin County NDRC Phase II Application, Harrisburg Sinkhole Project and the CRS Phase II Program

Mr. Connor thanked the Board for allowing them to speak today. He provided the Commissioners with some photos of the Farm Show back in 1936. It is the flooding of the Farm Show. He showed photos from 2004, but he did not have anything from 2011. That is why they are here. Flooding and natural disasters are something that has been going on for years and years in this community. The first item is the National Resiliency Competition Grant. They are now at the point where they will submit the application on October 27th. It has been a long road. This is something that has taken three to four years to plan, where HUD only gave them 7 or 8 months to do. They are ready to go. They have overturned every rock and opened every locked door. He is confident that they have done 100%. He thanked the Commissioners for having the foresight to allow them to move forward with this. In the beginning there were only 67 eligible grantees that were able to apply. Some communities did not apply for this program, because they didn’t have the capacity to submit an application. Dauphin County is now one of 38, because New York and New Jersey are going to receive a direct allocation of about $90 million each out of this competition grant.

Mr. Haste asked why.

Mr. Connor indicated that he believes it is because of Sandy. There are still a lot of deficiencies that haven’t been corrected. HUD felt that they needed the money directly to address those issues. Leah will go through the projects.

Ms. Eppinger discussed the projects. Paxton Creek Watershed is urban typology. The first project is the Capital Region Water Project. It is a sewer interceptor project that will create increased capacity, as well as fix some of the issues that were formed during the storm. The City of Harrisburg Sinkhole Phase II project has been part of this application. There is a project in Steelton, a sewer and stormwater separator project. The Wildwood Lake Flood Mitigation and Habitat enhancement project – that is a combination of infrastructure and educational opportunities for higher education all the way down to elementary school. Those are the major projects in the urban typology.

The Swatara Creek typology is more suburban. There are projects in Middletown and Lower Swatara Township. The Susquehanna Street Park, which is in the southern
portion. It would be developing a new park, an economic driver for the Borough of Middletown, as well as providing a flood buffer for the Borough. The electric substation and smart grid would remove the largest substation in the Borough out of the floodway and into higher grounds so during flood times it would not be impacted. Part of that project would be on the Woodland Hills land and they are working with the developer in Woodland Hills to develop low impact techniques throughout their developments, which would also provide affordable housing opportunities. The last project is the Jednota Flats in Lower Swatara, the Lisa Lake area, which would be removing those homes, developing a more overall flood mitigation ideal and then potentially if those residents are interested they could move into that Woodland Hills relocation so they would stay close to their communities without having to relocate outside of their area.

The final typology is the rural area in Lykens Valley. There is one project listed in the Packet. It is broken down into more projects. Overall it is a floodway restoration project and enhancement area, which would include the movement of a baseball field to create some more floodway for the Wiconisco Creek, but also create a greater and larger park so it would become more of a destination, as well as creating some more flood infrastructure closer to the Millersburg area.

Those are the three major typologies. Associated with that will be some planning funds that have been requested for projects that did not make it into this grant. They were part of the unmet need list. They need a little bit more work to get those projects shovel ready. Some of the planning money that they will use will get those projects to that point so down the road they can be shovel ready if more money is available from these sources or others.

Mr. Haste asked if Mr. Connor could discuss the low/mod issue. Some folks were concerned about some projects not getting in.

Mr. Connor stated that HUD requires that 50% of the award has to be spent in low/moderate income areas. That means that 50% of any of the communities’ income has to be over that amount. If the County received $10 million - $5 million of that needs to be spent in the low/mod areas. That is why they had to select projects that were in the low/mod areas.

Mr. Haste stated that some of the municipal folks were concerned about certain projects not getting in there and the reason they didn’t fit is they would have thrown the County out of that formula.

Mr. Pries asked of the $100 million the County has, is that low/mod and regular.

Mr. Connor stated yes it is a combination of both.

