



DAUPHIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WORKSHOP MEETING

MARCH 30, 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 K. Bateman, Controller; Judge John Cherry; Judge William Tully; George Connor, Director of Community & Economic Development; Stephen Libhart, Deputy Chief Clerk; Brett Hambright, Press Secretary; Donna Miller, Risk Manager; Deb Freeman, Court Administrator; Jennifer Simpson, Courts; Robert Sisock, Courts; Sheila Britt, Director of Domestic Relations; Heather Artz, Court Reporter; Fred Lighty, Esq., Solicitor's Office; Chris Davis, Director of Budget & Finance; Matt Miller, Director of Work Release; Troy Petery, Courts; Chad Libby, Director of Probation Services; Rebecca McCullough, Esq., Solicitor's Office; Darla Mathis, Human Resources; Amanda Carter, Director of Costs & Fines; Laura Motter, Law Librarian; Kelly Megonnel, Commissioners' Office; Richie-Ann Martz, Assistant Chief Clerk

GUESTS PRESENT

Joseph Robinson, Earl Harris, John Lawrence, Carmen Lawrence, Cathy Watlington, and Ayla Watlington

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.

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. Judiciary Members, Courthouse Staff, Department Directors
 - 1. Proclamation to Honor Mariann Lawrence

Mr. Pries stated that the Board has a special presentation today – a Proclamation to honor Mariann Lawrence. Mariann worked at the County for 46 years. She started back in 1976 when gas was 59 cents a gallon and a car cost \$5,400.00. Mariann was a constant professional. She spoke very highly of her family.

Judge Cherry noted that she was a friend and loved her family. She adored her niece and nephew and talked about them all the time. She never wanted to take a vacation. He told her to take a vacation between Christmas and New Year and that he didn't want to see her in the office. She ended up coming in the 30th and 31st but admitted that she enjoyed the time off. Mariann was a dedicated employee. On behalf of the Dauphin County Court, he offered sincere condolences to the family. The Court respected and loved Mariann.

Judge Tully stated for him everything started in the District Attorney's Office. In 1983, she was already an institution. If you had any questions about Fines & Costs, she was the one that got it done. She was the bright spot in the basement.

The Commissioners acknowledged the dedication that Mariann had. In the dictionary under the word "dedication" they should have a picture of Mariann. She brought in a lot of revenue. She was proud of her family, and she led with her heart. The Commissioners recalled an incident where a pipe burst in the basement of the Courthouse and there was Mariann moving boxes and cleaning up her area. She also

was there when Commissioner Pries became part of the County family in 2000. She welcomed him and gave him an idea of how things worked.

Mr. Saylor read the following Proclamation:

*Office of County Commissioners
Dauphin County, Pennsylvania*

Proclamation

We, the Dauphin County Board of Commissioners, express our deepest sympathy to the family, friends, and many co-workers and colleagues of Mariann Lawrence and take this opportunity to express our sadness at her passing at the age of 64 at her home in Harrisburg;

Whereas, Mariann was a pillar of Dauphin County government, and a beaming light enjoyed by the thousands of co-workers fortunate enough to have met Mariann during her nearly 50 years in the county's Fines & Costs Department;

Whereas, Mariann was believed to be Dauphin County's longest-tenured employee at the time of her passing, and she had no immediate plans to retire – a symbol of her commitment to the county and enjoyment of those she worked for and alongside;

Whereas, a generous person with a boisterous sense of humor, she shepherded the Fines & Costs Department through many trials and tribulations, including the fabled flooding of her department – and many other courthouse offices – when a pipe burst over a Thanksgiving holiday many years ago;

Whereas, Mariann is survived by her mother, sister, and two brothers, and we know they will miss her steadfast devotion to being a loving daughter and sibling;

Therefore, we join the 286,000 residents of Dauphin County in honoring the life of Mariann T. Lawrence; and in recognition of a life well-lived full of joy and public service, we proudly proclaim March 30, 2022 – the date of a public ceremony honoring her service to Dauphin County – as “Mariann T. Lawrence Remembrance Day” in Dauphin County.

John, Mariann's brother, stated that she really loved what she did and talked about everyone here. She was always there for her family.

Cathy, Mariann's sister, thanked everyone for being here. She was a good sister. She was proud to be part of Dauphin County and spoke very highly of everyone here. She thanked the Board for honoring her today.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Ms. Mathis reported that the Salary Board and Personnel Packets were emailed yesterday. She requested a vote on Item #6.

It was moved by Mr. Hartwick and seconded by Mr. Saylor that the Board approve Item 6 of the Personnel Packet.

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

The Salary Board and Personnel Packets will be considered at next week's Legislative

PURCHASE ORDERS – CHRIS DAVIS

Mr. Davis reported that the Purchase Order Packet was distributed yesterday. All budget adjustments will be made prior to 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 reported that everything listed on the Solicitor's Report will be reviewed by the Solicitor's Office for approval at next week's Legislative Meeting.

He also noted that the two items listed on the agenda today are ready for approval.

CHIEF CLERK'S REPORT – J. SCOTT BURFORD

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

TRAINING PACKET

It was moved by Mr. Hartwick and seconded by Mr. Saylor that the Board approve Item #8 and #13 of the Training Packet.

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

MATTERS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

- A. Amendment #6 to ME 300-1116 between Dauphin County (Economic Development) and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of the Budget.
- B. Food Service Amendment No. 7 between Dauphin County and Aramark Correctional Services, LLC for the period April 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022.

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

Discussion: Mr. Hartwick stated that Item B is a temporary measure until an RFP can be put together.

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

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

There was none.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Rev. Harris commended the Board for their leadership and their level of engagement. He also discussed a Zoom meeting that he had this morning regarding the Holocaust.

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