DAUPHIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WORKSHOP MEETING

JUNE 26, 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; Mike Yohe, Director of Budget & Finance; Randy Baratucci, Director of Purchasing; J. Scott Burford, Deputy Chief Clerk; Fred Lighty, Esq., Solicitor's Office; Jennifer Simpson, Court Administration; Amy Harinath, Press Secretary; Donna Miller, Commissioners' Office; DiAndra Pena, Human Resources; Alexzandria Burns, Commissioners’ Office; Rebecca McCullough, Solicitor’s Office; Darian Durkin, Solicitor’s Office; J. Kiss, Public Safety; Ruby Doub, Commissioners’ Office; Kelly Megonnel, Commissioners’ Office and Richie-Ann Martz, Assistant Chief Clerk

GUESTS PRESENT

Diane Bowman, James Roxbury, Doug Firestone, Chad Smeltz, Giuseppe Gramano, Eric Darr, Brian Humphrey and Harrisburg University Storm players

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Haste, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 10:07 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

There were no Executive Sessions held between meetings.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS/GUESTS

A. Robert Christoff, Conservation District
   1. Farmland Preservation Check Presentation – Erich Bair Farm

Mr. Christoff reported that the Erich Bair Farm is in West Hanover Township. It is a 128-acre crop farm and it is the first farm to be preserved in West Hanover Township. There are 181 farms totaling 17,476 acres in 12 municipalities that have been preserved through the County program. It is a joint easement purchase with the County and the State each contributing 50% of the $192,780 needed to purchase this easement.

Mr. Haste thanked Mr. Bair for his commitment to preserving agricultural land in Dauphin County. The easement was valued at a higher figure $276,318.00, but Mr. Bair accepted approximately 70% of the full value.

Mr. Pries thanked Mr. Bair for his participation. He asked where the farm is located.

Mr. Bair indicated that the farm is north of Route 39, a couple miles east of the Central Dauphin High School.

Mr. Hartwick also thanked Mr. Bair. Farmland is valuable and it is important to have that open space. He thanked the Ag Land Preservation Board for their help in identifying potential farmland.
(The Commissioners presented Mr. Bair with a check. Applause was given and pictures were taken.)

B. Dauphin County Commissioners

1. Harrisburg University Esports Team Championship Recognition and presentation of Proclamation

The Commissioners congratulated the Harrisburg University Storm Team for their national championship. Storm defeated the top collegiate esports programs in North America. It is very interesting to watch. Esports is something that is new to the Board. It is a billion-dollar business. The players have now become role models for younger kids to follow and look up to. The Board admired their physical fitness approach and liked all the nicknames that they chose.

Mr. Gramano reported that the Storm defeated New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) in the quarterfinals. Harrisburg won 3-0, setting up a semifinal matchup with top-seeded rival team Maryville. The Storm prevailed after an intense match against Maryville, winning 3-2 to advance to the tournament final. The final pitted the Storm against the highly touted University of Utah, a PAC-12 Division 1 program. The Storm rallied to a final score of 3-1, closing out the Storm’s undefeated season.

Mr. Haste read the following Proclamation:

Office of the County Commissioners
Dauphin County, Pennsylvania

Proclamation

We, the Dauphin County Board of Commissioners, are pleased and proud to join with the many players, college officials, proud parents and fans in honoring Harrisburg University’s esports team, The Storm, for bringing home its first ESPN Overwatch National Championship trophy;

Whereas, in May, The Storm competed among the Elite 8 in Texas and triumphed over the top collegiate esports program in North America with a final score of 3-1;

Whereas, led by Director of Esports Chad Smeltz and Head Coach Joe Gramano, this tenacious team closed out the 2019 season with an impressive 33-0 record and as PA Cup Champions, 1st Place in the Temple University Tournament, and 1st Place in PiviP Overwatch Community Tournament in Ohio;

Whereas, in addition to earning the ESPN Overwatch National Championship, this top-ranked team has brought much recognition to Harrisburg University, to the capital county, and to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania;
Therefore, we join the 275,000 residents of Dauphin County in congratulating The Storm on their outstanding, undefeated season that culminated in the ESPN Overwatch National Championship and in wishing this skilled, history-making team enduring success; and in grateful recognition thereof, we do hereby proudly proclaim June 26, 2019 to be “Harrisburg University Storm, ESPN Overwatch National Champions, Day” in Dauphin County.

Certificates were distributed to the players, coaches and staff that were present. The players for Harrisburg University: Hunter Rogers, Jason Knittle, Austin Hobbs, Vincent DiGiacomo, Travis Letwiniuk, Alex Carrell, Jonathan Song, Josh Street, Louis Lin, Saben Neale and Isaiah Harris and coaches/staff Chad Smeltz, Director of esports, Giuseppe “Joe” Gramano, Head Coach, Doug Firestone, Chief of Staff, Brian Humphrey, Manager of Community Relations and Eric Darr, President.

(Appplause was given, and pictures were taken.)

The Commissioners look forward to next year’s activities.

C. Mike Yohe, Director of Budget & Finance

1. 2019/2020 Fiscal Year Budget Presentation & Adoption (A Vote is Requested 6/26/19)

Mr. Yohe reported that the 2019/2020 Fiscal Year Budget has been on display for three weeks and today is the date that was advertised to adopt the budget. There is nothing to add. These funds run on a June to July calendar year and are funded primarily by State and Federal dollars. $12.3 million of County dollars will be used to support the $95 million overall total.

Mr. Hartwick indicated that the increase in the MH/A/DP is to expand services in early intervention. The County had to increase its match in order to get more State dollars.

It was moved by Mr. Pries and seconded by Mr. Hartwick that the Board adopt the 2019/2020 Fiscal Year Budget.

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

Mr. Yohe noted that he will put the budget on the website.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Ms. Pena indicated that she has a Salary Board Packet. There are two requests for Children & Youth. There was also a change in the Personnel Packet, which she emailed earlier. There were no questions asked.

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

Mr. Baratucci had two requisitions to add to the Purchase Order Packet. One is for a yearly maintenance agreement for a copier and the other is for a replacement desk at the Northern Dauphin Human Services Center. The Commissioners indicated their approval to add the two requisitions.

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 Items 1 and 2 of the Training Packet.

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A. PCCD Grant Application Submission – Drug Court Track Expansion & Wellness Services.  (A Vote is Requested 6/26/19)

B. PCCD Grant Application Submission – RSAT Programming – MAT Expansion & SMART Recovery.  (A Vote is Requested 6/26/19)

C. Authorization of payment pursuant to the Stipulated Settlement Court Order regarding 1205 S. 28th Street, LLC.  (A Vote is Requested 6/26/19)

It was moved by Mr. Pries and seconded by Mr. Hartwick that the Board approve Items A through C 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 no 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