



**DAUPHIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**LEGISLATIVE MEETING**

**APRIL 15, 2009**

**10:00 A.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Jeff Haste, Chairman  
Dominic D. DiFrancesco, II, Vice Chairman  
George P. Hartwick, III, Secretary

**STAFF PRESENT**

Chad Saylor, Chief Clerk; Janis Creason, Treasurer; William Tully, Esq., Solicitor; J. Scott Burford, Deputy Chief Clerk; Randy Baratucci, Director of Purchasing; Mike Yohe, Director of Budget & Finance; Kay Lengle, Personnel; Dave Schreiber, Personnel; Steve Shaver, Director of EMA; Jack Harlacker, EMA; Carolyn Thompson, Court Administrator; Ken Rapp, Chief Public Defender; Tom Guenther, Director of IT; August Memmi, Community & Economic Development; Steve Libhart, District Attorney's Office; Diane McNaughton, Commissioners' Office; Carl Dickson, Director of Parks & Recreation; Amy Richards, Commissioners' Office; Bart Shellenhamer, EMA; Laurie Over, EMA; Jodi Pottiger, EMA; Michael Lawrence, EMA; Jason Miller, Commissioners' Office; Leila Brown, Solicitor's Office; Kacey Truax, Commissioners' Office; Brenda Hoffer, Commissioners' Office and Richie-Ann Martz, Assistant Chief Clerk

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Dan Miller, Mr. & Mrs. J. Stonehill, Haley Albright, Bailey Gojmarec, Brittany Hardy, Mackenzie Keefer, Morgan Light, Kierstin Long, Emilee McGiver, Courtney Moyer, Savannah Roman, Ashley Royer, Madison Ruby, Janelle Sheaffer, Samantha Stonehill, Destiney Sheetz, Jastlyn Torres, Angela Keefer, Tammy James and Beth Miller-Lopez

**MINUTES**

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Haste, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

## **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Everyone observed a moment of silence.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**It was moved by Mr. DiFrancesco and seconded by Mr. Hartwick that the Board approve the March 25, 2009 Workshop Meeting Minutes and the April 1, 2009 Legislative Meeting Minutes; motion carried.**

**It was moved by Mr. Hartwick and seconded by Mr. DiFrancesco that the Board approve the April 1, 2009 Salary Board Meeting Minutes; motion carried.**

## **EXECUTIVE SESSIONS HELD BETWEEN MEETINGS**

Mr. Saylor: We met twice in Executive Session. Once was on April 7, 2009 to discuss personnel matters and again on April 10, 2009 to discuss personnel matters.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Haste: We are at the point in time in the meeting for public participation. Is there anyone in the audience that would like to address the Board at this time? (There was none.)

## **DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS/GUESTS**

### **A. Dauphin County Commissioners**

#### **1. Middletown Raider Extreme Cheerleading Squad – First place winners in the National Competition in Maryland**

Mr. Hartwick: It is my pleasure this morning to honor all of the young ladies that are here before us and to say a couple words related to a sport that sometimes people don't realize the amount of gymnastics, athletic and practice that go into what requires to be a cheerleader today. It is not like the old days where you just stood there and provide the cheer. You need to be gymnasts. You need to be flexible, motivated and on time for practice. I hear a lot about the success of the Middletown squad. I believe we have

some of the parents in the audience as well. I see Jeffrey Stonehill in the back and our employees who are here also as proud parents and we are here as a proud Board of Commissioners. Today we get a chance to do something different. I believe cheerleading is an athletic sport. It is one that we are very proud of as we are of all the other school districts in the area when they bring great recognition to this region as a result of your hard work, excellence and success. Thank you for all of the hard work you placed into this and in honor and recognition of your special achievement we have prepared a Proclamation today on behalf of the Board of Commissioners.

*Office of County Commissioner*  
**Dauphin County, Pennsylvania**

## Proclamation

***We**, the Dauphin County Board of Commissioners, are honored to acknowledge and applaud the outstanding athletic achievements of the Middletown Raider Extreme Cheerleader Squad, which culminated in a thrilling national championship this year;*

***Whereas**, the Raider Extreme Junior High Team won the American Cheer and Dance Academy's National Competition in Ocean City, Maryland on February 28, 2009;*

***Whereas**, their ranking is even more remarkable considering that the program began just two short years ago, and in that time, the squad skyrocketed to No. 1 in the nation;*

***Whereas**, these agile, young champions have practiced long and hard, and have brought honor and recognition to themselves, their coaches, their school, the historic community of Middletown and this very grateful county of Dauphin;*

***Whereas**, the achievements and evident character of these talented young women have carried on Middletown's proud tradition of excellence and community service;*

***Whereas**, these young women are winners in every sense of the word: Haley Albright, Bailey Gojmarec, Brittany Hardy, Mackenzie Keefer, Morgan Light, Kierstin Long, Emilee McGiver, Courtney Moyer, Aries Rodriguez; Savannah Roman, Ashley Royer, Madison Ruby, Michaela Shaver, Janelle Sheaffer, Samantha Stonehill, Destiny Sheetz and Jastlyn Torres.*

***Therefore**, we join the 253,300 residents of Dauphin County in hailing Middletown's much-admired 2009 Junior High Cheerleading Squad and wishing them continued success in life; we cheer for them just as they have cheered for so many others; we thank them for providing fans with not only the thrill of competition and the glimmer of trophies, but, more importantly, with enhanced unity, pride and hope; and in grateful recognition thereof, we do hereby proudly proclaim April 15, 2009 as "Middletown Raider Extreme Cheerleaders are National Champions Day" in Dauphin County.*

(Applause was given.)

