DAUPHIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WORKSHOP MEETING

OCTOBER 12, 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; Amy Harinath, Press Secretary; Janelle Weidner, Human Resources; Bruce Foreman, Esq., Solicitor’s Office; Steve Libhart, Director of Public Safety; George Connor, Director of Community & Economic Development; Melody Osborn, Commissioners’ Office and Richie-Ann Martz, Assistant Chief Clerk

GUESTS PRESENT

WHTM, James Roxbury, Duane Good and Karl Singleton

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Haste, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 10:11 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. George Connor, Director, Community & Economic Development

   1. Update on County’s Flood Resiliency Efforts

With storms Irene and Lee, the County received $14 million of CDBG Disaster Recovery Funds. There were over 38 projects, which resulted in over 401 temporary construction jobs. He discussed two of the 38 projects.

One is in Derry Township – Java Avenue. There was major flooding. A levee broke back in 2011 East Areba Avenue was flooded. The storm sewers could not handle all the water and the storm sewers were overflowing.

Steelton Borough – the storm sewer system generally discharges drainage from the Gibson Street to Swatara Street portion of the Borough to the Susquehanna River and from the Swatara Street to the East End portion of the Borough to the Pennsylvania Canal. The sedimentation that occurs as a result of flooding and an aging infrastructure backs up into the storm sewers. A Tide Flex device was put into place, which will hopefully eliminate that backup. The maintenance of the grates will most likely be handled by the Public Works Department as they go through the Borough to make sure that there is no debris blocking the grates.

The Sinkhole Project – the State of Pennsylvania awarded a grant in the amount of $8.5 million and the Commissioners guaranteed $1 million. $1.7 million is for the relocation ($7,500 per family) and also the buyout of the houses ($45,000 to $54,000). The State money will be used to demolish the actual houses and site cleanup. The Commissioners approved the letter of support for the $1 million. PEMA will do the relocation.
Meetings are being held once a month to discuss these projects and to make sure that they are being completed by the deadline.

The implementation of the CRS Program provided technical capacity and support to the 40 municipalities in the County to enter the NFIP's CRS Program. Tetra Tech was hired to assist with the preparation of a CRS application. For the rest of this year, the focus will be on two major tasks. The first is to provide the paperwork to the municipalities that want to apply to enter the CRS program. The second task is the Repetitive Loss Area Analysis. Highspire Borough, Millersburg Borough and Royalton Borough have applied to enter the CRS. Lower Paxton Township, Middle Paxton Township, Paxtang Borough, Steelton Borough, Susquehanna Township and Upper Paxton Township are going to apply to the CRS. Some of the municipalities are not affected.

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

Ms. Weidner asked if there were any questions. There were no questions on the Salary Board Packet and/or the Personnel Packet. (A vote was taken on the Salary Board Packet - See Salary Board Minutes.)

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

**PURCHASE ORDERS**

Mr. Baratucci noted that all budget adjustments will be made prior to consideration. He asked that a Requisition be added for ammo for the Sheriff’s Office. The Board had no objections to adding the Requisition. 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 and 2 of the Training Packet.

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

The remainder of the Training Packet will be considered at next week’s Legislative Meeting.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

A. Appointment of Brewer Lister to the Tourism Board. Mr. Lister’s term will expire December 31, 2017. *(A Vote is Requested 10/12/16)*
B. Request for Release of Funds and Certification – CF 16-07 Modernization and Site Improvements Program (Multiple Locations – Countywide). (A Vote is Requested 10/12/16)

C. Authorization given to J. Scott Burford to lock-in electricity bid rates from 2018-2020 (until such time as formal action can be taken by the Board of Commissioners). (A Vote is Requested 10/12/16)

It was moved by Mr. Hartwick and seconded by Mr. Pries that the Board approve Items A through C, 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 noted that the Items listed on the Solicitor’s Report will be ready for next week.

CHIEF CLERK’S REPORT – CHAD SAYLOR

Mr. Saylor pointed out that Dave Schreiber will be retiring and the need for a full-time labor relations person. There were no questions.

COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS

There were none.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

A. Receipt of a letter from Nellis Corporation terminating the Real Estate Purchase Agreement dated September 7, 2016 between Nellis Corporation and Dauphin County for the property located at 3273 Paxton Street, Harrisburg, PA.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Karl Singleton of the City of Harrisburg thanked the Commissioners for the letter of support for the $1 million for the sinkhole project. He noted that the project is being done in phases and that not all the homes will be bought out on the first phase.
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