



DAUPHIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners' Legislative Meeting

Wednesday, January 25, 2006 (10:00am)

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Bill Tully, Esq., County Solicitor; Chad Saylor, Chief Clerk; Marie Rebeck, Controller; Bob Dick, Treasurer; Bob Hawley, District Court Administrator; Tom Kershaw, Schaffner Center; Sara Steckbeck, Schaffner Center; Bruce Foreman, Solicitor's Office; Guy Beneventano, Solicitor's Office; Diane McNaughton, Press Secretary; Sharon Way, Personnel; Elke Moyer, Human Services; Tom Guenther, IT Director; Kelly Wolf, Solid Waste Manager; Mike Yohe, Budget and Finance Director; Edgar Cohen, Facilities Maintenance Director; Randy Baratucci, Purchasing Director; Greg Schneider, Budget and Finance; Faye Fisher, Personnel Director; Donna Price, Controller's Office; Julia Nace, Assistant Chief Clerk; Richie Martz, Commissioners' Office; Dave Schreiber, Personnel; Dan Kern, Schaffner Center Director; Carolyn Thompson, Court Administrator and Jena Wolgemuth, Commissioners' Office.

GUESTS PRESENT

Andrew Giorgione; Jack Sherzer; Mark Andreozzi; Juan Ramos; Adrian Robinson and Terry Motter.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Haste, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Everyone observed a moment of silence.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Haste: We have the January 11, 2006 Legislative Meeting minutes to approve. Is there a motion to approve them?

It was moved by Mr. DiFrancesco and seconded by Mr. Hartwick to approve the January 11, 2006 Legislative Meeting minutes. All were in favor. Motion carries.

Mr. Haste: We have the January 11, 2006 Salary Board Meeting minutes. The Salary Board consists of the three Commissioners and the Controller. Is there a motion to approve?

It was moved by Ms. Rebuck and seconded by Mr. DiFrancesco to approve the January 11, 2006 Salary Board Meeting minutes. All were in favor. Motion carries.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS HELD BETWEEN MEETINGS

Mr. Saylor: Commissioners as you know there were no executive sessions held between meetings.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

(There was none.)

DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS/GUESTS

Mr. Haste: First up today is Dave Schreiber.

- A. Dave Schreiber, Manager of Labor/Employee Relations
 - 1. Approval of Dauphin County's Teamsters Schaffner Labor Agreement.

Mr. Schreiber: Good morning Commissioners. I am pleased to present to you today for your approval a four year labor agreement between Dauphin County and the Teamsters Local 776 Union, representing the employees at the Schaffner Youth Center.

During the process we met eleven times starting back in August. Both sides worked hard and in the spirit of cooperation to hammer out a fair and equitable contract for both sides. The county gained some loss management rate issues, established a much

needed attendance control program and made some needed changes to the disciplinary procedures. Additionally we addressed the health care insurance issue for future considerations on both sides and the employees will receive a comparable salary program similar to other employees in the county.

I am joined today by Mr. Mark Andreozzi, the business agent for the Teamsters, and his negotiating team, Terry Motter, Juan Ramos and Adrian Robinson. Hopefully with your approval after your review we can sign the contract today.

Mr. Haste: I would just like to start off by saying thank you to everybody on the team on both sides of the issue. I've heard from both sides on how well things went and how cordial it was, which hasn't always been the case in the past. Hats go off to everybody that was involved in the process. I think it was a meaningful discussion this time. It was good to see the showmanship and gamesmanship leave and I commend everyone.

Mr. Schreiber: Mark did that.

Mr. Hartwick: My philosophy and I think the Board's philosophy has been since we have come on board that the people who do the job every day are the one's who make or break an organization. We know and value our employees and know that the work they do every day certainly significantly changes lives for people on the front line. They are motivated by more than just dollars, they are motivated by trying to help kids turn their lives around and give them a second chance to lead productive lives. I think the transition that has been made from detention to also shelter, the cooperation that has occurred with our staff out there in trying to make those transitional changes and the effort that they put in every day is something that I certainly value. The negotiation of this contract is further evidence that our employees are headed in the right direction as it comes to the best interest of our kids and also the best interest of this county. I just want to thank you guys for your efforts.