Mr. Pries stated so if the County received $50 million, half of that would have to go to particular projects in low/mod area. He asked who determines where those dollars go.
Mr. Connor stated HUD will make the award and they will tell the County where to spend the money. He was in D.C. last week and they met with the Congressmen and Senators and they basically all supported the program. They will have a joint letter with all the signatures from the PA delegation. He also submitted support letters from the five different top State agencies, as well as local municipality support letters. This is a big thing for Dauphin County and the County is the only entity in the State of Pennsylvania that made it into the second phase of this competition grant. It will be exciting to see what happens.

The Community Rating System (CRS) - basically 23 different municipalities submitted a letter of intent to have an assessment of whether they were eligible to apply to the program. Out of those 23, the goal was to get five to move forward into phase II. There are 12: Dauphin Borough, Derry Township, East Hanover Township, City of Harrisburg, Highspire Borough, Middle Paxton Township, Middletown Borough, Millersburg Borough, Royalton Borough, Susquehanna Township, Swatara Township and Upper Paxton Township. Those 12 will be moving forward into the Phase II of the program.

Mr. Hartwick asked why Steelton Borough isn’t in.

Mr. Connor stated that everything is on a timeframe with HUD and FEMA.

Mr. Haste stated that any municipality can join at a later date.

Mr. Connor stated that is correct. This is the initial phase. The County is still looking to see whether they have the capacity.

Mr. Haste stated that the municipalities need to make a conscience decision to do certain things.

Mr. Connor stated that the information is in the packet about the other municipalities. He is hopeful to try to get them all to submit a letter of intent if they are interested. It is up to the municipality locally to move forward to try to get into the program. The timeframe is October-January 2016. They will work with FEMA to get ready to apply to the program. There will be community assistance visits in April-June 2016. A repetitive loss analysis will be done for communities that have multiple losses of insurance on why that keeps occurring. That will be done in November of this year to July 2016.

Mr. Hartwick asked how that process works.

Mr. Connor stated that he has never been involved in this, but he believes that they go in and evaluate the situation on the person that has applied for multiple different losses of insurance claims. They have to evaluate the area and see where the flooding is occurring and why.
Mr. Hartwick asked what the future game plan is to avoid risk, loss, expense and mitigation. The Board knows the areas that flood in this County and some of the folks don’t ever want to leave their homes. Some have been offered buy-outs and that is not necessarily the answer in homes where there is 80% of the municipality in the floodplain. When there are reoccurring claims, he asked if there is a plan.

Mr. Connor stated that they look at the elevation certificates, see where the house is located and see how much it is over the floodplain and then basically make recommendations on how to mitigate future insurance claim losses. When that is done he will provide the Board with a copy. Discounts for the residents would take place in May or October 2016 or after their FEMA CRS application is approved.

The last issue is the Harrisburg Sinkhole Project, which is the Phase I, the 25 houses that need to be relocated, acquired and demolished. Gannett Fleming did a report to show tie-back to the 2011 storms, which the report is complete and it does show tie-back. They are ready to move forward. They have been meeting with FEMA. A meeting has been scheduled to discuss a joint collaborative environmental review effort that needs to be done on this project. Once that is done they will submit for a release of fund notification to HUD. When HUD awards that then the Commissioners can move forward with their commitment of $1 million, which is a 3% match of the FEMA grant, which is the Hazard Mitigation Program Grant that the City of Harrisburg has applied for. The timeframe on that will April-May to get the project started. The demo/construction could start sometime in the summer of 2016.

Mr. Connor introduced Tim Konek from Middletown Borough.

Mr. Konek thanked the Commissioners for allowing him to speak today. The Borough got hit very hard in 2011 with the floods. As they were going through the buy-out program, they had 23 homes purchased through the FEMA buy-out program. They identified CRS as something that the Borough should look forward to in the future, because they are doing so much to help mitigate floods in the Borough. When the County came through with this opportunity, it meshed perfectly with the Borough’s evolution into getting more resilient and protective from the floods. They have gotten a lot of complaints from the residents in the Borough and the flood insurance rates have gone up incredibly and it is impacting them. By joining the CRS Program, they are going to get some good discounts for the residents that remain. They don’t want to buy-out everybody in the floodplain. There are still going to be some residents that live there, but if the Borough can do anything to protect them and help them out financially, he thinks the Borough should take that. This program will help the Borough do that.

