DAUPHIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WORKSHOP MEETING

FEBRUARY 28, 2018
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; Joseph A. Curcillo, III, Esq., Solicitor; Randy Baratucci, Director of Purchasing; Gerald Feaser, Jr., Director of Voter Registration/Elections; Carl Dickson, Director of Parks & Recreation; Donna Miller, Commissioners’ Office; Matthew Krupp, Prothonotary; Steve Libhart, Director of Public Safety; Fred Lighty, Esq., Solicitor’s Office; Kay Lengle, Human Resources; J. Scott Burford, Deputy Chief Clerk; Amy Harinath, Press Secretary; George Connor, Director of Community & Economic Development; Tucker Hull, Esq., Solicitor’s Office; Adriana Vulkmanic, Solicitor’s Office; Julie Mackey, Commissioners’ Office; Kelly Megonnel, Commissioners’ Office; Ruby Doub, Commissioners’ Office and Richie-Ann Martz, Assistant Chief Clerk

GUESTS PRESENT

Mark Stewart, Esq., Karl Singleton, James Roxbury, Kyron Robinson, WGAL, WHTM, Fox 43 and WHP

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Haste, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 10:12 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 personnel.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Singleton discussed a solution that the Commissioners could look at that would address the County Code issue with regard to minority businesses. Mr. Singleton introduced Kyron Robinson to the Board.

Mr. Robinson discussed his business, ProRank Business Solutions. It is a minority-owned diversity constituent business that looks at services most commonly requested by government agencies and public administration. Their specialty is assisting and developing small businesses, women-owned businesses, minority-owned businesses and diversity contracting programs. ProRank has worked with Allegheny County. ProRank can provide the following services to the County: Federal DBE program staff training, data analysis and tracking tool development, database development, prime and subcontractor matchmaking, program operations and administration and workshop and presentations.

Mr. Hartwick indicated that he has Mr. Robinson’s contact information. Allegheny County is a Home Rule County. He will have the Solicitor review the information.

Mr. Singleton noted that he understands what the County Code states. As the leaders of the County, the Commissioners can define what a responsible bidder is.

DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS/GUESTS

A. Mark Stewart, Esq., Dauphin County Gaming Advisory Board

1. Presentation on Gaming Grant Recommendations
Mr. Stewart made a presentation on the Dauphin County Gaming Advisory Board’s recommendations. He noted that the Gaming Act required casinos to share their gaming revenues with host counties and municipalities, i.e., Local Share. The Local Share requirements varied by type and location of casino. Table games-based Local Share had separate requirements for distribution. The Pennsylvania Supreme Court declared Local Share provisions unconstitutional in September 2016.

On October 30, 2017, the Gaming Act was amended to fix the Local Share issues. The amendments were: reenacted the Local Share assessment for Dauphin County with modest allowances for Lebanon and Schuylkill County municipalities; recast but maintained the annual $10 million payment by Hollywood Casino; and preserved the Local Share distribution model, retroactive to January 1, 2017, Interactive gaming, satellite casinos and video gaming terminals were authorized, Dauphin County will receive 1% in Local Share revenue from authorized interactive gaming and protections were put in place for Local Share revenue in the event the new authorized gaming causes a decline in Local Share.

Six categories are used by the Gaming Advisory Board: transportation, public interest initiatives, emergency services/health & public safety, multiple categories, infrastructure/facilities improvement and human services.

By law, Local Share grant funds are not for property tax relief. Local Share funds are to help counties and municipalities absorb the impacts of gaming and promote projects in the identified areas. Local Share grants do help avoid increases in local taxes. The total Dauphin County Local Share Funds for 2017 were $12,957,705. There were 107 project applications received totaling $16,962,550 in grant requests. Priority was given to infrastructure projects and inter-governmental projects and projects that leverage investment in Dauphin County and ready-to-go projects that needed a final funding piece had an advantage. Municipal sponsors had to prioritize their support for projects. Fire and emergency services applicants were asked to show consistency with the County-wide Comprehensive Fire Study.

