



**DAUPHIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**WORKSHOP MEETING**

**NOVEMBER 9, 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; Stephen Libhart, Deputy Chief Clerk; Edgar Cohen, Director of Facility Maintenance; Chad Libby, Director of Probation Services; Matt Miller, Director of Work Release; Jeff Enders, Director of Public Safety; Chris Davis, Director of Budget & Finance; Fred Lighty, Esq., Solicitor's Office; Rebecca McCullough, Esq., Solicitor's Office; Frank Haulman, Information Technology; Brett Hambright, Press Secretary; Katie Hornberger, Human Resources; Security Guard; Jessica Spandler, Commissioners' Office; Julie Mackey, Commissioners' Office; and Richie-Ann Martz, Assistant Chief Clerk

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Rev. Earl Harris

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Pries, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 10:02 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. Chad Libby, Director of Probation Services/Matt Miller, Director of Work Release
  - 1. Department Updates, Outlook

### **Work Release Center**

Mr. Miller thanked the Board for having him here today to provide an update on the status of the Work Release Center. They are working on a new limited healthcare contract with PrimeCare. Presently a PrimeCare nurse is at the Work Release Center four hours daily to oversee resident medical concerns and triage any pressing resident needs (whether they need to see a primary care physician or go to the E.R.). They have seen more and more residents needing mental health services (30 of 113 men 26% and 6 of 11 women 54% - 29% total). The Center has additionally contracted with PrimeCare to provide a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner to be on-site two hours weekly to oversee residents with mental health needs. This much needed service started in September and will be incorporated into the new contract. PrimeCare has also assisted the Center with its COREMR electronic medication recording system to assist staff in overseeing that residents properly self-administer their prescribed medications. Since the inception of the contracts with PrimeCare, over 10 years ago, no general fund dollars have been used to pay for these services. They are 100% paid for out of the Work Release Inmate Commissary Fund.

Medically Assisted Treatment (MAT) needs are now able to be provided to residents in need at the Center. Presently, they have residents on methadone and Sublocade at the Center. Subutex (Suboxone) is possible but is still a work in progress with PrimeCare and the management of the Center. It is preferred that Sublocade, a once monthly injection, be utilized to prevent misuse/abuse. The County's Drug & Alcohol

Department has been very helpful in assisting in the Center's MAT process. The Work Release residents are eligible for Medical Assistance.

Mr. Hartwick asked that the Center use as much MA dollars as they can before pulling from any other funds.

Mr. Miller stated that the On-site Drug and Alcohol programming continues. They have two providers – Genesis House and The Naaman Center who maintain on-site offices for residents needing evaluations and outpatient counseling.

Coming out of the pandemic has re-shaped the Center's population. In February 2020, the average daily population was 188 men and 38 women for a total average daily population of 227. For October 2022, the average daily population was 125 (114 men and 11 women). With this reduction, it has allowed the staff to focus more intensively on the population it has and to better serve their needs.

The employment rates for the resident population continues to exceed 95% on a weekly basis. The Employment Transition Team has done a tremendous job in keeping the population employed, but also in seeing that they are making a sustainable wage. It is uncommon for any of the residents to be making less than \$12 to \$15 dollars an hour.

In 2023, the replacement of the parking lot will commence. The lot will be milled and resurfaced to accommodate the heavy use the complex receives daily.

It is important to note that the Center, since 2012, has received approximately \$15.4 million dollars in reimbursements from the PA Department of Corrections under Act 81. These funds, that Dauphin County is entitled to for having sentencing level 4 and 5 offenders participate in a county work release program, have greatly enhanced the safety, security, and integrity of the Work Release program, while lessening the burden of expenses on the taxpayers.

He appreciates the support that is provided by the Commissioners and the Court.

The Commissioners discussed the use of MA funds, asked if Mr. Miller was requesting any new positions, where he stands with his budget, and what type of jobs the residents have.

Mr. Miller stated that he is not asking for any new positions. Staffing is well. There are some vacancies. The jobs are mostly in hospitality and warehouse. He believes the Center will be in a good position next year.

