DAUPHIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WORKSHOP MEETING

JUNE 22, 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; Nick Chimienti, Sheriff; Fred Lighty, Esq., Solicitor’s Office; Randy Baratucci, Director of Purchasing; Kay Lengle, Human Resources; J. Scott Burford, Chief Clerk; Jennifer Simpson, Court Administration; Amy Harinath, Press Secretary; Steve Libhart, Director of Public Safety; Robert Burns, Director of Area Agency on Aging; Catharine Kilgore, District Attorney’s Office; Melissa Bradley, Human Resources; Mary Brigh Lavery, Commissioners’ Office; Colin Zwally, Commissioners’ Office; Jennifer Gettle, District Attorney’s Office; Randie Yeager, Director of Human Services; Elena Welsh, AAA; Erin Frederick, AAA; Stacey Glickman, Controller’s Office; Julie Mackey, Commissioners’ Office; Ruby Doub, Commissioners’ Office and Richie-Ann Martz, Assistant Chief Clerk

GUESTS PRESENT

Garth Warner, WGAL, WHP, WHTM and Fox 43

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Haste, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 10:05 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

There were no Executive Sessions held between meetings.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS/GUESTS

A. Robert Burns, Area Agency on Aging and the Elder Abuse Task Force
   1. Update on Elder Abuse Investigations

Mr. Burns updated the Commissioners on the increase in elder abuse cases. They recently had a case where a man allegedly stole money from his father who resides in a personal care home. This could have resulted in the elderly man becoming homeless. Chief Warner, through the Derry Township Police Department, worked with the District Attorney’s Office and staff from the Area Agency on Aging’s Protective Services Division on this case. The County is seeing an overwhelming increase in cases. In 2014, 599 cases of abuse, neglect or financial exploitation were reported. In 2015, that figure rose to 970. About 52% of the elder abuse cases were substantiated, with most involving theft by either family members or trusted caretakers.

Mr. Haste noted that there are more predators in our society. The numbers are increasing, because of the reputation of the Task Force. Citizens know that the Task Force is taking these matters seriously. Hopefully the numbers will start going the other way.

Mr. Pries congratulated the Task Force and all those involved for working together to help those residents that are need of assistance. The numbers mentioned are unacceptable. The more people that are aware will help to bring this matter under control.
Mr. Hartwick applauded the employees and members of the Task Force. The public has confidence in the Task Force. The Commissioners and the District Attorney have stepped up efforts to investigate such crimes, including hiring a detective focused solely on elder abuse. The Task Force has a great relationship with banks, etc. Area Agency on Aging also works with Widener University to assist seniors with legal matters. It is the Board’s priority to protect the County’s youth and elderly.

The Area Agency on Aging recently had a picnic for their volunteers. Without their help, the County would not be able to do all the things that they do for seniors. The volunteers help has saved the County millions of dollars.

Ms. Welsh indicated that seniors should call if they have any changes in their finances, cannot understand documents that they are being asked to sign or anything that they are being asked to do that they are uncertain about. The number is 717-780-6130. The hotline is 1-866-723-3111.

Ms. Gettle indicated that the County is fortunate to have a detective in CID to investigate these cases.

B. Melissa Bradley, Human Resources

1. VEBC Update

The VEBC Board consists of 15 members. The main function is to oversee the County’s Deferred Compensation Plan, along with Retirement Collaborative. On July 1, 2016, if approved, the County will be appointing Alerus Financial, N.A. as the non-discretionary trustee of the Plan. Stephen Hetrick has been working on a new participant website. The Committee recently had a presentation from Benechoice regarding IDShield, protection from identity theft. There is no cost to the County. It is an after-tax benefit that could be done through payroll deduction. Employees would have the option to participate in this program.

Mr. Haste asked if employees can take it with them when they leave County employment.

Ms. Bradley indicated that they can.

The approval to participate in this program will be considered at next week’s Legislative Meeting.

**HUMAN RESOURCES – KAY LENGLE**

There were no questions. The items that were pulled out last week are scheduled for a vote next week.
The Personnel Packet will be considered at next week’s Legislative Meeting.

**PURCHASE ORDERS – RANDY BARATUCCI**

There are a few budget items that will need to be addressed. There were no questions.

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

**TRAINING PACKET**

It was moved by Mr. Pries and seconded by Mr. Hartwick that the Board approve Items #1, #8 and #9 of the Training Packet.

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

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

A. Submission of a grant to PCCD for Crime Mapping Analysis for Dauphin County. *(A vote is Requested 6/22/16)*

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.**

Mr. Curcillo reported that everything listed on the Solicitor’s Report will be reviewed for consideration at next week’s Legislative Meeting.

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

Mr. Saylor reported that he has put together a select group of staff to form a Facilities Committee to review County buildings as it relates to the physical status, if they operate as a landlord for rental income. These things are critical to the budget.

He also reported on the auditing of the pension fund. In other counties, the Pension Fund covers the cost of its portion of the audit. He has a contract with Zelenkofske Axelrod LLC to perform the audit of the Dauphin County Retirement Trust Fund, which he is asking the Retirement Board to consider. The cost is less than $20,000.
COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS

Mr. Pries commented on the volunteer luncheon for Area Agency on Aging and how everyone works together. It was a great event.

Mr. Haste noted that the Retirement Board will convene at 10:40.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Transcribed by: Richie-Ann Martz