Mr. DiFrancesco: The one thing that we have always enjoyed over the past five years of sitting in these chairs is the fact that when young people do great things we like to make sure that we properly honor them and give them a pat on the back that they so richly deserve. You all have put in a lot of effort in achieving this great goal. We want to commend you for it, but we also want to remind you that as you achieve great things people are looking at you and you become role models by virtue of the success that you have. Keep that in mind because I know that if you can achieve great things through competition, through the spirit of competition, you can also achieve great things in school and with your friends and really trying to better the community that we have. I

just want to thank you all for what you've accomplished. I want to thank you for the distinction that you brought to Dauphin County and I really want to commend you for the job that you have done. Thank you!

(Applause was given.)

Mr. Haste: I won't belabor the point, but I would like to say congratulations to the athletes as well. I have, over a number of years, had a growing appreciation for cheerleading. As George said years ago you didn't have to be much of an athlete. Today you truly are an athlete. My daughter went through it and I saw what she had to do. I coach girls' high school soccer and there are three girls on my team that are cheerleaders when they are not soccer players and they probably are the most athletic three on the team. You truly are athletes. You've taken the sport to a whole other level. Congratulations to Coach Tammy James. To have done that in two years, that's pretty amazing. Again being a coach and knowing when you start something out that is pretty amazing. That is a lot of dedication. Good job to the coach! Before we leave we ought to have, not the cheerleaders do a cheer, but since we have so many of the parents, I think Mr. Stonehill, Long and Truax ought to be up here and lead us in a cheer. Ladies, don't you think that would be appropriate? (Laughter and applause was given.)

Mr. Hartwick: They are all laughing but none of them are coming forward.

(Pictures were taken and applause was given.)

## **B. Dauphin County Commissioners**

### **1. National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week**

Mr. DiFrancesco: The Board has the pleasure now of honoring some very special people. We do this every year. To me this has special meaning today after having an adventure that we lived through last night, I'm happy to see that everyone is awake and wide eyed and having a good time today. This month we celebrate the men and women who are often unseen in the emergency situations that happen in our County every single day. I would like to start off by reading this Proclamation.

*Office of County Commissioner*  
**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 12<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> of 2009;*

*Whereas, 45 full-time and six part-time Public Safety Telecommunicators effectively serve citizens of Dauphin County by offering callers life-saving medical instructions 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and dispatching the appropriate fire, police, and medical units needed in an emergency;*

*Whereas, since 1991, we have formally recognized and honored dispatchers nationwide, and although they are often invisible at the scene of an emergency, the indispensable functions performed by professional telecommunicators have directly contributed to saving life and property in Dauphin County;*

*Whereas, in 2008, Dauphin County's skillful and always reliable telecommunicators answered 396,016 calls, ranging from victims of natural disasters, to troubled persons contemplating suicide, to witnesses of horrifying accidents and crimes, each time patiently assisting terrified callers and providing rapid response to deliver the care needed during a time of great distress;*

*Therefore, in grateful tribute to the life-rendering aid offered by the calm, competent and reassuring voice at the other end of every 911 call, we join the 253,300 residents of Dauphin County and the nation in proclaiming the week of April 12 to 18, 2009 as "National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week;" and we proudly honor and thank our county telecommunicators for serving as the vital link between those in need of help and those skilled, poised and eager to offer critical aid, each and every time an emergency occurs.*

(Applause was given.)

Mr. DiFrancesco: I have to take a moment and really give praise where praise is due, because last night we were at our Three Mile Island exercise. It was a very important drill that shows our readiness to deal with anything that may happen at TMI. While we are here today to commend those in the room for the job that they do sitting at the console everyday, taking calls and making sure that services are rendered, I think the public needs to know that the job that our staff and our professionals do is so much more than that. I said it last night; these people live, eat and breathe their profession. It is not only the time that they spend at the console. It is the time that many of them spend also fighting fires and running on ambulances, time, as was the example last night, where so many take on more or less administrative functions and make sure that in a time of great crisis they are pitching in to do a job wherever the need is. Once again last night Dauphin County really shined. I don't know what the ultimate report will show and quite honestly I'm not really concerned about that, because what I saw last night was a room full of people that probably as good as they could knew everything that had to be done, could respond to every single thing that the exercise threw at us. I can't even begin to speak to the professionalism in that room. We are truly blessed in this County with some great people. This morning, for those of you sitting in the room representing all the others that are not here today, I want to commend you and thank you for the job that you do. I know it is way beyond the time that you put in at the console. That, in and of itself, is fantastic. I want to commend you and thank you and just let you know that this is very well deserved. We truly appreciate the job that you do every day.

(Applause was given.)

