DAUPHIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WORKSHOP

MAY 10, 2017
10:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jeff Haste, Chairman
Mike Pries, Vice Chairman

George P. Hartwick, III, Secretary (Arrived Late)

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; Amy Harinath, Press Secretary; J. Scott Burford, Deputy Chief Clerk; Laura Cullison, Controller’s Office; Kay Lengle, Human Resources; Dominick DeRose, Warden; George Connor, Director of Community & Economic Development; Bob Burns, Director of Area Agency on Aging; Jennifer Locklier, Human Resources; Vince Paese, Controller’s Office; David Skinner, Controller’s Office; Walter Hostetter, Prison; Scott Lewis, Prison; Stan Brown, Prison; Joann Cryder, Prison; Marian Urrutia, Prison; Sean Boran, Prison; Patricia Ward, Prison; Ron Barb, Jr., Joann Ridley, Prison; Geoffrey Boblick, Prison; DiAndra Pena, Prison; Melody Osborn, Commissioners’ Office and Richie-Ann Martz, Assistant Chief Clerk

GUESTS PRESENT

Mary Smith, Brewer Lister, Sue Kunisky, Rick Dunlap, Justin Martsof, Audrey Bialas, Jason Brown, Allison Rohrbaugh and Penny Brady

MINUTES
CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Haste, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 10:06 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 two sets of Meeting Minutes that will be considered at next week’s Legislative Meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS HELD BETWEEN MEETINGS

Mr. Saylor reported that an Executive Session was held this morning to discuss litigation and personnel matters.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS/GUESTS

A. Dauphin County Commissioners
   1. Presentation of Proclamation - Hershey Harrisburg Regional Visitors’ Bureau – National Tourism Week
   2. Presentation of Proclamation – Corrections Employee Week

HHRVB

Mr. Pries called Mary Smith to come forward. The Hershey Harrisburg Regional Visitors Bureau (HHRVC) is a great partner. Mary and the staff do an excellent job.

Mr. Pries read the following Proclamation:

Office of the County Commissioners
Dauphin County, Pennsylvania

Proclamation

We, the Dauphin County Board of Commissioners, are delighted to join with our partners in tourism and the Hershey Harrisburg Regional Visitors Bureau in celebrating National Travel and Tourism Week from May 7 – 13, 2017;
Whereas, travel has a positive impact on the County of Dauphin and the Commonwealth’s economic prosperity and job growth;

Whereas, travel to and within the United States provides significant economic benefits for the nation, generating more than $2.1 trillion in economic output, with $927.9 billion spent directly by travelers;

Whereas, travelers’ spending directly generated tax revenues of $141.5 billion for federal, state and local governments, funds used to support essential services and programs;

Whereas, businesses related to travel and tourism in Dauphin County support 27,000 jobs, with over $1 billion in salaries and payroll annually;

Therefore, we join the 270,000 residents of Dauphin County, members of the Hershey Harrisburg Regional Visitors Bureau and citizens across the state in recognizing our partners in travel and tourism and their tremendous impact on our economy; and in grateful recognition thereof, we are pleased and proud to proclaim May 7 - 13, 2017 as “National Travel and Tourism Week” in Dauphin County.

(Appause was given.)

Mr. Pries noted that HHRVB is involved in a lot of events and they bring in millions of dollars.

Mr. Haste stated that HHRVB has become a tremendous partner. The Fraternal Order of Police will be holding their annual convention in Dauphin County next year. Ground was broken for a skate park in Steelton. The Board made economic development one of their drivers and it has faith and confidence in Mary and her staff.

Mr. Pries mentioned Mr. Haste’s involvement in getting the Outdoor Show to stay in Harrisburg.

Ms. Smith thanked the Commissioners for their support and for all they do to support tourism. HHRVB has a good relationship with the Board of Commissioners, unlike some of her colleagues across the State.

Ms. Smith presented the Commissioners with an award for their support and for all they do in promoting tourism.

