



DAUPHIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WORKSHOP MEETING

APRIL 13, 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; Janis Creason, Treasurer; Stephen Libhart, Deputy Chief Clerk; Brett Hambright, Press Secretary; Chris Davis, Director of Budget & Finance; Darla Mathis, Human Resources; Jeff Enders, Director of Public Safety; Fred Lighty, Esq., Solicitor's Office; Greg Kline, Public Safety; Donna Miller, Risk Manager; Rebecca McCullough, Esq., Solicitor's Office; Frank Haulman, Information Technology; Ryan Rodgers, Public Safety; Kaylyn Sweitzer, Public Safety; Corey Williams, Public Safety; Security Guard; Richie-Ann Martz, Assistant Chief Clerk

GUESTS PRESENT

Earl Harris

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 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.

DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS/GUESTS

- A. Dauphin County Commissioners
 - 1. Proclamation for National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

Mr. Pries called forward Jeff Enders, Director of Public Safety. Today, the Board has the pleasure of honoring the county professionals who answer 911 calls and dispatch the appropriate first responders to callers in extreme distress. April 10-16, 2022 is Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. In the audience are some honorees, as well as some new members of the team, who started taking 9-1-1 calls in recent weeks.

In 2021, Dauphin County's 911 call-takers answered an average of 1,148 calls per day, or 48 calls an hour, which resulted in 302,324 emergency dispatches for police, fire, and EMS services.

Today, the Board is honoring the best of the best for 2021. There are stork pins for dispatchers who provided instructions over the phone to deliver a baby, Lifesaver Awards for those who provided CPR or other instructions contributing to the preservation of life, and Special Recognition Awards for actions and contributions deemed extraordinary.

Mr. Pries read the following Proclamation:

Office of the County Commissioners
Dauphin County, Pennsylvania

Proclamation

We, the Dauphin County Board of Commissioners, take immense pride and pleasure in commending the extraordinary composure, compassion and expertise of our exceedingly valuable - but often unrecognized - public safety telecommunicators during the week of April 10th to April 16th, 2022;

Whereas, since 1991, we have recognized the men and women who serve as public safety telecommunicators, and although not physically on-scene of emergencies, they are emergency responders directly contributing to saving life and property in Dauphin County;

Whereas, these skillful and expertly trained telecommunicators offer callers life-saving medical instructions 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and dispatch the fire, police, and medical units urgently needed in an emergency;

Whereas, in 2021, Dauphin County telecommunicators answered a total of 419,148 calls for help and dispatched assistance 302,324 times for crises ranging from accidents and crimes to medical and mental health emergencies; incredibly, the dispatch team sent or received more than 5.5 million radio transmissions last year;

Whereas, we give special recognition this year to three telecommunicators – Kaylyn Sweitzer, Corey Williams, and Ryan Rodgers – who earned pins of honor for efforts in the past year to preserve lives;

Therefore, in grateful tribute to the life-saving aid offered by the calm, competent and reassuring voice at the other end of every 9-1-1 call, we proudly join the 286,000 residents of Dauphin County in proclaiming the week of April 10th to April 16th, 2022, as “Public Safety Telecommunicators Week” and thank our county telecommunicators for offering critical aid each and every time an emergency occurs.

Mr. Saylor stated that the County does not have a police department, fire department, or ambulance services, but what we do have is a communication system that is used to connect with everyone. We have trained men and women that sit behind computer terminals that go from 0 to 60. It is a pleasure to honor our telecommunicators today.

Mr. Hartwick thanked the telecommunicators for their dedication to public service. You care about others and the lifesaving aid that you administer is something that should be recognized. A lot of the telecommunicators feel that it is their job and shy away from being recognized. He is proud to recognize these individuals.

Mr. Enders echoed their comments. Even though there is a shortage of staff, these telecommunicators continue to handle the call flow. They are the heroes on the front line.

Mr. Pries thanked the telecommunicators for what they do in answering calls from individuals that are at their worst. He indicated that he could not do their job.

Mr. Pries called forward Kaylyn Sweitzer. She is receiving two awards. The first is a stork pin for a childbirth, and the second is a special recognition award for her participation in the apprehension of a double homicide suspect.

Ms. Sweitzer described the incidents for both the childbirth (July 12, 2021) and the apprehension of the suspect (February 9, 2022).

Mr. Pries presented Ms. Sweitzer with a Certificate and pin.

(Applause was given.)

Mr. Saylor called forward Corey Williams. He is receiving three awards. Two awards are for CPR saves (July 22, 2021 and February 7, 2022) and the third is for his actions in the apprehension of the double homicide suspect (February 9, 2022).

Mr. Williams described his incidents for the awards that he received.

Mr. Saylor presented Mr. Williams with Certificates.

(Applause was given.)

Mr. Hartwick called forward Ryan Rodgers. He is receiving a special recognition award for his quick thinking and actions in helping locate a suicidal person (June 9, 2021).

Mr. Rodgers described the circumstances surrounding his award.

(Applause was given.)

The Commissioners took a group photo with the honorees.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

HUMAN RESOURCES – DARLA MATHIS

Ms. Mathis reported that the Salary Board Packet and Personnel Packet were emailed yesterday. She is asking for a vote on Items #7, 8, 30-37, 39, and 49-53.

It was moved by Mr. Hartwick and seconded by Mr. Saylor that the Board approve Items #7, 8, 30-37, 39, and 49-53 of the Personnel Packet.

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

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

PURCHASE ORDERS – CHRIS DAVIS

Mr. Davis reported that the Purchase Order Packet was distributed yesterday. He is asking for a vote on Requisition #R300534.

It was moved by Mr. Hartwick and seconded by Mr. Saylor that the Board approve Requisition #R300534 of the Purchase Order Packet.

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

Mr. Hartwick noted that this is for accessible playground equipment at Parks & Recreation.

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

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

Mr. Curcillo stated that he had nothing specific to add. No questions were asked.

CHIEF CLERK'S REPORT – J. SCOTT BURFORD

Mr. Burford have nothing to report, and no questions were asked.

TRAINING PACKET

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

MATTERS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

There was none.

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. Saylor that the Board adjourn; motion carried.

Transcribed by: Richie-Ann Martz