Mr. Hartwick: My experience this year with the emergency telecommunicators had to do with a call that I received from my twin daughter after school saying oh my God there is blood all over the floor. My sister fell. Her head is broken up all over the place. We can't even see her face it is so bloody. That turned into an ambulance call. About five minutes later my other daughter who watches CSI and wants to be an emergency responder or police officer had the entire thing under control. It was a simple head cut.

The bottom line was I was in a position that I couldn't get home at the time. The person who responded and answered the phone did it in an extremely calm professional way. They made sure the folks were dispatched in the appropriate way and they were there long before I arrived. That is one of the easier calls that you received, but it was one that I had personal experience with.

A lot of times all you hear about requesting information for people when things go wrong. I'm going to tell you there is a whole heck of a lot of things that go right out at the emergency communications center. The ability to be trained and professional in responding to every emergency, maintaining your cool in a time when almost anyone of us would panic based upon the situations that are ahead of us and knowing that you may be the only voice between tragedy and death or your ability to communicate calmly, collect the information in a situation where trying to get information from anybody, I was panicked let alone seeing a murder happen or something of a tragic nature how you are able to collect that information, get the appropriate responders to that location and do it in an efficient way to ultimately save lives, you are truly heroes. No longer will Steve Shaver or Nick DiFrancesco hear about expensive chairs after my own personal experience with understanding and knowing what you have been able to accomplish. Honestly I want to thank all of you for the job that you do everyday behind the scenes. It is not just about the requests from individuals who try to get information and point out all the things that you do. We are grateful in the community because of it.

(Applause was given.)

Mr. Haste: Thank you to all the telecommunicators out there. I was trying to think of a way to describe it. In a way you folks at the Center are the heartbeat of the whole system. It is sometimes taken for granted. It is something that people don't see, but it needs to be there to keep the whole system running. If it wasn't there then the whole system fails. I think you guys do that very well.

When George was talking about his experience, I was thinking back and somehow kids always get us involved. My very first experience was similar. My youngest son who was the prankster of the group convinced my daughter, who is the youngest one of the group, when they were seven and five, to crawl through the railing of the deck and get on the outside. She went through the outside, her body went through, but her head couldn't get through. Now she is stuck on the outside of the deck and didn't know what to do. I was working. Mike Wertz came running over and said they just dispatched people to your house. Not knowing what it was, I went flying off and found it was my son being a prankster. He got my daughter in a bad situation. Again, it is those kinds of things. As a parent it was very reassuring to know that the people were able to help them, even to young kids, and tell them what to do and not to panic and keep them calm which is a great talent in itself is to keep the other person on the other end of the line calm in a very dangerous situation. My hats go off to you and I say thank you as well.

(Applause was given.)

Mr. DiFrancesco: I'm going to ask and I'm going to put three people on the spot, because I want them to come forward. I want them to sit in the chairs up here and there is a microphone there where they can actually speak to the public. I'm going to ask Laurie Over, Jody Pottiger and Michael Lawrence to come up. I'm not going to put you on the spot too much, but, for the public, these three individuals have had the pleasure, honor the notoriety of assisting in a childbirth delivery through the course of their job. I'm going to go right down the line in order and what I would like you to do, I don't have the background, is just give us a brief idea of what took place when the call came through, whether the baby was actually delivered in the hospital or you were able to take the whole thing through the process. I'll start out with Laurie.

Ms. Over: Mine was an incident where I actually had a grandfather that called in that said his daughter was delivering. Mine was kind of simple; because once the grandfather got off the phone I had the grandmother on the phone. I really commend the grandfather, because apparently he ended up delivering his own grandchild. It was more or less trying to keep them calm, talk them through it. The grandfather did most of the job. I was just giving instructions. He apparently delivered one of his own children, stillborn. It was really emotional for him. He did a great job. He did all the work. I was just there for support.

Mr. DiFrancesco: You said it was relatively easy. Let me tell you that anybody else in this room, with the exception of these people, would have been flipping out big time. I just want you to know that. I want to thank you very much. We have a certificate for you. That child was born on March 7, 2008. We'll go to Jody and this was May 15, 2008.

Ms. Pottiger: It was the father who was delivering his child. He was surprisingly very calm. I was hoping he was doing everything I was telling him, but he was very calm throughout the whole thing. I heard his wife maybe one time in the background screaming. Other than that he was really calm. You could tell he was nervous, but it was pretty calm.

Mr. DiFrancesco: From my point of view I would define that as shock. That is how I would be if I was going through it.

Ms. Pottiger: You could tell by his voice that he was nervous, but he was trying to not let it show.

Mr. DiFrancesco: Successful delivery though.

Ms. Pottiger: Yes.

Mr. DiFrancesco: On October 15, 2008, Michael.

Mr. Lawrence: Mine was probably the most exciting. A couple was trying to make it to the hospital and never made it. They pulled over on Interstate 81 by Progress Avenue.

It was pretty much get out and lay her across the backseat and you are going to deliver your kid with the trucks passing in the background. He did it and the ambulance got there and she was holding her baby girl already. He was pretty calm once he pulled over. He was worried the ambulance wouldn't find him. I told him that we actually sent an ambulance from Lower Paxton and Susquehanna, because we weren't sure where he was going to stop on the highway. He wanted to make it to Harrisburg Hospital with mom in the passenger seat screaming that she could feel the head. I said you need to pull over and stop. Once I got him to stop it went fairly smooth.