Mr. Haste thanked Mr. Konek for what the Borough is doing.

Mr. Konek thanked the Commissioners for the NDRC work. They have done a great job and the Borough is excited to participate and partner with the County to get some of these projects moving.
Mr. Connor stated that it is not about the County, it is about the residents.

C. Cheryl Dondero

1. Introduction of new Dauphin County Drug and Alcohol Services Director

Ms. Yeager thanked the Commissioners for their patience during this interview process. They interviewed over a dozen people and they are thankful to have Cheryl Dondero on as part of the Human Services team.

Ms. Dondero thanked the Commissioners for the opportunity to speak to the Board. She was born in Harrisburg and grew up in Middletown. She was the Deputy Secretary for the State Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs, under Secretary Gary Tennis and through her work there she was very interactive with Dauphin County, who has already been known as the one of the best SCA’s in the state. She learned of the vacancy and was interested in bringing to Dauphin County what she has learned at the State and the work that she has done at the State level with policy across the State. Her Cameron Street Office is where people walk in the door to get services.

Her vision for the department – what she thought she would be spending the majority of her first month to year, she doesn’t have to do and that was to break down the walls between the departments. There are no walls here. She doesn’t think there is any issue like drug and alcohol addiction/abuse or suffering that crosses every single departments’ budgets, staff, programs, like the issue of drug and alcohol. Depending on the study, it has usually been one in four, but lately in this County, it is one in three families are directly affected, meaning that they not only know someone, but they are connected to somebody that they love who is suffering with this disease. That means that we can’t look to the side of a table, cross the street or can’t go to a meeting without being surrounded by people that need the services that can be obtained at the County Drug & Alcohol Department. She would like to lead the charge to continue to evolve the role of Dauphin County Drug & Alcohol. Historically the SCA’s have been the last resort, so a lot of people wouldn’t have insurance or resources. More and more people, through the Affordable Care Act and Medicaid expansion and law states that you now have to have medical insurance, it is a changing environment. If you continue to view the Dauphin County Drug & Alcohol Department as the last resort, they could quickly be making the agency irreverent and she is not going to let that happen. Dauphin County needs to be moving the SCA towards being a one-stop shop for every resident in Dauphin County, no matter where they live, whether they are a parent or a child, teacher as the one-stop shop for all information and services related to drug and alcohol in the County.

Right now there are probably eight or nine Pennsylvanians a day dying of heroin addiction. Depending on which study one would read, 70 to 80% of needle injecting heroin users started with prescription drugs. She has been working with Dauphin County, through her State job, and it is so heartened to see the progress that has been made with drug take back boxes being installed in so many of the municipalities. Many
of the law enforcement are starting to carry the Naloxone, which is the miracle drug that can immediately reverse someone who is clinically dead from an opioid overdose and revive them and get them to the hospital so they have a chance to get assessed and referred to treatment.

She is happy to have a supervisor who she doesn’t have to convince is right on the same page and that is the integration of drug and alcohol into so many things. She is very much looking forward to working with Children & Youth, Department of Aging. She is also heartened that Probation and Parole are brought into the human services meetings, because there is no greater group than the criminal justice system.

Prevention is such a big thing. Primary prevention for the young people about the dangers of drugs – right now the perception of risk is so incredibly related to use. As the perception of risk of marijuana and prescription drugs has gone down, the use has gone up. If you want to impact youths later in life, you want to increase that primary prevention model. People who are using or addicted, we want to prevent them from dying. There are interventions – making sure that funding is sought and that just doesn’t mean new dollars. That is leveraging other dollars, getting people on medical assistance more quickly, seeking out grant opportunities from the State and Federal governments. She firmly believes that the success of the programs in so many of the County departments depends on taking care of this issue.

