DAUPHIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WORKSHOP MEETING

JULY 18, 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; Janis Creason, Treasurer; Fred Lighty, Esq., Solicitor’s Office; Steve Libhart, Director of Public Safety; George Connor, Director of Community & Economic Development; Randy Baratucci, Director of Purchasing; Faye Fisher, Director of Human Resources; J. Scott Burford, Deputy Chief Clerk; Jeff Enders, Public Safety; Adriana Vukmanic, Solicitor’s Office; Frank Lavery, Commissioners’ Office; Kendra Tate, Commissioners’ Office; Amy Harinath, Press Secretary; Jennifer Simpson, Court Administration; Donna Miller, Commissioners’ Office; Shelby Nestler, Drug & Alcohol; Larry Moore, Parks & Recreation; Troy Petery, Deputy Court Administrator; J. Kiss, Public Safety; Deb Laudenslager, Community & Economic Development; Jason Norris, Human Resources; Darwin Beale, Drug & Alcohol; Helen Spence, Human Services Director’s Office; Glenn Supplee, Public Safety; Andy Megonnell, Public Safety; Ruby Doub, Commissioners’ Office; Kelly Megonnell, Commissioners’ Office and Richie-Ann Martz, Assistant Chief Clerk

GUESTS PRESENT

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Haste, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 10:02 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 is one set 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. Dauphin County Commissioners

1. Proclamation – Glenn T. Supplee (Tyler)

Mr. Pries had Tyler come forward.

Mr. Pries noted that it was a cold day on January 10, 2018 and Tyler and his wife and daughter took a drive after visiting the Farm Show. A tree branch was in the middle of the road, which didn’t seem right to Tyler. Tyler made a U-turn and took a closer look to find a wrecked car 700 feet off the road. He made some phone calls and administered first aid. Tyler was unaware at the time that the victim was the daughter (Madison) of Andy Megonnell, who is an employee in Public Safety.

Mr. Supplee recapped the events from the time he spotted the branch in the road to when the paramedics arrived. Tyler helped her breathe by keeping her head straight and in-line with her spine. The Megonnells have showed them many thanks.
Mr. Libhart is very proud of his department. The accident was on Fishing Creek Valley Road. Mr. Enders from Public Safety picked up Andy’s wife and Bob Stout picked up Andy (he was at a training). It was Madison’s request to publicly acknowledge Tyler for all he did.

Mr. Megonnell indicated that he is very humble.

Ms. Megonnell indicated that she is really thankful that Tyler stopped that day. She was on a ventilator and they thought she would not be able to walk for a while. She is feeding herself and is walking and is back to her normal life.

Mr. Hartwick stated that first responders race towards danger. They are very dedicated and are ready to offer assistance. He is proud of Tyler and the responders that are here in Dauphin County.

Mr. Haste stated that he remembers getting the call. He saw the photographs of the scene. (He showed the audience.) It was amazing that someone survived. He was involved with three similar situations along that particular road. God put you on that road that day for a purpose. The Board is thankful that you are here today. God Bless everyone that was there that day.

Mr. Pries read the following Proclamation:

Office of the County Commissioners  
Dauphin County, Pennsylvania  

Proclamation  

We, the Dauphin County Board of Commissioners, are proud to honor Glenn T. Supplee, a county emergency dispatcher, for his quick and decisive action on January 10, 2018 that saved the life of Madison Megonnell;  

Whereas, Tyler, as he is known to friends, coworkers and family, is always looking to help those in need and spotted Madison’s car after it had crashed into trees off of Fishing Creek Valley Road in Middle Paxton Township;  

Whereas, without hesitation, Tyler summoned help and immediately took steps to stabilize 17-year-old Madison, who unbeknownst to Tyler at the time is the daughter of Andy Megonnell, one of his coworkers at the Emergency Management Agency;  

Whereas, because of Tyler’s actions, Madison was successfully airlifted for medical attention and has since made a full recovery;  

Whereas, Madison and the entire Megonnell family wish to publicly thank Tyler, a sentiment with which the Dauphin County Commissioners wholeheartedly agree;  

Whereas, Tyler’s actions underscore his devotion to public service and helping his fellow citizens, as illustrated by his work as a public safety telecommunicator and a volunteer firefighter;
Therefore, in grateful tribute to the life-saving aid offered by Glenn T. Supplee, we proudly join the Megonnell family and the 270,000 residents of Dauphin County in proclaiming Wednesday, July 18, 2018 as “Glenn T. Supplee Day” in Dauphin County and thank him for his unstinting service to the community.

(Appplause was given, and pictures were taken.)

B. Dauphin County Commissioners

1. Diversity Essay Contest Winners

Mr. Hartwick welcomed everyone. The Dauphin County Cultural Celebration Task Force, in collaboration with Dauphin County Human Services, has sponsored, once again, an essay contest for students between the ages of 6 to 18 to promote cultural diversity and equality. A total of 191 children entered the contest and shared personal experiences on cultural diversity in their neighborhood and schools. Each year the students are asked to answer questions, which were as follows:

1. Age 6-10 – What does diversity look like in your school or community? Draw a picture(s) to support your essay.
2. Age 11-14 – Select two different schools in Dauphin County, research them and write about each of their cultures. What makes them unique?
3. Age 15-18 – Identify someone from your school or community who immigrated to America. Interview him/her about his/her culture and experience with immigrating to this country.