Mr. DiFrancesco: I just want to take a moment to commend the three of you, because it is pretty exciting stuff. Every day you are in a situation where you are dealing with destruction, accidents, fires and real negative things. It is pretty exciting when you have a hand in helping to bring a new life into the world. We have certificates and stork pins for you.

(Applause was given and pictures were taken.)

### **C. Carl Dickson, Director of Parks & Recreation**

#### **1. Dauphin County Parks, Recreation, Open Space & Greenways Path**

Mr. Dickson: I'm here to put before you the Dauphin County Parks, Recreation, Open Space & Greenways Study for your approval. It is basically a planning tool for municipalities and the County to use to increase their parks and preserve open space. It is a joint project with the Dauphin County Parks & Recreation, the Dauphin County Planning Commission, the Tri-County Planning Commission and the PA Department of Conservation & Natural Resources. I need to mention that my colleague Jim Szymborski was instrumental in facilitating this work. It involved a one-year process that began with the hiring of a consultant and inviting representatives from all the municipalities in the County, as well as other components to make up a study committee. They met nine times to discuss and compile information. A draft was created and forwarded to all the municipalities for comment, as well as being posted on our website. Three public meetings were held for additional comments. The first thing that the study does is look at current conditions. It goes through topography, all the attributes in the County basically and each of the existing 162 recreation sites in the County was inventoried and individually visited, which was very impressive. Some of the conclusions are that the County is projected to grow by more than 8% between 2000 and 2020 and that it contains many important natural features, which should be preserved. Dauphin County already has significant recreation abilities and systems in place. There are approximately 66,000 acres of State lands and conservation areas, game lands and state forests, approximately 2,400 acres of County and municipal parks and more than 150 miles of hiking, biking and water trails. Those are very impressive numbers. Dauphin County also contains significant private lands, such as land owned by the Hershey Trust, lands preserved by Agricultural Easements, lands owned by trusts or conservancies and lands eligible for agricultural easements. Also, of course, Dauphin County contains many historic sites. There is an analysis of the needs and

opportunities that these assets provide. It takes into consideration National park and recreation trends and divides the County into four planning sections, which coincide with the County Comprehensive Plan. Conclusions include that while the County has an overall good ratio of 8.8 acres of active park land per 1,000 residents, municipalities should strive for a goal of 10.5 acres per 1,000 residents; especially given the anticipated trends of increased population in the County. It goes on to discuss a vision for the future of parks, recreation, open space and greenways for the County. There are several important objectives listed there, such as preserving and enhancing the visual character of Dauphin County's landscape, improve the quality of life for residents and visitor experience for tourists, protect important habitat and preserve migration paths for wildlife, create a network of natural and historic features throughout the County that serves as an educational tool for the public, integrate the recreation sites in Dauphin County with the Susquehanna Greenway, which is one of Pennsylvania's mega greenways, enhance recreational and exercise opportunities in appropriate settings, provide opportunities for non-motorized transportation links, getting away from cars so there are connections and pathways and preserve and enhance historic districts by linking historic sites within the greenway, not only in Harrisburg, but in small villages and boroughs such as Linglestown, Hummelstown, Middletown, Millersburg and Lykens. The major ideas of these studies are represented in maps (4.1 and 4.2). 4.1 shows the concept of existing and proposed greenways and 4.2 shows existing and proposed concepts of open space. Some of the greenways are strictly for nature, while others are for human interaction. Many include waterways and many are already in existence. The proposed open space concept map identifies both current open spaces and lands that should be preserved. The study goes on to prioritize proposed greenway and open space preservation projects to give helpful tools and to delineate roles to help achieve these projects. Finally, examples of costs and potential funding sources are listed.

Mr. Haste: One thing that was interesting as Carl and the Planning Commission were going through this was we had a sense that we had a fair inventory of recreational facilities out there, but at least I didn't in my mind have the list of inventory that's out there envisioned. I didn't think we had near as much as what we do. It is pretty impressive when it came back and we saw what we had.

Mr. Dickson: The Committee came up with that same conclusion too. People on the Committee were very surprised at the amount of assets, but they just weren't all listed in one place where you could look at them. Also, the connections between the existing ones are very exciting. I should mention that every county in the State is being required to put one of these together and the studies then link together as well.

Mr. Haste: This should help with our Tourism Bureau when they put together day trips or short weekend trips of things to do for people who like to do nature oriented trips. This could be a very nice economic development tool for us as well.

Mr. Dickson: One of the things that you required of the study was that a marketing piece be put together and we are working on that at the conclusion.

Mr. Hartwick: A couple comments. First of all the significant manmade features is a very helpful economic tool as well. It lists all of the Brownfield sites, mineral mines, coal mines and other natural resources that are located within the County, which I didn't know in a comprehensive way. It is new information to me and will help if we are trying to target areas that may be available for Brownfield reclamation or redevelopment. This is another good economic development tool. Is there any associated link to two things that you talked about in the beginning? The first one is how do we provide more access to the Susquehanna River whether a rails-to-trail or another opportunity through particular urban communities, the whole way along the border of Dauphin County? How do you plan on linking any of the rails-to-trails along these areas in the future? You said it is about 8.8 acres per 1,000 people, do we have any plan that is an active plan that we can get out to municipalities and work in cooperation with to try to get them to a targeted goal of 10.5 acres per 1,000 people?