Mr. DiFrancesco: If I could just take a moment as the oversight for the Schaffner Center I can say for the last 2 years it has been a delight working with the Center. Working with the Center as an organization where everybody keeps their eye on the ball. Everybody knows what their responsibility is, everybody does it in a professional manner and I genuinely believe that everybody working there has the youth in mind and at the focus of the decisions that are being made. I truly believe that this contract symbolizes the effective inner workings of the Schaffner Center. Everyone is at the table and shares a mutual respect, maybe not always agreeing, but always finding a way to work through issues. There have been so many changes implemented at Schaffner over the past two years, changing in the work schedule and changing in the policies on how we react with the young people in the Center are just a few. At every single turn I believe the people sat down at the table and were determined to figure out what they wanted to accomplish, where they wanted to go and everyone has operated in a very professional manner. I am thrilled to death with the contract and how it went, but most of all I am pleased because of the way it was crafted with communications on both sides and the mutual respect. This is an important occasion to celebrate and I certainly want to say to

all of you thank you very much for the great job that you are doing through this contract process and that you do every day. Again to our team thank you Dave for handling this very well.

This is the way things are supposed to work everywhere. Good job. Thank you.

Mr. Andreozzi: As a representative of the members of the Schaffner Youth Center I would like to let you know that the members share that sentiment that you presented today. Also I think there is evidence in their unanimous ratification of the contract. First of all the participation of approximately a 60 person bargaining unit, 54 people voted on this contract, 54 people ratified this contract. There were zero votes opposing the ratification of this agreement. Again I think from the members unit that speaks to what we were able to accomplish as reasonable people sitting down and looking at the issues. We tried to fix maybe some things that needed to be fixed without the pendulum swinging too far the other way to being almost oppressive. I think that speaks volumes to our relationship and it's improvements.

Mr. Haste: Is there a motion to approve the contract?

It was moved by Mr. DiFrancesco and seconded by Mr. Hartwick to approve Dauphin County's Teamsters Schaffner Labor Agreement. All were in favor. Motion carries.

(The Commissioners signed the agreement.)

Mr. DiFrancesco: If I could just have one moment I do want to thank the gentlemen and ladies in the back of the room. There is a third component to this and that is the management team from Cornell who again has done a fabulous job working through some very difficult situations throughout this year. Dealing with funding issues, and again with those same practices I had mentioned earlier about how we are changing policies and trying to make the place operate as efficiently and to the best interest of the children that are there. I just wanted to take a minute to also thank you guys very much for the effort that you put forward every day. Thank you.

SALARY BOARD

A complete set of Salary Board minutes is on file in the Chief Clerk's office.

PERSONNEL

Ms. Fisher: In the Personnel Packet I also have an addendum. I have a new hire, a promotion and a termination. I also have two changes to the Personnel Packet that was presented at last week's meeting, behind your yellow paper. On page 1 of the Personnel Packet under New Hires, if you could pull number 11, this person will not be starting. Also on page 3, number 20, I have information on the hourly rate and step for

you to fill in. The proposed hourly rate is \$20.27 and the step is 11. The rest of the packet stands as presented.

Mr. Haste: Any further questions? (There were none.) Is there a motion to approve?

It was moved by Mr. DiFrancesco and seconded by Mr. Hartwick to approve the amended Personnel Packet as presented. Mr. DiFrancesco voted aye. Mr. Hartwick voted aye. Mr. Haste voted to approve the packet, but excluded himself from voting on number 3 of the Personnel Action Addendum. Motion carries.

Mr. Saylor: Before Faye goes during the workshop last week we discussed the position listing for 2006, the county's comprehensive list for union and non-union positions. I don't know if Faye had to make any changes to it as far as I know. I didn't know if there were any questions. Is this something we need to vote?