In the final area of prevention is the third level – people who are overdosing and keeping them from dying. That is where the Naloxone comes in. She was happy to be a part of BDAP as Act 139 that increases the access to Naloxone from only being in the emergency rooms and advanced life support to now anyone. Anyone in this room could have their doctor give them a prescription for Naloxone. Every CVS in the State of Pennsylvania is now carrying Naloxone. There is a standing order.

Another area of integration is with the medical community. That includes both primary care physicians. You can’t think of any other disease that is so completely separated from the primary care physician. The doctors don’t know where to refer patients. Only one medical school in the entire State has a mandatory course on addiction and that is Penn Medical. The County just received a grant from PCCD that is Human Services money that will allow the County to put out an RFP for one of the contracted providers in Dauphin County to hire people whose sole function will be to interact with or be available to, on a moment’s notice, with the emergency rooms in Dauphin County so that when someone is revived and stabilized after an overdose that they are immediately assessed and not only referred to treatment, but taken to treatment. It has been a real issue in the emergency rooms, both with the policies of the emergency room, that kind of 23rd hour where you have to either admit or cut them loose. She is a recovering drug addict and alcoholic, passed from her grandfathered to her father to her that really took her and her parents by surprise. She was referred through the magistrate to the Dauphin County Drug & Alcohol, TASC program. It started the process. She regained her life back in many ways.
Mr. Pries stated that we have hit two homeruns with Children & Youth, Annmarie Kaiser and now Drug & Alcohol with Cheryl. This is pretty amazing and exciting as a Board of Commissioners. Coming from the State with her experience, it is a great day for Dauphin County.

Ms. Dondero stated that she is very excited to be here.

Mr. Hartwick stated that the reason why she is here is because there was an opening in the position – Mavis Nimoh was promoted to be the Secretary of Pardons, working directly with the Lt. Governor. It gave the County some great challenges with some of the issues that are happening. The County needed to make sure that it found competent leadership. Cheryl has an excellent background in understanding budgets/finance. She was asked to stay around during the budget preparation. The Secretary was a little nervous about her leaving during this budget process.

Mr. Haste stated that at least it wasn’t until the budget was passed.

Mr. Hartwick stated her practical experience and knowledge and her understanding of philosophy related to system integration. The Board knows that it is only as good as the people and talent that it has doing the job. Cheryl’s vision to work together and hopefully come together in a seamless and integrated way to provide services for the criminal justice system and all other human services. There should be no excuses if you are a Children & Youth caseworker, if someone presents with drug and alcohol issues to automatically have a referral process, which has been established, but making sure that those things are followed through with and a treatment plan is in place. He is looking forward to some of the other innovations that is going to occur as a result of qualified and really good leadership.

Mr. Haste congratulated Ms. Dondero and welcomed her aboard.

**SALARY BOARD**

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

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

Ms. Weidner stated that there were some corrections, which were emailed to the Commissioners. Item #7 for EMA, there should be three positions instead of two.

Mr. Haste asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Hartwick pointed out that there are seven new caseworker hires.
It was moved by Mr. Pries and seconded by Mr. Hartwick that the Board approve the Personnel Packet as presented, noting the correction on Item 7.

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

PURCHASE ORDERS

Mr. Baratucci stated that last week the Board approved to add one item for the Judicial Center. It ended up being a second item. Both items are on Page 15. This is for Taser cartridges for training. All budget items have been corrected.

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.

REPORT FROM BUDGET & FINANCE DIRECTOR – MIKE YOHE

Mr. Yohe presented the following Report:

Report from the Office of Budget & Finance
October 21, 2015

- **October 9, 2015** transferred $726,627.55 to the Payables account from the County’s Concentration account for checks issued that week.

