DAUPHIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WORKSHOP MEETING

FEBRUARY 3, 2016
10:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Chad Saylor, Chief Clerk; Tim DeFoor, Controller; Janis Creason, Treasurer; Joseph A. Curcillo, III, Esq., Solicitor; Fred Lighty, Esq., Solicitor’s Office; Nick Chimienti, Sheriff; Gerald Feaser, Jr., Director of Registration & Elections; August Memmi, Director of Community & Economic Development; Donna S. Miller, Commissioners’ Office; Jennifer Simpson, Court Administration; Randy Baratucci, Director of Purchasing; Laura Cullison, Controller’s Office; George Connor, Community & Economic Development; J. Scott Burford, Deputy Chief Clerk; Ruby Doub, Commissioners’ Office; Melody Osborn, Commissioners’ Office and Richie-Ann Martz, Assistant Chief Clerk

GUESTS PRESENT

Karl Singleton, James Roxbury, Jack Sherzer, Shannon Williams, Roberta Thomas, Andrew Bliss, Jo-Ann Lauffer, Raymond Jones, Elijah Pearick and Tim Reardon

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Haste, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.
MOMENT OF SILENCE

Everyone observed a moment of silence.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There are several sets of Meeting Minutes that will be considered at next week’s Legislative Meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS HELD BETWEEN MEETINGS

There were no Executive Sessions held between meetings.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jo-Ann Lauffer and Raymond Jones were present to discuss a concern in Middletown Borough. Their concern centered around a crematory that is owned by Fager-Finkenbinder Funeral Home. The crematory is emitting gases, there is an odor and it is leaving soot on outside furniture, etc. The Commissioners indicated that they would arrange a meeting for all parties to sit and discuss the issue. It is a local issue that would involve the Zoning Board and Council for Middletown Borough.

DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS/GUESTS

A. Shannon Williams, CEO, Capital Region Water

   1. City Beautiful H20 Campaign

Ms. Williams introduced Bishop Roberta Thomas of the Fountain Gate Church. A presentation was made about the City’s Beautiful H20 Campaign. City Beautiful H20 is a community focused campaign to reduce street flooding, sewer backups and combined sewer overflows in Harrisburg. Capital Region Water is creating a community greening plan for projects to soak up and clean the water while beautifying the neighborhoods. A grant was received from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation & Natural Resources to assist with a Green Stormwater Master Plan, which will examine how gardens, trees and other natural systems can be used to keep rain water from entering the system while providing beautification to the area. A Community Ambassador Committee has been established for anyone that would like to become involved in this campaign.

B. Jennie Granger, AICP, Acting Director, PA Department of Transportation, Office of Penn PORTS
1. Update to the PA State Rail Plan

Jennie Granger provided the Commissioners with a PowerPoint presentation on the Pennsylvania State Rail Plan. The purpose of the Rail Plan is to fulfill Federal requirements, creates vision for the future of rail service throughout Pennsylvania, defines key rail projects needed to serve growth in freight markets and improve passenger rail travel and provide an integrated plan for freight and passenger rail for 5 and 20 year strategies. She discussed the plan elements and schedule, existing conditions for passenger rail and freight rail. She discussed some proposed short-term and long-term projects.

HUMAN RESOURCES

There were no questions on the Salary Board Packet and/or the Personnel Packet. The Packets will be considered at next week’s Legislative Meeting.

PURCHASE ORDERS

There were no questions on the Purchase Order Packet. All budget issues will be adjusted. 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 Item #26 of the Training Packet; motion carried.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A. Concurrence to Award the Duke Street Bridge Project – Susquehanna Valley Construction Corporation - $3,779,775. (A Vote is Requested 2/3/16)

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

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

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

The items on the Solicitor’s Report will be ready for consideration at next week’s Legislative Meeting. There were no questions.
CHIEF CLERK’S REPORT – CHAD SAYLOR

Nothing to report and no questions were asked.

COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS

There were none.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Roxbury asked the Board about the TV cameras and the possibility of live streaming.

It was noted that the cameras do not work and there is a cost to televise the meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Transcribed by: Richie-Ann Martz