Mr. Haste: We should. Faye and Mike, do you both agree on that list now?

Ms. Fisher: I wasn't involved. Kay did most of the work and I think she has had a lot of dealings with Mike Yohe.

Mr. Haste: Okay.

Mr. Hartwick: As the oversight Commissioner we have had conversations and that is an accurate list. I have asked a number of questions already and had satisfactory responses.

Mr. Haste: Is there a motion to approve the position listing?

It was moved by Mr. Hartwick and seconded by Mr. DiFrancesco to approve the county's comprehensive listing for union and non-union employees. All were in favor. Motion carries.

PURCHASE ORDERS

Mr. Baratucci: We have added a couple items to the packet since last week. All items I think you are aware of. Page 10 there are two requisitions that are related to the appraisal out at Spring Creek. I think we talked about those last week and approved the contracts. This is a matter of getting a purchase order done. On page 16, also for Spring Creek, that was the approval to purchase an emergency vehicle out there. Again, this is just the purchase order to cover that.

There are no over budgets. They have all been worked out and the rest of the packet is how it was submitted last week. If you have any questions I will try to answer them. If not it is there for your approval. I do have one other item to bring up then. After you approve the packet I have one other item I would like to address.

Mr. Haste: Are there any questions of Randy? (There were none.) Is there a motion to approve the Purchase Order Packet?

It was moved by Mr. DiFrancesco and seconded by Mr. Hartwick to approve the Purchase Order Packet as presented. All were in favor. Motion carries.

Mr. Baratucci: Also in Matters Requiring Board Action under Item U, it is the approval for the Solid Waste Management Agency to put out an RFP for an operator at the recycling facility. Both Andy Giorgione and Kelly are here in case you had any questions. This is something we had done once before. We did get an RFP. We did get responses and we submitted it. I guess there were some issues that needed to be dealt with so we are redoing it now. The new RFP is ready to go and both Andy and Kelly wanted the Commissioners' approval, of course, before we sent that out. It is scheduled to go out February 1, 2006. In case you had any questions both Andy and Kelly are here. Otherwise if you approve it in the Matters Requiring Board Action we will get it out on the street.

Mr. Hartwick: Andy could you come on up?

Mr. Giorgione: Good morning Commissioners'.

Mr. Hartwick: Just an update as to what the issues were before and where we are at now.

Mr. Giorgione: We issued the RFP in late 2004. We got three responses and we selected Recycle America to be the operator. We then prepared the contracts and submitted it to DEP. Then DEP actually raised issues with the manner in which we were proceeding with operation of the facility. DEP, as you may recall, provided a grant of \$1.5 million for construction of the facility. They also had indicated to us they would provide another million dollar grant for us to purchase equipment for the facility. In the interim they wound up only giving us \$500,000 because they made a decision to cap all grants at \$500,000. We were a little short on the grant. Then the contract came down and they raised concerns about the contract. The issue from their perspective was they felt that the county was giving the private operator of the facility too much operational control over the facility. What we were trying to accomplish was have...because we have a certain amount of recycling stream that we control between the county and the city that we would bring to the facility. We felt that if we gave more operational control to the private operator they would actively seek more recycling waste to bring through the facility therefore generating more revenues. Through revenue sharing we would make more money and they would make more money. That had concerns with DEP. They felt that the private entity was given too much control.

We went back and forth with them on how to restructure the RFP. Basically through this new RFP everything will come through the county and then function and go back through the operator so that the county will be the decision maker on pricing and structure and things of that nature. All revenues will come back and then be paid to the

operator. That was a system that DEP felt more comfortable with and quite frankly with that half million dollar grant still hanging out there we felt we wanted to do what they needed to make sure we get enough funds to put the equipment in the facility.

Mr. Hartwick: We are going to be providing the administrative oversight now basically as the pass-through and asking and setting those rates and playing that role. Are we prepared to do that?