Mr. Dickson: This is what this is. It is going to be given to each municipality and it would be put in the Comprehensive Plan. If you look at Map 4.1 that shows you all the greenways, proposed and existing, and how they actually link and the stars are what are called "hubs" where services can be provided. Millersburg is particularly well sited with the Lykens Valley Rail Trail and the Susquehanna Greenway to be a really neat hub where tourists will want to come and do one or both of those and then spend some money in town. That is what each one of those stars represent where services would be needed for people who are using these greenways and also where they sort of cross each other. DCNR did, as I said, require this. The point of doing it is so we can apply for funds and municipalities can apply for funds to them to do things like finding more access to the river and providing it for everybody so municipalities can get into matching grant situations. A lot of counties have, out of these studies, actually done bond issues to help fund some of those matches. That is just a point of information.

Mr. Hartwick: I'm not opposed to those kinds of ideas if there is a comprehensive plan that links some of the locations and provides more of the recreational opportunities and long term opportunities. There should be something on the table that talks about the available funds, etc. I know there are spots along here that there is an opportunity to do greenway stuff and then it stops for a good portion of the time in trying to link those pathways up.

Mr. Dickson: That is what this is all about to look for those links, prioritize missing links and it is also for DCNR to target their funding so that they are filling in those gaps.

Mr. Hartwick: It would be pretty neat in Dauphin County to be able to get on if you wanted to take a bike ride the whole way down through Londonderry Township. You could actually have future races there if that is something that you chose to do.

Mr. DiFrancesco: This is a very excellent report, because I think that we miss great opportunity. This is exactly the type of study that individual municipalities can't do on their own. When you look at, for instance, Derry Township who has made extensive

investment in putting together bike trails and things of that nature, that is great, but it would be much better if those bike trails would go onto the next municipality and continue on. My own municipality in Lower Swatara Township I see how the neighborhood development has popped up in different areas and there is no link. Back in the days when I was growing up there wasn't a lot of traffic on the road and kids could take their bikes out on the road and just go from one community to the next. Now, those are busy streets and there are no sidewalks. There is a reason why every community should be looking into these types of trails just for greater enhancement of the quality of life within those communities. That is one thing. The second thing, which I need to meet with you and talk to you, is you know my priority and I've got to try to figure out what this means in terms of helping us get that Highspire Reservoir project done. For me I don't think there is a higher recreation project on my radar screen. We can take some time later and schedule a meeting to discuss.

Mr. Hartwick: I don't want this to be like the cobwebs that sit on the shelf. This provides a great deal of good information. We should talk about what active pieces of the plan that we can implement and start to put funding strategies together to make work.

Mr. Dickson: It has been real interesting even though this has not been formally approved the next round of DCNR grants is due April 22, 2009. This study is already being quoted in other municipalities' applications for funds. This shows that it is being used already.

Mr. Hartwick: Do we have someone in our County to be the clearinghouse for the municipal projects and talk about how that sort of plays into the regional perspective? It would be nice to reach out to municipalities to see how it all ties together.

Mr. Haste: I believe that is done jointly between you and the Planning Commission.

Mr. Dickson: Yes.

Mr. Haste: The Planning Commission has been very active in this and they are ones who are out there working with the municipalities more than any of us.

Mr. Dickson: Through this process in working with Jim I have gotten a greater understanding of planning in general and developed a very good rapport with that department and understand how it all has to work together.

Mr. DiFrancesco: It is amazing to note the environmentally sensitive areas. It is basically the entire County. When you think about it we are really blessed to have some great streams. We talk all along about trout streams and things of that nature so if you look at that it also plays into both environmental concerns, but also the fact that green tourism is definitely something that we should be looking at a very high level in Dauphin County.

Mr. Haste: For you home grown boys, now you know why I moved here in 1981.

Mr. DiFrancesco: For the fishing and hunting.

Mr. Haste: It is like a reformed smoker. It takes someone who moves in to tell you this is the best place to work and live and to raise a family and have fun in Pennsylvania or the Mid-Atlantic region. This is a great place. This just verifies that.

Mr. Saylor: Do we have this in electronic format?

Mr. Dickson: It is posted on our web in draft form. Yes, it is. When the Board approves this plan it will be completely up to date. We had two other grant applicants ask for that yesterday.

Mr. Hartwick: Are we putting in any grants for connectors during this time period?

Mr. Dickson: We have a lot of irons in the fire right now with grants.

Mr. Haste: Actually we did even before this was done in knowing what was going on.

Mr. Dickson: We have close to \$1.5 million in projects going on.

Mr. Saylor: Are you asking for a vote from the Board to accept the report?

Mr. Haste: That is so we can get it to DCNR.

Mr. Dickson: And also so it can be married into the Comprehensive Plan as well.

