DAUPHIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WORKSHOP MEETING

NOVEMBER 9, 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; Randy Baratucci, Director of Purchasing; Fred Lighty, Esq., Solicitor's Office; Kay Lengle, Human Resources; Jennifer Simpson, Court Administration; Amy Harinath, Press Secretary; Laura Cullison, Controller's Office; Robert Christoff, Conservation District; Melody Osborn, Commissioners' Office and Richie-Ann Martz, Assistant Chief Clerk

GUESTS PRESENT

Abby Spencer, Sean Spencer, Sage Spencer, Daniel Hartman, Matthew Kuntz, Will Skinner, George Lazorchick, Brian Enterline, Aldo Morelli, Michael Sounder, Zachary Miller, Greg Rogalski, Justin Chandler, Martyn Nevil, Randy Padfield, Rick Flinn, Mike Kurtz and Karl Singleton

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Haste, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 10:07 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 Christoff, Conservation District
   1. Agricultural Conservation Easement Purchase – Abby Spencer

The Commissioners presented Abby and Sean Spencer with a check in the amount of $90,105 for the purchase of the development rights for 120 acres of farmland in northern Dauphin County. The farm is in Upper Paxton and Mifflin Townships. The easement will preserve the property as farmland in perpetuity. Dauphin County has preserved over 16,500 acres of farmland.

Ms. Spencer noted that she inherited the farm from her grandfather and would like to keep it as farmland and she can pass it on to her daughter, Sage.

The Commissioners congratulated Sean and Abby on their participation in the program.

(Applause was given and pictures were taken.)

B. Dauphin County Commissioners
   1. Recognition of First Responders in Dauphin County who were deployed for Hurricane Matthew as part of PA Task Force 1

The Commissioners recognized emergency responders from Dauphin County who were deployed in the wake of Hurricane Matthew to assist with evacuation and disaster response as part of PA Task Force 1 Urban Search and Rescue. The County is
blessed to have such dedicated and skilled emergency responders. While the Commissioners recognized the responders for their life-saving efforts in the wake of Hurricane Matthew, the responders have also been deployed for other disasters, such as Hurricane Katrina and 9/11.

Commissioner Pries read a letter from PA Task Force 1’s Team Leader George Drees, who couldn’t be here today.

“Our members were staged in Walterboro, South Carolina, and worked Lumberton and Fair Bluff, North Carolina. In a 72-hour search and rescue period PA-TF1 searched 1,154 structures. 4 people were rescued from cars that were swept away; one woman was rescued from her car at night where water was up to her neck.

The towns we worked in had a very high poverty rate and had no means or ability to leave before or even during the flooding. They have strong family ties, and even stronger faith. While they will be suffering for several months and probably years, they are strong and will survive. They will, however, continue to need this country’s financial support and prayers.

PA-TF1 could not do what we are asked to do if it weren’t for the support that we receive from the state, our county, our employers, families and the numerous grade A instructors/mentors that educated us prior to be honored with a position of PA-TF1.

Dauphin County is truly blessed with high caliber firefighters, rescuers and medical personnel who serve their community passionately and professionally. The personnel that you are recognizing are just a very, very small percentage of the everyday emergency service personnel that protect Dauphin County.”

The Commissioners presented Certificates to the following Dauphin County responders:

Chris Fisher
Rick Lenker
John Fogg
Greg Rogalski (present)
Herb Berger
Dan Hartman (present)
George Drees
Doug Bair
Gary Brouse
Warren “Chop” Humphrey
George Lazorchick (present)
Mike Sounder (present)
Will Skinner (present)
Aldo Morelli (present)
Wendy Wilcoxson, DO
Justin Chandler, MD (present)
Mr. Hartman and Mr. Rogalski described their deployment that started on October 6, 2016. They were being sent to Florida initially, but later were sent to Walterboro, South Carolina, due to a change in the storm pattern. Several people were evacuated, as well as some pets.

Mr. Flynn of PEMA thanked the Commissioners for recognizing the responders. Pennsylvania is the best in the country. PA Task Force 1 was the first ones in on September 11.

(Applause was given and pictures were taken.)

The Commissioners are extremely proud of the County's first responders.

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

There were no questions regarding the Personnel Packet.

The Personnel Packet will be considered at next week's Legislative Meeting.

**PURCHASE ORDERS**

There were no questions regarding the Purchase Order Packet. The budget adjustments will be made prior to next week.

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 2 on the Training Packet.

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

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

There was none.

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

The Solicitor had no report and there were no questions asked.
CHIEF CLERK’S REPORT – CHAD SAYLOR

The Chief Clerk had no report and no questions were asked.

COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS

Mr. Pries thanked all the volunteers and workers that helped with Election Day. The employees did a fantastic job. The line issue is typical with a presidential election. Mr. Hartwick asked if the Solicitor’s Office could come up with a policy on how to handle the line issue.

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