Mr. Hartwick stated that the essays were read and scored by a panel of judges. He called the following Judges forward and presented them with a Certificate of Appreciation and two tickets to Dauphin County’s Annual Jazz & Wine Festival in September: Jaelyn Brown of ResCare, Marcale Griffin (unable to attend) of ResCare, Cheyenne Hinz of ResCare, Darwin Beale, Jason Norris and Kendra Tate, employees of Dauphin County.

The Commissioners appreciated the time that the judges volunteered in reading and scoring the essays.

Also, in the audience are several school officials – superintendents, principals, teachers, parents and friends. Thank you for inspiring and supporting the young people and for providing them a rich learning environment.

Now, for the awards. The winners will receive a certificate and prize money donated through funding from Dauphin County Human Services and, parents will get two tickets to the Jazz and Wine Festival.

Ages 6-10 year-old

*Third Place – Cash Ritter of North Side Elementary (unable to attend)*
Second Place – Gianna Petrou ($30.00) – St. Margaret Mary School

Gianna is a very bush young lady. She likes to dance, sing and act. She trains at her mother’s dance school, Tap ‘n Arts Dance Studio, in the Colonial Park Mall. She began performing in musicals at the age of two for St. Margaret Mary, Central Dauphin East, Palmyra Area High Schools, as well as the All Stars Theatre Camp. Her favorite subjects in school are math and religion. She also enjoys playing with her collection of American Girl Dolls. Gianna will be starting 4th grade at St. Margaret Mary School in a few weeks. She is excited and humbled to be recognized for her writing on diversity.

First Place – Alexis Phan ($60.00) – North Side Elementary

Alexis, who enrolled at Milton Hershey School in kindergarten, is a phenomenal student who works incredibly hard every day to be her best. She excels academically while also being involved in extracurriculars: dance, choir and band. Alexis is an amazing leader who shows integrity and wisdom beyond her years. Above that she goes out of her way to help others, she is vocally opposed to injustices and inequality and is always sticking up for individuals being teased or wronged.

Mr. Haste acknowledged the following age group.

Ages 11-14 year-old

Third Place – Nicole Yang ($40.00) – Hershey Middle School

Nicole is a hardworking young lady. She takes her academics very seriously and gets straight A’s in school. She plays piano and violin. She was the first chair violinist of the Dauphin County Elementary Orchestra and has competed in a few state-level piano competitions. She enjoys reading, writing, crafting and dancing. Nicole will be starting 7th grade at Hershey Middle School in August.

Second Place – Jayonna Hall ($50.00) – Susquehanna Middle School

Jayonna is an eager, talented young lady. She is entering Dauphin County Technical School this year, which has been long awaited and very much anticipated. She has a passion for writing and hopes to pursue that as a career one day. She holds her standards high and always finds a way to exceed them. Her favorite hobbies include gymnastics, soccer and reading. She is currently a certified babysitter and a Cadet Girl Scout working on her Silver Award. She hopes to be able to travel the world and see things come to life that she only reads about in her textbooks.

First Place – Ishana Bandyopadhyay ($100.00) – Central Dauphin High School (unable to attend)

Mr. Pries acknowledged the following age group.
Ages 15-18 year-old

Third Place – Jennifer Nwokeji ($40.00) – Central Dauphin High School

Jenny is an incoming sophomore at Central Dauphin High School, and her love of writing was instilled in her at age nine. Since then, she has won two other writing contests: one in 6th grade and one in 7th grade. Her favorite subjects are math, science and English. While her favorite classes in school are mainly analytical, she loves to participate in the arts in her free time. She likes to draw, paint and sing. She plays both the violin and the ukulele. In addition, she has been playing basketball for five years on both her school team and, for two of those five years on a travel team.

Second Place – Mailinh Dang ($65.00) – Hershey High School

Mailinh is a recent Hershey High School graduate who enjoys reading books and meeting new people. She was a Key Club officer, member of Youth and Government, student council representative and Hershey Medical Center Intern. She is passionate about the environment and plans to major in Environmental Studies on the Pre-Dentistry track. She will attend the University of Pittsburgh next month as one of five Nordenberg Leadership Scholars.

First Place – Nithika Radhakrishnan ($140.00) – Central Dauphin High School

Nithika is an active girl. She likes to play field hockey, play the piano and trains in Indian Classical Dance. She has performed at the Pennsylvania Governor’s Residence and at a cancer fundraiser in Millbury High School, Massachusetts. She is also a member of the concert band. Her favorite subjects in school are Science and History. Nithika will be starting 10th grade at Cumberland Valley High School in a few short weeks.

Mr. Pries noted that she will be moving to Cumberland County and that it is Dauphin County’s loss.

The Commissioners congratulated all the winners.

(Appplause was given to all winners, and pictures were taken.)

HUMAN RESOURCES

Ms. Fisher reported that there are no changes to the Personnel Packet.

Mr. Saylor indicated that he noticed in the overtime report that the Coroner’s Office has spent their overtime allotment and then some. He did talk with the Coroner and it is due to the opioid crisis. Additional employees were added to that office. The Board
indicated that something needs to happen, either he gives up the overtime or no additional employees.

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

**PURCHASE ORDERS**

Mr. Baratucci reported that the Purchase Order Packet is small. He does have another requisition to add to the packet. It is for MDJ Lindsey’s Office.

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

**TRAINING PACKET**

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

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

There was none.

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT – FRED LIGHTY, ESQ.**

Mr. Lighty reported that the Solicitor’s Report is in your meeting packet. All items will be reviewed prior to next week’s Legislative Meeting. 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. Pries and seconded by Mr. Hartwick that the Board adjourn; motion carried.