Mr. Giorgione. Correct. Ultimately on the recommendation of the operator the county would make all of the decisions. The operator itself could make day-to-day operational decisions, but not the big decisions on the operation of the facility.

Mr. Hartwick: Are we going to be receiving any administrative fee for that process?

Mr. Giorgione: No. We do not apply an administrative fee to recycling. It is only applied to waste generated in the county and disposed of at the facilities. Waste would include both municipal waste and now construction and demolition waste.

Mr. Hartwick: Who will manage revenue sharings that are going to the private company?

Mr. Giorgione: Well we have to see what is going to happen through the bids. What we are hoping is that there will be a revenue sharing. That would be in their proposal. That revenue sharing would basically be in the form of a payment to them as an operating fee for operating the facility. We are hoping that by opening it up they still would have the impetus to go out and search for more recycling streams and bring them through the facility.

Mr. Hartwick: The last question would be, if there would be revenue sharing would there also be included a provision that if they run into additional expenditures, is the county responsibility or would that be the private operator's responsibility?

Mr. Giorgione: No. It would be the county's responsibility. Obviously the sharing of revenues would be net revenues so any expenses would have to come off the top. I would suspect that through this RFP, because we could only guarantee a certain recycling stream and that is what we will control that the operator would want a large portion of the revenues in order to fulfill its requirements under the RFP. We will have to see when we put it out on the street. We'll see if it makes economic sense to the county. We have already told DEP that we will be happy to restructure the RFP in a manner in which they believe is necessary because they provided us grants, but we also cautioned them that we felt the restructuring may scare away some operators. We don't know. They are prepared for that. They said we will cross that bridge when we get there.

Mr. Hartwick: Thank you.

Mr. Giorgione: You are welcome.

Mr. Haste: Meaning if it doesn't go the way we think we'll be doing another RFP.

Mr. Giorgione: Right. What we are trying to avoid is being in the situation where the county is subsidizing this facility to the tune of say \$50 or \$100 thousand a year. This has happened in other counties.

Mr. Hartwick: That is the reason for my questioning. I want to find out. The first way that we had thought about this in having a private operator assume all of the responsibility the strings that are attached to this \$500,000 doesn't enable us to basically say here it is up to you to run. Am I correct?

Mr. Giorgione and Mr. Haste: Correct.

Mr. Hartwick: If we want the \$500,000 we need to comply with the DEP regulations, which puts us in an interesting position.

Mr. Giorgione: I would only say we would have to comply with the department's interpretation of its regulations. We felt the RFP the first time was okay. I'm not saying that they are saying you have to do this to get the 500. We just feel our chances are obviously a little bit better if we do what they say. That's what we are trying to accomplish.

Mr. Hartwick: Just keep us updated. Thanks.

Mr. Baratucci: Any other questions?

Mr. Hartwick: No.

REPORT FROM BUDGET & FINANCE – MIKE YOHE, BUDGET DIRECTOR

Report from the Office of Budget & Finance January 25, 2006

- **January 13, 2006** transferred **\$966,598.95** to the **Payables** account from the County's Concentration account for checks issued that week.
- **January 20, 2006** transferred **\$8,066,071.17** to the **Payables** account and **\$1,880,593.70** to the **Payroll** account from the County's Concentration account for checks issued that week.
- **Total Term Investments – N/A**
- **Balance today in INVEST account \$126,596.87 rate 4.090%**
- **Balance today in Community Banks investment account \$101,313.76 rate 4.120%** (This rate equals today's Community Banks 91-day TBill rate of 3.970% plus 15 basis points)

- **Balance today in Graystone Bank investment account \$15,000,000.00 rate 4.640%** (This rate equals last month's average 1-month LIBOR rate of 4.390% plus 25 basis points)
- **Balance today in Commerce Bank investment account \$19,201,826.62 rate 4.590%** (This rate equals today's 91-day T-Bill rate of 4.290% plus 30 basis points)
- **Balance today in Sovereign Bank investment account \$19,208,404.75 rate 4.530%** (This rate equals today's 1-month LIBOR rate of 4.530% plus 0 basis points)

No T.R.A.N. Line of Credit required for 2006.

