



DAUPHIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WORKSHOP MEETING

FEBRUARY 16, 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; Janis Creason, Treasurer; Chris Davis, Director of Budget & Finance; Brett Hambright, Press Secretary; Jim Markel, Controller's Office; Darla Mathis, Human Resources; Donna Miller, Risk Manager; Frank Haulman, Information Technology; Security Guard, Rebecca McCullough, Esq., Solicitor's Office; Ruby Doub, Commissioners' Office; Kelly Megonnel, Commissioners' Office and Richie-Ann Martz, Assistant Chief Clerk

GUESTS PRESENT

Earl Harris and Joe Robinson, Jr.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Pries, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 10:09 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

Mr. Burford noted that two Executive Sessions were held this morning. One was regarding matters of Real Estate and the other one was regarding personnel matters.

DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS/GUESTS

- A. American Red Cross (update on programs/initiatives)
Laura Burke, Executive Director
Melinda Rosario, Disaster Program Manager

Mr. Pries noted that Sheila Fuller-Borne is here. She is a Board Member at Penn State Hershey.

Mr. Pries read the following Proclamation proclaiming March 2022 as Red Cross Month in Dauphin County.

*Office of County Commissioners
Dauphin County, Pennsylvania*

Proclamation

We, the Dauphin County Board of Commissioners, join with our community in recognizing nearly 150 years of humanitarian efforts and services provided by the American Red Cross and extend warm gratitude to the many volunteers who serve as the engine of this vital organization;

Whereas, in 1881, Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross, turning her steadfast dedication for helping others into a bold mission to prevent human suffering; today, we honor the many Red Cross volunteers in Dauphin County who join millions of people across the United States in fulfilling Clara's mission;

Whereas, Red Cross volunteers in Dauphin County give hope to people on their darkest days, whether it's providing emergency shelter, food and comfort for families devastated by local disasters or engineering blood drives for those in need of life-saving medical procedures and care;

Whereas, we give special recognition to the volunteers who served daily at Dauphin County's Mass Vaccination Clinic, a drive-thru operation that provided vaccine to tens of thousands of people to limit the devastation of the COVID-19 pandemic;

Whereas, the Red Cross's many projects and enduring works strengthen our community's resilience in the spirit of Clara's words: "You must never think of anything except the need, and how to meet it";

Therefore, we join the 286,000 residents of Dauphin County in paying tribute to those who carry on the noble legacy of the American Red Cross and encourage all citizens to support its humanitarian mission; and in grateful recognition of the need for continued efforts, we proudly proclaim March 2022 “American Red Cross Month” in Dauphin County.

Ms. Fuller appreciates the Commissioners support and time to recognize the American Red Cross. She was accompanied by Laura Burke and Melinda Rosario.

Ms. Burke provided an update on what has happened at the Red Cross in 2021, which is attached.

Ms. Rosario stated that the Red Cross sits on many committees and makes referrals. They have a great partnership with Children & Youth, Crisis, etc. They are also having a large event in Steelton Borough and Swatara Township on March 4 – the “Sounding Alarms Campaign”. They work with children on how to how to prepare for a disaster. They hope to do an event in northern Dauphin County.

Mr. Saylor thanked everyone for the work that they do. He is happy to partner with the Red Cross. When a disaster happens, the Red Cross is right there to help.

Ms. Borne indicated that they will share the information on the events with the Commissioners’ staff.

Mr. Hartwick stated that the Red Cross takes care of the human concerns. The Red Cross is among the first responders. He also discussed the mental illness that is affecting folks. The County can partner with the Red Cross to get this information out to the public.

It was also noted that the Red Cross is in need of blood and anyone that would like to donate can do so. The public can call 717-409-0696.

Mr. Pries noted that the Red Cross is an amazing organization. When a disaster occurs or a fire displaces folks, the Red Cross is right there lending their assistance.

(Applause was given, and pictures were taken.)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Ms. Mathis reported that the Salary Board and Personnel Packets were emailed.

Ms. Saylor asked about the Facilities Maintenance changes.

Mr. Burford indicated that this is one more step to enhance the services – a company came in a few years ago and made some recommendations. This is one more step where we can bring some of those services that we currently use inhouse.

Mr. Saylor asked if the County has seen some of those savings.

Mr. Burford stated that there are still some contracts out there, but efforts are still being continued.

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

PURCHASE ORDERS

Mr. Davis reported that there are no changes to the Packet and that it will be ready for a vote next week.

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

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

Mr. Curcillo had nothing to report, and no questions were asked. He did indicate that the items listed on the Solicitor's Report will be reviewed for consideration at next week's Legislative Meeting.

CHIEF CLERK'S REPORT – J. SCOTT BURFORD

Mr. Burford had nothing to 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

There was none.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Mr. Pries reported that the Great American Outdoor Show has just completed, and he is waiting for the official numbers. He also noted that the productions at Gamut Theatre were very well attended.

Mr. Hartwick stated that he attended the NACo Legislative Conference, and he has already shared information with staff. There is \$1.2 trillion dollars that will be awarded. It will be on a competitive basis. Counties should be prepared to provide a list of projects that are shovel ready. The County needs to take advantage of this funding.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Robinson also commended the Red Cross. He is already registered for their blood drive. He also commended the Commissioners for their support of Black History Month – Echoes of the Voices of the Eighth Ward.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Transcribed by: Richie-Ann Martz



118

Volunteers supporting our mission



31

Disaster event responses supporting 153 individuals

1 | American Red Cross



23

Volunteer deployments to National disasters



626

Units of blood collected



26

Free smoke alarms installed



126

Critical community and emergency cases to military personnel

2 | American Red Cross

The Value of Community Partnership

- Blood Drives/Blood Donors
- Veteran Resource Groups
- Long term assistance for displaced individuals
- Collaboration in the aftermath of a disaster (feeding, etc).
- Proactive Programming
 - Free Preparedness Education
 - Free Smoke Alarm Installation
 - Mass Care Exercises and support
 - Building and developing volunteers

3 | American Red Cross



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