Those residents that are not working may be in the Center for other purposes, such as working through various treatment phases in a specialty court.

## Probation Services

Mr. Libby stated that Probation Services has 165 staff. The merging of Juvenile and Adult Probation Services happened back in 2013. The main initiative is the Evidenced-Based Practices, Gangs and Specialty Courts. He thanked the Courts and the Commissioners for their support.

Juvenile Probation – comparing 2013 and 2021: Crimes received 2,375 and 2,211; Youth Referred – 937 and 757; Dispositions – 1,501 and 1,764 (Diversion making up to 24% of all referrals; Community-Based Practices – 561 and 463 (Success rate 76% and 83%); Placement – 181 and 77 (Success rate 26% and 38%); Caseload Average – 19 and 12; and Overall Recidivism Rate – 23%. A lot of the youth that are seen have trauma, family issues and drug and alcohol issues. Seventy-eight guns were taken off the street. Probation Services has a Police Probation Partnership in just about every jurisdiction. The County has a partnership with the FBI and the Attorney General's Programs, and a Gang Task Force.

Adult Probation – comparing 2013 and 2021: Intakes – 4,289 and 4,264; Offenders – 6,900 and 5,500; Caseloads – 105 and 65; Overall recidivism – 19.2%.

Some of the notables – Monetary Compliance Unit – they averaged \$1.3 million in collections the last three years. Others include the Drug Testing Lab; IDU and Streets Crime; Police Probation Partnership; Fugitive Task Force; Vet, Drug and MH Courts; Sex Offender and MH Caseloads; Ignition Interlock Program; and AHSS Program.

Mr. Libby also touched on the EDIT Committee, Community Outreach Coordinator, Officer Safety Program, Family Partnership Program, Electronic Monitoring (GPS and Alcohol Detection Program), CJAB, Reentry Program, Drug Testing Lab, Gang Task Force and Officer Safety Program.

The Commissioners also asked Mr. Libby if he was asking for new positions, what the budget will look like for 2023 and staffing.

Mr. Libby stated that he is not asking for any new positions, and his budget should be fine. His concern with staffing is the lack of interest in this profession. He also appreciates the support from the Commissioners and the Court.

The Commissioners advised Mr. Libby to purchase the items that were on a list that he provided to the Commissioners – tasers and vests. As long as Mr. Libby had the money in his budget to purchase these items, he should do so this year.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Pries thanked the Voter Registration/Elections Office, Information Technology, and the Solicitor's Office and everyone that was involved with the election process.

Everything ran smoothly. The County did get another lawsuit. Dauphin County was the first and only county to have everything done by 11:30 p.m.

Mr. Saylor agreed with Mr. Pries. Kudos to Mr. Feaser and his team, as well as the employees from Information Technology.

Mr. Hartwick agreed. This was one of the best run elections. He thanked all the volunteers and teamwork by Voter Registration/Elections and Information Technology.

## **HUMAN RESOURCES**

Ms. Hornberger asked if there were any questions regarding the Packets. There was none. She did ask for a vote on Items #31, 32, 33, and 34. They are for correctional officers at the Prison.

Mr. Saylor also noted that an additional six positions are being posted and a couple other positions. He asked if there are any postings coming through for the Sheriff's Office.

Ms. Hornberger stated no.

**It was moved by Mr. Saylor and seconded by Mr. Hartwick that the Board approve Items #31, 32, 33, and 34 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**

Mr. Davis reported that there are no changes to the Packet that was sent out yesterday. All necessary budget adjustments will be made prior to next week. No questions were asked.

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 as of right now it looks like everything listed on the Solicitor's Report will be ready for next week's Legislative Meeting. No questions were asked.

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

Mr. Burford had nothing to add, and no questions were asked.

## **TRAINING PACKET**

**It was moved by Mr. Saylor and seconded by Mr. Hartwick that the Board approve Items #1 and #2 of the Training Packet.**

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

## **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