**It was moved by Mr. Hartwick and seconded by Mr. DiFrancesco to approve the Dauphin County Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Greenways Path Plan; motion carried.**

## **SALARY BOARD**

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

## **PERSONNEL**

Ms. Lenge: We have an Addendum and there is one item that I would like to point out. In the Separations #18 that is actually a part-time position and the appropriation code is 001-312000-801101-00000. I have no changes. Are there any questions on the Addendum? (There was none.)

**It was moved by Mr. Hartwick and seconded by Mr. DiFrancesco that the Board approve the Personnel Packet as Amended; motion carried.**

## **PURCHASE ORDERS**

Mr. Baratucci: The only item added from last week is the one I mentioned about the Here to Help Program. It is on Page 18. Other than that the couple budget issues were resolved and the Packet is there for your approval unless you have any questions.

Mr. Hartwick: I asked him about the other ones that I had and I apologize not to get to this one. Could you explain a little bit about 14 and 15, what is that?

Mr. Baratucci: Their time management system out there they are buying something that is going to integrate with our personnel/payroll system, our GEMS system. This is something that is being shared among Schaffner and Prison. Tom may have some more detail.

Mr. Hartwick: Do they have anything in their administrative fee fund to try to get care of that particular expense?

Mr. Saylor: I don't know the status of that.

Mr. Guenther: The software is an add-on to the GEMS/Payroll System that will allow them to capture the timekeeping, like a time clock, on a daily basis. It will help them monitor the overtime and all the other payroll functions. It will also build the history file like the jail does to keep an active record of how some of that leave is being managed. The Prison and Schaffner are using this and it feeds right into the GEMS to eliminate that data entry up in the payroll office. I think to answer your question Abraxas was supposed to use some of those other funds to pay for this portion. When this project all started that was the discussion with Dan.

Mr. Hartwick: Chad, could you get in with Dan?

Mr. Haste: Mike is shaking his head. Mike's saying that he doesn't know anything about it.

Mr. DiFrancesco: I recall and I was thinking this was a piece of it that they covered some of it with that, but I don't know. It will have to be followed up on. I definitely know that there were conversations that they were going to use that administrative fee to pay for this. Whether or not the money is in there, I'm sure it is.

Mr. Saylor: I'll check on it. That seems to be big.

Mr. DiFrancesco: That's what I'm thinking. Maybe they paid a portion of it and this is the remainder.

Mr. Haste: That is the total cost, right?

Mr. Guenther: You are probably seeing the total.

Mr. DiFrancesco: I know that conversation did take place.

Mr. Guenther: DCP has the larger share of it, because of the amount of people.

Mr. Hartwick: If you could just do a follow-up in an email of what is being covered that would be helpful. The other question can you do other add-ons with this system related to multiple deductions and things within our payroll?

Mr. Guenther: The software is capable of handling that. It has to be worked out through the payroll department on how you set up the deductions.

Mr. Hartwick: Some of the things that we are getting into with healthcare and other deductions we might want to have a conversation about that.

**It was moved by Mr. Hartwick and seconded by Mr. DiFrancesco that the Board approve the Purchase Order Packet; motion carried.**

## **REPORT FROM BUDGET & FINANCE – MIKE YOHE, BUDGET DIRECTOR**

Mr. Yohe presented the following report:

*Report from the Office of Budget & Finance*  
**April 15, 2009**

- **April 3, 2009** transferred **\$280,847.08** to the **Payables** account from the County's Concentration account for checks issued that week.
- **April 10, 2009** transferred **\$6,652,587.66** to the **Payables** account and **\$1,849,949.28** to the **Payroll** account from the County's Concentration account for checks issued that week.
- **Total Term Investments**
  - 3/27/09 - **\$20,000,000** 6-Month CD at Citizens Bank – **1.510%** - matures 9/23/09
  - 4/13/09 - **\$20,000,000** 7-Month CD at Citizens Bank – **1.555%** - matures 11/10/09
- **Balance today in INVEST account \$1,369.80 rate 0.735%**
- **Balance today in Susquehanna Bank investment account \$108,829.28 rate 0.750%** (This rate is fixed for the month)
- **Balance today in Sovereign Bank investment account \$25,600,010.99 rate 0.950%** (This rate equals today's 3-month LIBOR rate of 1.150% minus 20 basis points)
- **Balance today in Citizens Bank investment account \$3,181.35 rate 0.500%** (This rate is fixed for the month)

- **Balance today in Citizens Bank Flex CD Program \$32,722,074.53 rate 2.400%** (This is a 9-month CD maturing on 9/8/09 and the rate is fixed for the term)
- **Balance today in Citizens Bank Flex CD Program \$30,034,750.68 rate 1.510%** (This is a 6-month CD maturing on 9/3/09 and the rate is fixed for the term)
- **Balance today in PNC Bank investment account \$1,000.00 rate 0.200%** (This equals today's Fed Funds rate of 0.250% minus 5 basis points)
- **Balance today in Graystone Bank investment account \$1,000.00 rate 0.050%** (This equals today's Fed Funds rate of 0.250% minus 20 basis points)
- **Balance today in Commerce Bank investment account \$100.00 rate 0.000%** (This equals today's 90-day T-Bill rate of 0.170% minus 25 basis points)

**No T.R.A.N. Line of Credit required for 2009.**

Mr. Yohe: The budget amendments are listed on the Agenda for approval. Do you have any questions on those? (There was none.)

