



## **DAUPHIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

### **WORKSHOP MEETING**

**APRIL 27, 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; Fred Lighty, Esq., Solicitor's Office; Chad Libby, Director of Probation Services; Randie Yeager, Director of Human Services; Gerald Feaser, Jr., Director of Voter Registration/Elections; Chris Spackman, Voter Registration/Elections; Donna Miller, Risk Manager; Darla Mathis, Human Resources; Rebecca McCullough, Esq., Solicitor's Office; Autumn Gruzlewski, Community & Economic Development; Brooke Echevarria, Community & Economic Development; and Richie-Ann Martz, Assistant Chief Clerk

### **GUESTS PRESENT**

Addisyn Gruzlewski, Francis Jackson, and Christina Johnson

### **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**

Mr. Burford reported on an Executive Session that was held on April 20, 2022 to discuss matters of litigation.

## **ELECTION BOARD**

A complete set of Election Board Meeting Minutes are on file in the Commissioners' Office.

## **DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS/GUESTS**

Mr. Pries noted that the guests, as listed on the Agenda, will be taken out of order due to timing issues.

- A. Special Recognition – German Consulate's Visit to Dauphin County

Mr. Pries recognized and thanked the German Consulate for the work that they do and for taking the time to visit Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. (Commissioners Pries and Saylor had breakfast with the Consul General David Gill.)

Mr. Gill was honored to be here. He represents Germany in this region. He is responsible for the states of Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania and Bermuda. It is important to be available during times of war. We need each other and should stand together. He was grateful to learn about Pennsylvania and Harrisburg.

Mr. Hartwick stated that it is important to build bridges in a time where there is conflict. The County is open for business. His father, who passed away a few months ago,

spent a few months, years ago, in Germany learning a skill and trade for his job back in Steelton at Bethlehem Steel. He thanked the Consulate for joining the Board today.

Mr. Saylor spoke in German. (He thanked them for their visit, etc.) He gave them a “Small Taste of the County” gift.

B. Dauphin County Commissioners

1. Certificate of Recognition – Addisyn Gruzlewski – State Champion Archer (Halifax School Middle School)

Mr. Pries called Addisyn forward and stated that she has her own special day. He mentioned that the Board honored Upper Dauphin Area School District’s Archery Team last week. He told Addisyn to be thankful for her parents, who run her to practices and meets, and to her coaches.

Mr. Hartwick stated that since you are only in Middle School, you have a lot of time to compete. The ability to come back becomes more difficult, because the other teams are going to have their sights on you. Archery takes a lot of practice and skill.

Mr. Saylor congratulated Addisyn. She was 1<sup>st</sup> place, Middle School female, at the National Archery in Schools Program (NASP) State Tournament at State College in March. She also placed 1<sup>st</sup> for the Middle School Female, 3D IBO competition at NASP State Tournament.

The Commissioners presented Addisyn with a Certificate of Recognition.

(Applause was given and pictures were taken.)

C. Chab Libby, Director of Probation Services

1. Proclamation for National Reentry Week

Mr. Libby thanked the Board for taking the time to recognize this important week. When the County embarked on this journey back in 2012, it looked at its reentry into the community. Programs were put into place to reduce recidivism. The County has specialty courts, which are very successful.

Francis Jackson and Christina Johnson both acknowledged the partnership that they have with the County.

Ms. Yeager stated that she appreciates all of our community members. There is critical training that will come up through the efforts of the Commissioners.

Mr. Libby stated that these are important services that help them become productive citizens. Financing has been a challenge. He thanked the Board for providing some of those funds to help out these services. There has been a big push to get more funding.

The Commissioners thanked Mr. Libby and the community partners for all their work  
Mr. Hartwick read the following Proclamation:

*Office of County Commissioners  
Dauphin County, Pennsylvania  
Proclamation*

*We, the Dauphin County Board of Commissioners, are pleased to join with the many law enforcement professionals, nonprofit agencies, volunteers, and community members committed to helping offenders successfully reenter society and lead productive and healthy lives;*

*Whereas, throughout the United States, more than 600,000 men and women return to the community from prisons annually and, in Dauphin County, roughly 6,000 individuals are under probation and parole supervision every year;*

*Whereas, we are fortunate to have dedicated individuals and organizations who make up the Dauphin County Reentry Coalition, which is committed to helping those released from incarceration and battling recidivism;*

*Whereas, the Dauphin County Reentry Coalition's mission is to improve outcomes for offenders currently in the criminal justice system, present diversionary programs for lesser crimes, and assist with the early identification of at-risk individuals to link them with services and support;*

*Whereas, April has been designated at the national level as "Second Chance Month" and April 25 through 29 as "Reentry Week" to underscore the importance of focusing on efforts to reintegrate reentrants into society and give them tools to succeed;*

*Therefore, we join the 286,000 residents of Dauphin County in supporting the vital work of the Dauphin County Reentry Coalition and everyone who works to help individuals transitioning back into society; and while recognizing that reducing recidivism is truly a community-wide effort, we do hereby proclaim April 25 through 29, 2022, as "Reentry Week" in Dauphin County.*

(Applause was given, and pictures were taken.)

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was none.

## **HUMAN RESOURCES – DARLA MATHIS**

Ms. Mathis reported that the Salary Board Packet and the Personnel Packet were emailed yesterday. She is asking for a vote on Item #41.

**It was moved by Mr. Hartwick and seconded by Mr. Saylor that the Board approve Item #41 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 will make the necessary budget amendments prior to next week.

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

Mr. Saylor noted that Mr. Davis received an award after completing training hours with his local volunteer fire company.

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

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

**CHIEF CLERK'S REPORT – J. SCOTT BURFORD**

Mr. Burford stated that he had nothing to report. 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. Saylor and seconded by Mr. Hartwick that the Board adjourn; motion carried.**

Transcribed by: Richie-Ann Martz