- **October 16, 2015** transferred $11,678,611.10 to the Payables account and $1,807,565.30 to the Payroll account from the County’s Concentration account for checks issued that week.

- Wire Payments since last report: **$4,125,655.68**

- 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: **$1,381.17** rate **0.050%**

- Balance today in Susquehanna Bank investment account #10013172621: **$2,436,059.04** rate **0.300%**
• Balance today in Susquehanna Bank investment account #119002023: $1,069.29 rate 0.060%

• Balance today in First National Bank investment account #97014743: $9,607,595.85 rate 0.300%

• Balance today in Integrity Bank Money Market Checking account #2206001209: $5,131,947.97 rate 0.300%

• Balance today in Santander Bank investment account #9551017714: $15,072,442.58 rate 0.300%

• Balance today in Metro Bank investment account #539014068: $10,021,852.71 rate 0.300%

**No T.R.A.N. Line of Credit required for 2015.**

Mr. Haste asked if this means that the County is $20,900,000 in the hole.

Mr. Yohe stated not in the hole. That is how much the County is owed.

Mr. Pries asked if the County can ask for interest on what is owed.

Mr. Hartwick stated no, but there will be consequences. The amount of dollars that would have been gained in interest earnings on that amount will be repaid to the fund and that will result in those dollars being less available for direct services as a result of the repayment. The Board is not going to lose money on the Concentration Account, because it has decided to float and utilize those dollars to be able to continue to keep services open. The interest earnings will now not be a part of future service. He asked Mr. Yohe how long the County can manage this.

Mr. Yohe stated that the County should be okay through the end of the year. He was concerned about the County having to borrow money and then having to repay it before the end of the year. He doesn’t think that will be an issue. If it continues, the County will have to borrow early into the new year.

Mr. Haste asked if it would be a TAN.

Mr. Yohe stated yes.

Mr. Haste asked how long has it been since the County had a TAN.

Mr. Yohe stated about 11 years.
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 – FRED LIGHTY, ESQ.

Mr. Lighty stated that the items on the Agenda that required legal review are ready for the Board’s consideration.

MATTERS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

A. Repository Bids received from Carmen P. Calderon for the following properties:
   1. Parcel #02-018-029 (1209 Kittatinny St.) - $500.00
   2. Parcel #02-040-001 (500 S. 13th St.) - $500.00
   3. Parcel #09-010-047 (42 N. Summit St.) - $500.00
   4. Parcel #09-047-029 (1215 Derry St.) - $500.00
   5. Parcel #10-015-010 (623 Radnor St.) - $500.00
   6. Parcel #10-021-016 (2632 N. 6th St.) - $500.00
   7. Parcel #10-021-076 (2622 Lexington St.) - $500.00
   8. Parcel #10-024-039 (542 Curtin St.) - $500.00
   9. Parcel #10-031-041 (516 Emerald St.) - $500.00
  10. Parcel #15-007-041 (1930 Forster St.) - $500.00

B. Repository Bids received from Gisela Lopez Figueroa for the following properties:
   1. Parcel #13-033-029 (535 Hetrick St.) - $525.00
   2. Parcel #09-069-002 (1503 Vernon St.) - $550.00
   3. Parcel #02-028-044 (435 Hummel St.) - $550.00
   4. Parcel #02-027-044 (1212 Hunter St.) - $500.00
   5. Parcel #09-069-041 (1532 Thompson St.) - $500.00
   6. Parcel #08-028-003 (120 Balm St.) - $500.00
   7. Parcel #10-014-068 (611 Geary St.) - $500.00

C. Repository Bids received from Daniel I. Boyle for the following properties:
   1. Parcel #10-014-069 (609 Geary St.) - $500.00
   2. Parcel #11-009-028 (1927 Logan St.) - $550.00
   3. Parcel #09-046-002 (1146 Derry St.) - $550.00

D. Repository Bid received from DC Investments LLC for Parcel #11-014-014 (1810 N. 3rd St.) - $500.00.

E. Budget Amendments for the quarter ending September 30, 2015.


H. Approval of quote submitted by L.S. Lee, Inc. to repair guide rails located at the southwest corner of Dauphin County Bridge No. 58 - $4,595.00.

