DAUPHIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WORKSHOP MEETING

MAY 15, 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 DeFoor, Controller; Janis Creason, Treasurer; Joseph A. Curcillo, III, Esq., Solicitor; Randy Baratucci, Director of Purchasing; Fred Lighty, Esq., Solicitor’s Office; Laura Cullison, Controller’s Office; Carl Dickson, Director of Parks & Recreation; Steve Libhart, Director of Public Safety; J. Scott Burford, Deputy Chief Clerk; Jennifer Simpson, Court Administration; Amy Harinath, Press Secretary; Donna Miller, Commissioners’ Office; DiAndra Pena, Human Resources; Melissa Bradley, Human Resources; J. Kiss, Public Safety; Adriana Vukmanic, Solicitor’s Office; Ruby Doub, Kelly Megonnel, Commissioners’ Office and Richie-Ann Martz, Assistant Chief Clerk

GUESTS PRESENT

Mike Musser, Josh First, Vera Cornish, Karl Singleton, Kaaba Brunson, Jonathan Lopez, Ashale Bynon, Diane Bowman, Gary Holtzapple, Nick Miller, Jenny Snyder, Alisa Harris, Jay Wenger and C. Vazquez

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Haste, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 10:04 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

No Executive Sessions were held between meetings.

DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS/GUESTS

A. Kaaba Brunson, Greater Harrisburg Area NAACP
Jonathan Lopez, Senior, Gold Medalist in Poetry (Harrisburg High School of Science & Technology)
Madison Stokes, Freshman, Gold Medalist in Medicine and Health, Gold Medalist in Modern Dance and Silver Medalist in Sculpture (Harrisburg High School of Science & Technology)
Ashale Bynon, Freshman, Gold Medalist for Vocal Classical (Central Dauphin High School)

1. ACTSO Program

Mr. Brunson is the Chairman of the NAACP ACT-SO Program since 1999. He thanked the Commissioners for their support and sponsorship of the ACT-SO Program. ACT-SO stands for Academic, Culture, Technological and Scientific Olympics. ACT-SO currently includes 32 categories of competition in the sciences, humanities, business and performing and visual arts. Two medalists and two judges were in attendance. Ruby Doub served as a judge. The students will be attending the nationals in July in Detroit, Michigan.

Dr. Ebony Simmons Hall, the other judge, noted that there are some young people who really want to show their talents. She appreciates the Commissioners support and hopes that the Board will continue supporting them as they move forward with the competition.

Ashale Bynon, a Freshman, who was a Gold Medalist for Vocal Classical (Central Dauphin High School) indicated that she is a young participant. She competed in the Music Vocal/Classical category of Performing Arts.
Mr. Brunson noted that they had participants in several other categories, but they did not perform at the level to move them to nationals. Thirty judges volunteered to rate the performers. The program relies on the dedication and commitment of community and business leaders who volunteer as mentors and coaches to promote academic and artistic excellence.

Jonathan Lopez, a Senior, who was a Gold Medalist in Poetry (Harrisburg High School of Science & Technology) indicated that he feels grateful, knowing that it was an ACT-SO competition. He likes to express himself. We want to exceed. Express ourselves to make a difference—create a ripple effect with our words. He thanked the Commissioners for their time.

Mr. Brunson noted that there were 60 students from various schools. There are expenses that are required to take these students to nationals and administrative costs to administer the program. The bulk of the costs is for nationals. There are hotel costs, airfare, meals, etc.

Mr. Brunson presented the Commissioners with a plaque for their sponsorship in this program.

The Commissioners thanked Mr. Brunson for the time he puts into the program and thanked all the volunteers for their help with the young men and women in getting them ready for competition.

(Applause was given, and pictures were taken.)

B. Gary Holtzapple, Highmark

1. Employee Healthcare Annual Review

Mr. Holtzapple, Jenny Snyder and Nick Miller of Highmark attended today’s meeting to provide the annual review to the Commissioners. The membership has gone down by 10 people. The average age is 32. The top five diagnostic categories (by cost) were: neoplasms, musculoskeletal, genitourinary (reproductive, urinary tract infections) pregnancy/childbirth and digestive. The top five conditions for 2018 were: musculoskeletal, obesity, behavioral health, high cholesterol and back pain. Actual utilization is stable.

