DAUPHIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WORKSHOP MEETING

FEBRUARY 6, 2019
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 DeFoore, Controller; Joseph A. Curcillo, III, Esq., Solicitor; Randy Baratucci, Director of Purchasing; Faye Fisher, Director of Human Resources; J. Scott Burford, Deputy Chief Clerk; Fred Lighty, Esq., Solicitor’s Office; Steve Libhart, Director of Public Safety; George Connor, Director of Community & Economic Development; Amy Harinath, Press Secretary; Keith Kepler, Director of Solid Waste/Recycling; Donna Miller, Commissioners’ Office; Tucker Hull, Esq., Solicitor’s Office; Adriana Vukmanic, Solicitor’s Office; J. Kiss, Public Safety; Kelly Megonnel, Commissioners’ Office and Richie-Ann Martz, Assistant Chief Clerk

GUESTS PRESENT

Tim Morgus, Tom Connolly, Lou Verdelli, Jay Wenger, Diane Bowman, Richard Soto, Duane Good, Timothy Horstmann, Cole Goodman, Matt Bain, Donald Kunst, Kerry Kunst, Garrison Kunst, Matt Tunnell and Fox 43

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 there 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 on February 1, 2019 to discuss litigation.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Tom Connolly of Swatara Township asked if the County has any policies or procedures that deal with instances where an employee of the County would use offensive language. This relates to an incident involving Commissioner Hartwick.

Mr. Haste indicated that the County does have a policy and he will see that a copy is sent to Mr. Connolly.

Richard Soto thanked the Commissioners for the hard job that they do. Commissioner Hartwick is a very good man. This is a time when people are running for seats, so keep your eyes on the project.

DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS/GUESTS

A. Dauphin County Commissioners

1. Craig Webb Memorial Award Presentation to EMS Provider of the Year – Donald Kunst

Mr. Pries stated that once a year the Commissioners recognize our first responders for a job well done. Each year, the local police, fire and EMS councils nominate an outstanding emergency service provider of the year who embody the spirit of the late Craig Webb, a longtime paramedic who died suddenly during the 2004 holiday season. Former colleague Nick DiFrancesco put this award together. When folks are attending events, these service providers respond at a moments’ notice. He thanked them for all they do for our County. It takes a special person to do what they do.
Today the Board is honoring Donald Kuntz with the 2018 Craig Webb Memorial Award for Emergency Medical Services. Mr. Kuntz was on vacation when the annual awards ceremony was held in December. Mr. Kuntz has been an EMT for 40-plus years, a leader in technology and project management, and a mentor to many EMTs in the region. He has served Susquehanna Township EMS and Medic 6, among other agencies, not only saving lives but also overseeing their software systems and data management. Mr. Kuntz was one of the original crew members of Penn State Hershey’s Life Lion helicopter, responding to life-threatening situations and providing critical care. He also managed the computer system and produced flight program brochures. He has written articles that have been published nationwide and taught an EMS management course for HACC.

Mr. Pries read the following Proclamation:

**Office of the County Commissioners**  
**Dauphin County, Pennsylvania**  

**Proclamation**

We, the Dauphin County Board of Commissioners, are thrilled to honor Donald R. Kunst for over 40 years of dedicated service in first aid and rescue in Dauphin County and to join with his family members, friends and colleagues in recognizing him as the recipient of the 2018 Craig Webb Memorial Award for Emergency Medical Services;

Whereas, Donald has provided rapid, life-saving aid to hundreds of people throughout his distinguished career in emergency medical services;

Whereas, a recognized and well-respected leader in his field, he has served Susquehanna Township EMS since 2011, PinnacleHealth System’s Community Life Team Medic 6, New Bloomfield EMS and Life Lion;

Whereas, dedicated to his profession, he has taught and trained new paramedics, authored multiple nationally published articles and leveraged technology to enhance public safety and improve efficiency;

Whereas, always going above and beyond the call of duty, Donald demonstrates outstanding leadership, integrity and dependability and provides patients with the highest quality of care;

Therefore, we join the 275,000 residents of Dauphin County in paying tribute to Donald R. Kunst for providing emergency medical care to the ill and injured; we honor and thank him for rendering swift and critical aid each and every time an emergency strikes; and in grateful recognition thereof, we do hereby proudly proclaim February 6, 2019 to be “Donald R. Kunst Day” in Dauphin County.
(Applause was given.)

Mr. Haste stated that people who are EMS – it is a life calling. Because of that the communities are blessed. Mr. Kuntz probably assisted people when he was not on duty due to all his traveling. He thanked him for what he does.

Mr. Hartwick stated that Mr. Kuntz has a strong commitment to family. The county’s responders are the best prepared in the State of PA. Every time the bell rings, they are headed out. He thanked him for his commitment.

Mr. Libhart stated that responders do not want to be recognized. They would rather stay in the background. He appreciates their dedication. He also appreciates the families when the first responders need to leave their home when called. He thanked Mr. Kuntz for all he does for the community.

Mr. Kuntz appreciates the kind words. He thanked his wife of 35 years and his son. Many schedules had to be rearranged. His son is following in his footsteps, he is pursuing a nursing career. He missed a lot of time with his son, because of his schedule. He recognized all the other providers that are serving their communities. You are part of someone’s life. He worked and did some training with Craig Webb. He indicated that it is nice to be recognized and tomorrow he will be back to work.

(Pictures were taken.)

HUMAN RESOURCES

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

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

PURCHASE ORDERS

Mr. Baratucci noted that Page 25 is being pulled for additional research. No questions were asked on the Purchase Order Packet.

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

A. Ordinance #2-2019 – Constant Maturity Swap.  (A Vote is Requested 2/6/19)

B. DEP Grant Agreement, 902 Municipal Recycling Program Grant between Dauphin County and PA Dept. of Environmental Protection.  (A Vote is Requested 2/6/19)

It was moved by Mr. Hartwick and seconded by Mr. Pries that the Board approve Items A and B 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 reported that everything listed on the Solicitor’s Report will be reviewed and ready for consideration at 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

Commissioner Hartwick indicated that he met with the heads and chairs of the Health and Human Services (Senate and House side).  He has been engaged with the behavioral managed care covenant.  It’s a major priority for counties.  Counties need flexibility.

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.

Transcribed by:  Richie-Ann Martz