



DAUPHIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WORKSHOP MEETING

JANUARY 19, 2022

10:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mike Pries, Chairman
Chad Saylor, Vice Chairman
George P. Hartwick, III, Secretary

STAFF PRESENT

J. Scott Burford, Chief Clerk; Joseph A. Curcillo, III, Esq., Solicitor; Mary Bateman, Controller; Matthew Krupp, Prothonotary; Fran Chardo, Esq., District Attorney; Stephen Libhart, Deputy Chief Clerk; Brendon Bretz, Budget & Finance; Brett Hambright, Press Secretary; James Markel, Controller's Office; Donna Miller, Risk Manager; Frank Haulman, Information Technology; Rebecca McCullough, Esq., Solicitor's Office; Erin Varley, Esq., District Attorney's Office; Julie Mackey, Commissioners' Office; Kelly Megonnel, Commissioners' Office; Ruby Doub, Commissioners' Office and Richie-Ann Martz, Assistant Chief Clerk

GUESTS PRESENT

News Media (WHP 21, WHTM 27, Fox 43) Mary Quinn, Rhonda Hendrickson, Steve Turner, Earl Harris, Joe Robinson, Jr., and Rev. Dr. David T. Miller

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Pries, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Everyone observed a moment of silence. Commissioner Pries asked everyone to keep George Hartwick and Scott Burford's family in their prayers. Commissioner Hartwick's father passed away on Monday and Mr. Burford's mother-in-law passed away over the weekend.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There are several 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.

DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS/GUESTS

- A. YWCA Greater Harrisburg
 - Mary Quinn, President/CEO
 - Rhonda Hendrickson, Vice President of Programs
 - Steve Turner, Trafficking Consultant
 - District Attorney Fran Chardo

- 1. Presentation on Human Trafficking

Spokespersons from YWCA presented statistics and data on human trafficking. A map is attached to these minutes that shows where human trafficking occurs. Victims of traffickers can be found in many locations, such as nail salons, hotel, and tourist industries. Traffickers prey on the most vulnerable people in our communities. They target those struggling with drug addiction, a history of trauma, an unstable home life, lacking employment, and those without a support system. Traffickers are both U.S. citizens and foreign nationals and often share the same national, ethnic, or cultural background as their victims. The YWCA offers assistance to victims of human trafficking. Local information and supportive services are available to help victims safely and securely rebuild their lives by connecting them to basic services including: crisis intervention 24/7 response, emergency shelter, safety planning, housing, health care, immigration assistance, food, employment assistance, legal aid, case management services and medical and legal accompaniments. They also mentioned PAATH15,

which is a human trafficking response team consisting of 5 rape crisis centers, 4 human trafficking response teams, the PA Immigration Resource Center and Justice at Work.

Mr. Chardo discussed the policing and prosecution efforts that are being undertaken to stop human trafficking.

The Commissioners commented on the great job the YWCA is doing in helping victims get the resources that they need. They are glad the media is present today so that this information can be brought to the attention of the citizens. Flyers were provided to the Commissioners for placement at various locations.

Mr. Hartwick read the following Proclamation.

Office of County Commissioners
Dauphin County, Pennsylvania

Proclamation

We, the Dauphin County Board of Commissioners, join with our community in raising awareness about the devastating impact of human trafficking and support efforts to deter this predatory behavior that is persistent in the shadows of many communities in this region and across the globe;

Whereas, there are an estimated 40 million victims of human trafficking in the world today, with many victims forced into commercial sex trade, “escort services,” and pornography – a majority of the victims being targeted and groomed in pre-teenage years;

Whereas, we credit the YWCA Greater Harrisburg’s PAATH15 initiative – Pennsylvania Alliance Against Trafficking in Humans - Route 15 – which serves Dauphin and surrounding counties, as well as law enforcement, medical, and social services agencies committed to combatting this scourge;

Whereas, January was designated as National Human Trafficking Prevention Month, with our federal government teaming with regional providers to draw attention to this “abhorrent abuse of power and a profoundly immoral crime that strikes at the safety, health, and dignity of millions of people worldwide”;

Whereas, we thank the YWCA Greater Harrisburg and partner providers for amplifying the harrowing stories of abuse attached to trafficking and for their continued efforts to thwart this criminal activity which has proven itself to be pandemic-proof;

Therefore, we join the 286,000 residents of Dauphin County in supporting the YWCA Greater Harrisburg as well as the many agencies, organizations, and individuals united in this fight; and in grateful recognition of the need for continued efforts, we join with communities throughout the country in proclaiming January 2022 as “National Human Trafficking Prevention Month” in Dauphin County.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Ms. Mathis reported that the Salary Board and Personnel Packets were distributed this morning. On the Personnel Packet, Items 34 through 38 will be removed from the Packet. She is asking for a vote on Items 20 through 28 for the Prison.