Mr. Miller reported on the Pharmacy costs. The total plan cost has decreased when compared to previous periods. The specialty plan cost has dropped by almost 30%. Overall the total plan cost per member/per month went up in 2017 and then back down in 2018. It comes down to getting the right medication at the right price.

Mr. Haste asked what contributed to the positive.
Mr. Holtzapple indicated that the Wellness Committee is doing a great job, the plan administrator and putting controls into place. Going forward, care for disease management (taking a call when they reach out) will play a large roll in controlling costs.

Mr. Haste described an incident that happened to him when he received a call from Highmark.

Ms. Snyder indicated that she will look into the matter.

Ms. Saylor questioned the generic fill rate.

Mr. Miller indicated that it is the generic rate v. the brand rate. It is the same medication but offered at a lower cost. There are not a lot of generics for diabetes.

Mr. Holtzapple stated that they are offering several new ways and recommendations to lower future costs. All those things are currently being examined and will be given to the Commissioners later.

Mr. Miller indicated that they watch the drug programs and review the new drugs that were approved by the FDA.

The Commissioners thanked Scott, Melissa and the whole Wellness team for their assistance with the County benefits.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was none.

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

Ms. Pena reported on two changes that she made to the Personnel Packet prior to the meeting. She will make those changes on the Personnel Packet listing and will redistribute. She had no changes to the Salary Board Packet. No questions were asked.

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

**PURCHASE ORDERS**

Mr. Baratucci reported that there is one minor budget adjustment that will be made prior to next week. No questions were asked.

The Purchase Order Packet will be considered at next week’s Legislative Meeting.
It was moved by Mr. Pries and seconded by Mr. Hartwick that the Board approve Items 1, 2, 3 and 13 of the Training Packet.

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

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Mr. Curcillo indicated that he has an item to be added for consideration. It is three Contracts with UGI to lock in rates that were secured by Mr. Burford. (See May 8, 2019 Minutes.)

Mr. Haste noted that the UGI Contracts will be listed as Item B under Items for Discussion.

A. Appointment of the following to the Detweiler Park Master Site Plan Steering Committee: Sally Zaino (Manada Conservancy), Julie Seeds (Middle Paxton Township), Vera Cornish (Community Outreach), Joe Sherrick (Dauphin County Fish Nursery), Eric Naguski (Conservation District), Deb Everly (Planning Commission), Chris Rebert (Naturalist), Amy Young (Community Recreation Advocate), Paula Zankel (Neighboring Property Owner), Justin Gao (Student-High School), Amma Johnson (Business Owner), Justin Warren (School Board Member), Josh First (Hunting Community), Gregg Cook (Tourism), Andy Brought (Forester) and George Connor (Economic Development Director) (A Vote is Requested 5/15/19)

Mr. Dickson noted that this has been a long process and these appointees will have a big part of this Plan. Master plans are tangible and visible statements of where a park is now, a vision of what it should be in the future, and a guide to get it there. It is created through a public engagement process over the course of 12-18 months and results in a comprehensive Park Owners’ Manual for the next 10-20 years.

This Committee will make sure this park is one of the best parks in Dauphin County.

The Commissioners congratulated the members of the Steering Committee.

Mr. Dickson noted that over 70 people expressed an interest in serving on this Committee.

It was moved by Mr. Hartwick and seconded by Mr. Pries that the Board approve Item A listed above under Items for Discussion (the appointment of the Detweiler Park Master Site Plan Steering Committee).
Question: Mr. Haste – Aye; Mr. Pries – Aye and Mr. Hartwick – Aye; motion carried.

B. Three Contracts between Dauphin County and UGI Energy Services, LLC for the following accounts: 1) Account #411007890055; 2) Account #411000011543, #411000462662, #411000538818, 3411000539006, #411000793272, #411000793447, #411000921469, #411001045110, #411001896926, #411003108270, #411003242111 AND #411003242293 and 3) Account #41100656274. (A Vote is Requested 5/15/19)

It was moved by Mr. Hartwick and seconded by Mr. Pries that the approve Item B listed above under Items for Discussion (three contracts with UGI Energy Services, LLC).

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 he has nothing to add and that everything will be reviewed by the Solicitor’s Office and will be ready for consideration at next week’s Legislative Meeting. No questions were asked.

CHIEF CLERK’S REPORT – CHAD SAYLOR

Mr. Saylor had no report and no questions were asked.

COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS

Mr. Haste indicated that the Retirement Board will being at 11:05 a.m. It is a lengthy one.

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