Listed below are the recommendations of the Dauphin County Gaming Advisory Board.

Host & Contiguous

1. East Hanover Township ($625,000 Debt service for Public Works bldg. and $125,000 new fire engine) - $750,000
2. South Hanover Township ($200,000 new municipal/fire complex; $97,500 Fire Station training tower improvements) - $297,500
3. Derry Township (Fire station debt service) - $250,000
4. Middle Paxton Township ($76,000 Fishing Creek Community Building improvements; $124,000 Potato Valley Rd. debt reduction; $25,560 Dauphin-Middle Paxton Joint Park Authority Kennedy Grandstand roof) - $225,560
5. Rush Township (Jefferson Township new salt shed) - $128,000
6. West Hanover Township (Fire station debt and S.R. 39 right-of-way/utility relocation debt) - $250,000

Other Awards
1. Dauphin Co. Parks & Recreation ($75,000 Detweiler Park master site plan; $26,000 Fort Hunter Station Planning Project) - $101,000
2. Susquehanna Township ($125,000 Authority Sanitary Sewer System extension; $25,000 Progress Fire Company vehicle replacement; $9,000 Wedgewood Hills Swim Club heat pump installation) - $159,000
3. Lower Swatara Township (Richardson Road bridge replacement debt) - $51,000
4. Upper Paxton Township (Municipal building stormwater and parking lot paving) - $85,000
5. Millersburg Borough (Millersburg Area Pool Association improvements) - $70,000
6. City of Harrisburg ($145,000 Police Bureau equipment purchase; $30,000 Engineering Bureau emergency vehicle preemption; $54,724 Fire Bureau Dive Team equipment) - $229,724
7. Lykens Borough ($100,000 Water Treatment Facility improvement; $23,801 Liberty Hose Fire engine refurbishment debt reduction) - $123,801
8. Central Dauphin School District (School safety improvement project) - $75,600
9. Lower Paxton Township ($38,498 Devon Manor Pool improvements; $10,327 Koon’s Pool improvements; $34,000 Capital Area Soccer Association upgrades to Ranger and George Parks) - $82,825
10. Hummelstown Borough (Municipal building debt service) - $58,471
11. Steelton Borough ($43,000 Fire Department apparatus debt reduction; $17,165 Skate Park debt reduction) - $60,165
12. Halifax Township (Emergency management communications) - $12,000
13. Londonderry Township (Waterline infrastructure extension) - $200,000
14. Highspire Borough (Roadway rehabilitation program) - $57,200
15. Swatara Township (Police Department K-9 and training; conditioned on full funding from Township and/or other sources and dog remaining with Police Department) - $13,000
16. Wiconisco Township ($40,000 Municipal building debt reduction; $40,000 Fire rescue engine debt reduction) - $80,000
17. Jackson Township (Fisherville Volunteer Fire Company building debt reduction) - $44,000
18. Elizabethville Borough (Authority Smith Avenue Pump Station Replacement) - $100,000
19. Halifax Borough (Sidewalk construction school safety project) - $100,000
20. Berrysburg Borough (Waste Water Treatment Plant Improvements) - $100,000
21. Pillow Borough (Well #4 replacement) - $19,550
22. Dauphin Co. Redevelopment Authority (Authority project on former State Hospital property) - $100,000
23. Dauphin Co. Industrial Development Authority (Solar Farm project debt reduction) - $137,000
24. MDJ Court Administration (Construction of MDJ buildings) - $200,000
25. Dauphin Co. Land Bank Authority (Renovation of vacant homes) - $100,000
26. Heinz Menaker Senior Center, Inc. (Senior Center ADA compliant restrooms) - $25,000
27. Open Stage of Harrisburg (Facility and equipment upgrades) - $32,000
28. The Nativity School (Furniture purchase and building renovations) - $40,000
29. Beacon Clinic (HVAC installation and Renovations) - $5,000
30. Girl Scouts in the Heart of PA (Environmental education at Camp Small Valley) - $100,000
31. Salvation Army (New headquarters and services facility) - $50,000
32. Habitat for Humanity (Blight initiative weatherization project; condition to use in Dauphin County) - $28,000
33. Homeland Center (Emergency generator project) - $40,000
34. Heroes Grove Memorial (Phase II amphitheater improvement project) - $225,000
35. Restin One, LLC (Waterline infrastructure at new Comfort Inn & Suites) - $100,000
36. Jewish Federation of Greater Harrisburg (Fire alarm system upgrade) - $19,000
37. Capital Region Literacy Corp. (Books in schools and clinic program) - $30,000
38. Bright Futures Learning Centers (Learning centers expansion) - $16,500
39. Shalom House (Security upgrades and electrical work) - $5,000
40. Dauphin Co. Bar Foundation (Custody clinic campaign; conditioned upon not applying for two years) - $37,500
41. Penn FC f/k/a Harrisburg City Islanders (2018 field conversion project) - $72,562
42. Harrisburg Rugby Football Club (Perseverance Fields improvements) - $50,000