(Pictures were taken.)

Corrections Week
Mr. Haste called Warden DeRose to come forward. He thanked the staff. Corrections can be a rewarding job. A big portion of the General Fund goes to the Prison.

Mr. Haste read the following Proclamation:

Office of the County Commissioners
Dauphin County, Pennsylvania

Proclamation

We, the Dauphin County Board of Commissioners, are delighted to have the opportunity to honor and recognize the invaluable role played by correctional employees in supporting public safety; executing justice; and upholding a safe, secure and humane environment in correctional facilities in Dauphin County and across the Commonwealth;

Whereas, Pennsylvania’s correctional system is the oldest in the nation, and over time, has emerged as a model for other institutions;

Whereas, more than 31,000 highly skilled and dedicated corrections professionals across the state work around the clock to provide safe, secure and efficiently run facilities;

Whereas, in Dauphin County, 220 correctional staff, 43 treatment and over 27 support staff keep the county prison running right each and every day;

Whereas, we recognize the many counselors, clergy, treatment specialists, administrators, volunteers and officers at Dauphin County Prison for their presence and professionalism;

Therefore, we join the 270,000 residents of Dauphin County in acknowledging all employees and volunteers for their tireless efforts to promote public safety and security in our correctional facilities; we applaud them for the demanding -- and often heroic job -- they do; and in grateful tribute to their tremendous service, we do hereby join the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in proudly proclaiming May 7th through 13th, 2017 to be “National Correctional Employees Week” in Dauphin County.

(Applause was given.)

Mr. Pries thanked the staff for their work that they do in keeping the Prison safe and secure for the staff, visitors and inmates. Everyone works as a team.

Mr. Haste mentioned that he had a conversation with Secretary Wetzel and when the Secretary thinks about quality he thinks of Dauphin County as a quality facility.

Mr. DeRose introduced the staff that was present: Lt. Walter Hostetter, Sgt. Lewis, C.O. Stan Brown, C.O. Joann Cryder, C.O. Marian Urrutia, Sean Boran, Patricia Ward, Ron Barb, Jr., Joann Ridley, Geoffrey Boblick and DiAndra Pena. These eleven employees have 209 years of experience between them. They are charged on a daily basis to take care of 1,100 inmates. Everyone works together as a team. He thanked the Commissioners for their kind words.

(Pictures were taken.)
HUMAN RESOURCES

Ms. Lengle asked if there were any questions on the Salary Board Packet and/or the Personnel Packet. There were none. Ms. Lengle noted that she will have some additions for the Sheriff’s Office prior to next week.

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

PURCHASE ORDERS

Mr. Baratucci indicated that there is one budget item that needs to be adjusted. He asked if there were any questions. There was none.

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. Haste that the Board approve Items #1 and #14 of the Training Packet.

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A. Resolution #12-2017 releasing all current and past unpaid tax bills, accounts and past due taxes owed for property at 2419 Canby Street, Penbrook Borough – Tax Parcel #48-004-009) and directing its officers and the Dauphin County Tax Claim Bureau to release all such charges and claims. (A Vote is Requested 5/10/17)

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

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

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

Mr. Curcillo indicated that everything will be ready for consideration at next week’s Legislative Meeting. There were no questions.

CHIEF CLERK’S REPORT – CHAD SAYLOR

Mr. Saylor provided the Commissioners with an update on Capital Area Transit. The new man that was hired is doing a good job with improving operations. He had a meeting with Cumberland County officials and thought that things were going in the right direction and then he was being asked to respond to allegations. Berks and Lancaster
County are continuing to do a study, which should be available within the next few weeks. Things continue to move forward.

**COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS**

Mr. Pries noted that the machines for Election Day are being sealed and delivered. He thanked all the volunteers and staff for their hard work.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was none.

It was noted that the Retirement Board will convene at 10:40 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Transcribed by: Richie-Ann Martz