It was moved by Mr. Hartwick and seconded by Mr. Saylor that the Board approve Items #20 through 28 of the Personnel Packet.

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

PURCHASE ORDERS

Mr. Bretz reported that there is nothing new with the Purchase Order Packet. He will work with the departments to correct any budget adjustments.

Mr. Hartwick noted that Donna is keeping up with all the items for COVID. The cost for these items will come from Federal dollars.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – JOSEPH A. CURCILLO, III, ESQ.

Mr. Curcillo had nothing to report. Everything on the report will be ready for next week. Item A listed on today's agenda is ready for a vote. No questions were asked.

CHIEF CLERK'S REPORT – J. SCOTT BURFORD

Mr. Burford had no report, and no questions were asked.

TRAINING PACKET

It was moved by Mr. Saylor and seconded by Mr. Hartwick that the Board approve Item #1 of the Training Packet.

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

MATTERS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

- A. Ratification of Stipulation of Settlement – Harrisburg Hospitality Group, LLC v. Dauphin County Board of Assessment Appeals – Parcel #01-056-005 – Docket No. 2020-CV-9540-TX.

It was moved by Mr. Saylor and seconded by Mr. Hartwick that the Board approve Item A listed above under Matters Requiring Board Action.

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

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Ms. Bateman had no comments.

Mr. Krupp had no comments.

Mr. Saylor reported on his day in Middletown with the opening of the new train station. It is multimodal transportation – airport, buses, trains, and bicycles for the area.

He also had a phone call with PennDOT regarding the Market Street Bridge. They were reviewing the plans, which was very interesting.

He offered his condolences to Commissioner Hartwick. You never get over the loss of a parent.

Mr. Hartwick noted that the 4th Floor family has always been there for him, especially during this loss. They are like his second family.

Mr. Pries echoed Mr. Saylor's comments. The Board and 4th Floor employees are thinking about you and your family, as well as Mr. Burford's family.

The Farm Show recently ended. He has not gotten the figures yet. The next event will be the Great American Outdoor Show on February 5-13. This brings a lot of money to the area.

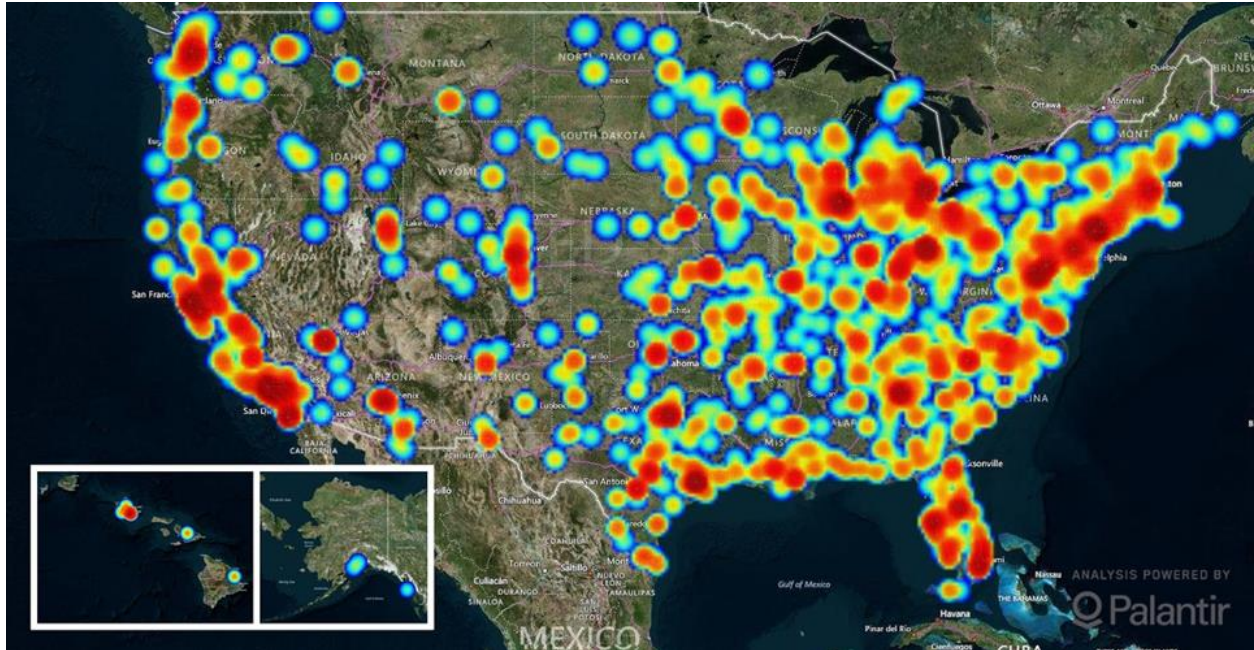
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Hartwick and seconded by Mr. Saylor that the Board adjourn; motion carried.

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