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43. Hospice of Central PA (Carolyn’s House flooring improvements) - $47,100
44. Humane Society of Harrisburg Area (Expansion of veterinary services; condition to use mobile units) - $70,000
45. Journeyman Advancement (Office equipment purchase) - $700
46. American Red Cross (Home Fire Preparedness Campaign; condition to use in Dauphin County) - $22,500
47. Campus of the Jewish Home of Greater Harrisburg, Inc. (Emergency generator project) - $75,000
48. Central Dauphin Rams Diamondbackers Baseball Club (Field improvements and equipment purchase) - $10,000
49. The Foundation of Central Dauphin Schools (Nutri-Packs Program) - $60,000
50. Steelton Borough/Capital Region Economic Development Corporation (Arcelor Mittal gas line extension; conditioned on PIPE program award and match by UGI and/or Arcelor Mittal) - $135,000
51. The Wheelhouse (Steelton-Highspire School District fish hatchery project) - $125,000
52. Butler Street Senior Living (Rehabilitation of blighted property into new senior living facility) - $40,000
53. Camp Curtin YMCA (Conversion of indoor pool into recreational area) - $100,000
54. Churchville Cemetery Association (Headstone repairs and purchase of new tractor) - $37,955
55. Williamstown American Legion (Veterans community center van purchase) - $36,000
56. The Arc of Dauphin Co. (Respite Center Phase II improvements) - $32,853
57. The Partnership for Hope (Transportation and storage for basic needs program) - $15,000
58. Midtown Action Council (Historic marker revitalization and expansion project) - $13,652
59. PA State Police Historical, Educational Memorial Center (Wall of Honor design and construction) - $92,700

Mr. Stewart noted that the Gaming Advisory Board is recommending a total of $6,029,418 in grants to the Dauphin County Commissioners. 32% ($1,901,060) are for East Hanover Township, the host municipality, and the other contiguous municipalities which are most likely to be impacted by the Hollywood Casino.

In 2011, a County-wide Comprehensive Fire Study was completed on fire apparatus and facilities located within Dauphin County. Since the Fire Study was completed, various equipment and structures have been replaced or repaired. The Gaming Advisory Board is recommending that the Fire Study be updated and expanded to capture all emergency services.

The Commissioners thanked the Gaming Advisory Board for all the work that they do in putting together the recommendations. Numerous meetings are held with the applicants. The Board members do not get compensated for their time. The recommendations will be considered at next week’s Legislative Meeting.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Ms. Lengle asked if there were any questions on the Salary Board Packet and/or the Personnel Packet. There was none.

Mr. Saylor noted that the hiring window was just closed.

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

Mr. Baratucci asked if there were any questions on the Purchase Order Packet. There was none. He noted that it is a small packet.

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 #17 of 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.

Mr. Curcillo noted that he has nothing to report. Everything on the Solicitor’s Report will be reviewed and ready for next week. No questions were asked.

CHIEF CLERK’S REPORT – CHAD SAYLOR

Mr. Saylor had nothing to report and no questions were asked.

COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS

There was none.

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