**REPORT FROM CHIEF CLERK/CHIEF OF STAFF – CHAD SAYLOR**

Mr. Saylor: I just want to make mention of the situation at Schaffner. It was mentioned a week or so ago that I do anticipate a second round of layoffs out there to bring staff complement in line with the amount of beds. I expect, as early as next week, to have those for your consideration. Other than that unless you have any questions of me that is all I have to report. (There was none.)

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT – WILLIAM TULLY, ESQ.**

Mr. Tully: I believe you have the revised report in front of you. I'm happy to answer any questions you might have. (There was none.)

**MATTERS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION**

- A. Training Packet.
- B. Budget Amendment Reports for the quarter ending March 31, 2009.
- C. Purchase of Service Per Diem Rates between Children and Youth and NHS Youth Services.
- D. Satisfaction Piece for Virginia Morera on the property located at 1529 N. 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Harrisburg, PA 17104 (\$5,000.00).
- E. Subordination Agreement for Mitchell Condran on the property located at 506 Lopax Road, Harrisburg, PA 17112.

- F. Purchase of Service Agreement between Dauphin County and Comcast for cable service for internet and TV service at the Dauphin County Prison.
- G. Artist Contracts and Riders for Dauphin County Multicultural Street Festival – Kindred The Family Soul (August 7, 2009), Dauphin County Music Festival – Nate Myers & The Aces (June 13, 2009) and Dauphin County Performing Arts Sunset Series – Red Molly (July 26, 2009).
- H. Lease Agreement between Dauphin County and 333 Market Street for space that shall be used for the installation of all radio equipment associated with the cell tower.
- I. Resolution #6-2009 authorizing KOZ sites in two districts, one in Steelton Borough and the other in the City of Harrisburg.
- J. PILOT Agreements for taxes for the two KOZ districts.
- K. Purchase of Service Agreements between Drug and Alcohol and:
  - 1. New Beginnings Youth and Adult Services, Inc.
  - 2. It Takes a Village, Inc.
- L. Student Assistance Program Memorandums of Understanding between Drug and Alcohol and:
  - 1. Williams Valley School District (SAP)
  - 2. Susquehanna Township School District (SAP)
  - 3. Steelton-Highspire School District (SAP)
- M. Amendment #1 to Purchase of Service Agreement between Drug and Alcohol and PRO-A.
- N. Purchase of Service Agreements between Children and Youth and:
  - 1. Community Service Foundation, Inc.
  - 2. Concern Professional Services for Children, Youth & Families, Inc.
  - 3. Families United Network, Inc.
  - 4. Valley Youth House, Inc.
- O. Adoption Assistance Agreements #2009-11, #2009-12, #2009-13, #2009-14, #2009-15, #2009-19, #2009-20 and #2009-21.
- P. Human Services Development Fund Pre-Expenditure Package.
- Q. Service Agreement between Dauphin County and Honeywell Building Solutions for HVAC digital controls with the associated software, support and preventative maintenance for the video maintenance system at the Dauphin County Prison.
- R. Resolution #7-2009 authorizing the filing of a proposal for funds with the PA Department of Community & Economic Development for additional funds in the amount of \$85,000 for the VOA Project.
- S. Cooperation Agreement between Dauphin County and Volunteers of America of Pennsylvania, Inc. for additional funds from the PA Department of Community & Economic Development, Applications #1502270 and #7056612 for a 15 unit affordable housing complex to be used for adults with mental health issues.

- T. Equipment Rental and Monitoring Services Agreement between Dauphin County (Adult Probation) and G4S Justice Services, Inc.
- U. Dauphin County Vehicle Policy/Procedure.
- V. License Agreement (Commercial) between Dauphin County and the PA Department of Environmental Protection (Application No. E22-540 – Bridge No. 122) to occupy riparian land abutting the Swatara Creek in South Hanover and Derry Townships.
- W. Labor Contract between Dauphin County Board of Commissioners and the Dauphin County Detective’s Association for the period 1/1/2007 through 12/31/2009.
- X. Partial Refund of 2009 Real Estate Taxes – Harrisburg Properties LTD, c/o Lamar Management, Inc. – Parcel #05-001-001 - \$2,803.57.
- Y. Partial Refund of 2009 Real Estate Taxes – Gerald & Vivian Kreiser – Parcel #34-002-007 - \$209.61.
- Z. 2009-2011 Victims of Crime Act Grant from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime & Delinquency.
- AA. Harrisburg Fugitive Safe Surrender Grant from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime & Delinquency.
- BB. SAVIN Maintenance Agreement with the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime & Delinquency.
- CC. Dauphin County D&A RIP Grant for the Drug Court Program from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime & Delinquency.
- DD. Dauphin County Local Share Municipal Grant Agreements (Gaming):
  - 1. Rush Township – Municipal Building/Emergency Management Center Project
  - 2. West Hanover Township – Fire Engine and Pumper Unit Project
  - 3. West Hanover Township – Fire Station Project
- EE. Energy Audit Agreement between Dauphin County and CLT Efficient Technologies.

Mr. Haste: We have Matters Requiring Board Action, Items A through EE. Are there any that need to be pulled out or discussed? (There was none.)