I. First Amendment to Third Amended and Restated Agreement between Dauphin County and Gnall Consulting.

J. Contract between Dauphin County and Kofile Preservation, Inc. for historical records preservation.

K. Approval of a Proposal submitted by Zelenkofske Axelrod LLC regarding the requirements in the Office of Management and Budget Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards for sub-recipient monitoring.

L. Purchase of Service Agreement between Dauphin County (Children & Youth) and Families United Network, Inc.

M. Adoption Assistance Agreement #2015-23.

N. Subsidized Legal Custodianship Agreement #2015-11.

O. Letter of Agreement between Dauphin County (Children & Youth) and Adams County.

P. Purchase of Service Agreement between Dauphin County (MH/ID) and Anne M. Coulbridge.

Q. Amendments to the following Purchase of Service Agreements between Dauphin County (MH/ID) and:
   1. The Devereux Foundation, Inc. – Amendment #1
   2. Therapy Resource Center LLC – Amendment #1
   3. Community Services Group, Inc. – Amendment #1


U. Performance Agreement between Dauphin County (Parks & Recreation) and the Pennsylvania State University – Educator Workshop: Owls, Raptors of the Night (November 18, 2015) - $284.40.

V. Subrecipient Agreement between Dauphin County and Lower Paxton Township for the Winfield Street Storm Sewer Improvements Project.

W. Settlement of Workers Comp Claim (Medical) – William Balthaser.

X. Subordination Agreement for Michael L. Brightbill on the property located at 98 Riverview Street, Steelton, PA 17113.
Y. Request to contribute the County’s pro rata share for appraisal services and trial costs needed to ascertain the true value of New Crooked Hill Associates, LP – Parcel #62-019-010 - $2,775.15.

Z. Exoneration of 2013, 2014 and 2015 County Real Estate Taxes – Martin Luther King Baptist Church – Parcel #01-015-027-000-0000 (1243 S. 18th St.) - $7,338.41.

AA. Repository Bid received from Gisel Lopez for property #59-006-014 (212 Ridge Street) - $500.00.

BB. National Disaster Resilience Competition Grant – Resolution #29-2015, Application and Partnership Agreements.

CC. Steelton Borough – Community Development Block Grant Beautification Improvements Project - $57,942.00.

DD. YMCA Northern Dauphin County Branch – Community Development Block Grant – Senior Wellness Center-Phase II - $100,000.

EE. Time Extension for Part II – Final Design for the Duke Street Bridge Project – new expiration date is April 30, 2016.

FF. 2015 Sick Leave Sell-Back Program.

GG. Training Packet.

It was moved by Mr. Hartwick and seconded by Mr. Pries that the Board approve Items A through GG, 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
There was none.
CORRESPONDENCE

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

A. Notification from Pennoni Associates, Inc. advising that they are applying to DEP for General Permits 5, 7, 8, 11 and a NPDES Application for the expansion of the existing Venice Development for the Milton Hershey School in South Hanover Township.

B. Notification from Glace Associates, Inc. advising that the Halifax Area Water and Sewer Authority are applying to DEP for the renewal of the NPDES Part 1 Permit No. PA0024457 for the wastewater treatment plant serving Halifax Borough and portions of Halifax Township.

C. Notification from Evans Engineering, Inc. advising that The Hershey Company is applying to DEP for a NPDES Permit for stormwater discharges associated with the relocation of the existing waste water treatment plant located along Hockersville Road and north of Spring Creek in Derry Township. The relocation would be to the south of Spring Creek with access off of Old West Chocolate Avenue.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Pries thanked Barb Miller from the Patriot-News for her outstanding coverage of the police regionalization committee and study that took place over the last several months. She was very accurate and detailed analysis of the coverage.

ADJOURNMENT

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