**It was moved by Mr. DiFrancesco and seconded by Mr. Hartwick that the Board approve Matters Requiring Board Action Items A through EE, listed above; motion carried.**

**FORMER BUSINESS**

(There was none.)

**NEW BUSINESS**

(There was none.)

## **COMMISSIONERS' DISCUSSION & ACTIONS**

Mr. DiFrancesco: Last night went very well. The staff did a great job. I want to commend everybody that came out. I shouldn't just say staff did a great job, it went way beyond that. Everybody that came into that room volunteered whether they were from the private sector volunteers, whatever. Once again we shined. Some of the comments made, while this is not the formal report...

Mr. Saylor: You are speaking about the TMI exercise.

Mr. DiFrancesco: Yes. Although it is not in the formal report at one point during the night one of the FEMA Evaluating Team pulled me aside and the gentleman said that our fiscal team, the methods by which they were tracking the expenses, he said that he has been through a number of exercises and a number of live events and he said that he has never see a more comprehensive tracking of expenses. It says that he guarantees us that if it would have been an actual event we would have seen a 100% recoup of our expenses easy. He couldn't praise that section highly enough. It was probably one of the most impressive groups that he has ever seen. They are not there to praise you. They are there to find the flaws. I think we did a very good job. Again, some of them are staff, but a lot of them are not. They are coming in from private sector jobs to help out in that room. It was a great exercise and I think our team performed very well.

Mr. Hartwick: I would like to thank all of the individuals who are responsible and participated in the Here to Help event last Friday. It was an overwhelming success from County agencies to the Department of Labor & Industry to the Workforce Investment Board to the Veterans side of things, which allowed us to participate in this event. There were 90 vendors and we prepared over 2,000 packets for people and went through those in the first hour and a half of the doors opening. It was received extremely well. I want to thank all the individuals who were part of this process in making this a job well done.

Secondly, I would like to announce that we received notification that Dauphin County Board of Commissioners and Dauphin County as an organization was a recipient of the Diversity Organization of the Year for all the work that our County has done in trying to recognize our differences as being our greatest strengths to inform our entire community and those surrounding that Dauphin County is open for business for every different nationality and individuals who make up Dauphin County are the reason why we have been so strong. We were recognized by the Institute for Cultural Partnerships as the Diversity Organization of the Year, which is something that we worked very hard with the staff and the Board to make sure that is something that we hold very near and dear and out front in our organization.

As part of the public record I attended the funeral services of Dr. Rev. Olin Harris who was a very dear friend of mine, member of Goodwin Memorial Baptist Church, as well as the famous voice on the Gospel Cavalcade on 1400 Touch 95.3 FM. There was not

a kinder gentleman man of God who had nothing but great things to say about other people and when I think about Harrisburg and what was right about Harrisburg it was picture of Olin Harris behind the City. He was certainly a great man and family man. I wanted to take this opportunity to say a couple of words in his honor.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr. Haste: We have correspondence listed on the Agenda, Items A through I, which will be handled by the staff appropriately.

- A. Notification from Dauphin Engineering Co. advising that the Emergency Action Plan for the Hidden Valley Dam in Middle Paxton Township has been reviewed by DEP and PEMA and was found to be complete.
- B. Notification from Donald Henry advising that he is applying to DEP for a General Permit 6 for the installation of 3 agricultural stream crossings on his property at 275 Kocher Road in Mifflin Township.
- C. Notification from HRG advising that Derry Township is applying to DEP for a General NPDES Permit for stormwater discharges associated with construction activities at the Derry Township Stormwater Improvement Project Critical Area 2.
- D. Notification from HRG advising that Derry Township is applying to DEP for a General NPDES Permit for stormwater discharges associated with construction activities at the Derry Township Stormwater Improvement Project Critical Area 3.
- E. Notification from Michael Baker, Jr., Inc. advising that Areva NP, Inc. is applying to DEP for the necessary permits for temporary roadway and temporary bridge improvements to facilities the transport of an oversized load (SR 441 over Conewago Creek in Londonderry Township).
- F. Notification from Gannett Fleming advising that the West Hanover Township Water & Sewer Authority is applying to DEP for the renewal of its existing National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Permit No. PA 0085511.
- G. Notification from Light-Heigel & Associates, Inc. advising that United Water Pennsylvania, Inc. is applying to DEP for permitting associated with the installation of a water line utility in the vicinity of the proposed Autumn Oaks Development in Lower Paxton Township.
- H. Notification from Raudenbush Engineering, Inc. advising that the Borough of Elizabethville is applying to DEP for a General Permit 11 for the Apple Alley Culvert Replacement in the Borough of Elizabethville.
- I. Receipt of a copy of a letter from DEP to Meadowbrook Coal Co., Inc. advising that they approved the application and enclosed Surface Mining Permit No. 22070201C regarding the Dayton Bank Operation in Williams Township.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Haste: We are again at the point in time for public participation. Is there anyone in the audience that would like to address the Board at this time? (There was none.)

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. DiFrancesco and seconded by Mr. Hartwick that the Board adjourn.**

Respectfully submitted,

Chad Saylor, Chief Clerk

Transcribed by: Richie-Ann Martz