Mr. Yohe: Like I said everything is up and running now. We should be good to go. I will be requesting quotes for February tomorrow.

Mr. Haste: Any questions of Mike?

Mr. DiFrancesco and Mr. Hartwick: No.

REPORT FROM CHIEF CLERK/CHIEF OF STAFF – CHAD SAYLOR

Mr. Saylor: Commissioners, I have nothing to report, but would be happy to answer any questions you might have.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT—BILL TULLY, ESQ., SOLICITOR

Mr. Tully: I have nothing to add and would be happy to answer any questions.

Mr. Haste: Any questions for Bill?

Mr. DiFrancesco: None.

MATTERS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

Mr. Haste: We have Matters Requiring Board Action Items A through Y. Are there any of those items that need to be pulled out separately? (There were none.) Is there any further discussion on any of the items? (There was none.) Is there a motion to approve Items A through Y?

It was moved by Mr. Hartwick and seconded by Mr. DiFrancesco to approve the Matters Requiring Board Action Items A through Y. All were in favor. Motion carries.

- A. Training Packet
- B. Approval of FY05/06 Per Diem Rates between the Children & Youth Agency and:

1. Associated Marine Institute t/b/a Wing's for Life:
 - Residential secure \$294.00/day
2. Vision Quest National, Ltd.
 - Referred Child Meets Medical Necessity Criteria for MA funding:
 - Female services:
 - Madalyn for Young Women at South Mountain
 - MA funded treatment, room & board \$222.63/day
 - C&Y funded personal expenses & allowances \$ 4.74/day
 - Lady of the Lakes (mother/baby)
 - MA funded treatment, room & board \$284.55/day
 - C&Y funded personal expenses & allowances \$ 1.40/day
 - Madalyn Rite of Passage of Donegal
 - MA funded treatment, room & board \$214.80/day
 - C&Y funded personal expenses & allowances \$ 1.09/day
 - Male services:
 - Guided Centering at Franklin & South Mountain
 - MA funded treatment, room & board \$212.38/day
 - C&Y funded personal expenses & allowances \$ 2.08/day
 - Buffalo Soldiers Academy
 - MA funded treatment, room & board \$222.63/day
 - C&Y funded personal expenses & allowances \$ 4.74/day
 - Grandeur Estates
 - MA funded treatment, room & board \$214.80/day
 - C&Y funded personal expenses & allowances \$ 1.09/day
3. Kidspace National Center, Inc.
 - Orchard hills Campus \$281.50/day

C. Real Estate Tax Refunds/Exonerations:

1. Deny a Real estate tax discount and penalty refund to Joanne Banh Stewart of 2121 Green Street, Harrisburg, on parcel #10-055-055, in the amount of \$32.17.
2. Tax refunds to individuals in the City of Harrisburg:
 - a. Shirlene R. Betha, parcel #02-023-014 in the amt. of \$187.84
 - b. Geoffrey S. McInroy, parcel #05-028-011 in the amt. of \$362.26
 - c. Margaret G. Edwards, parcel #09-009-002 in the amt. of \$247.62
 - d. Jerry Jones, parcel #09-011-007 in the amt. of \$243.02
 - e. Lyndelle Brown, parcel #09-011-009 in the amt. of \$218.15
 - f. Habitat for Humanity, parcel #09-017-040 in the amt. of \$292.20
 - g. Habitat for Humanity, parcel #09-017-041 in the amt. of \$299.88
 - h. Habitat for Humanity, parcel #09-017-042 in the amt. of \$299.88
 - i. Habitat for Humanity, parcel #09-017-043 in the amt. of \$299.88
 - j. Gregory Williams, parcel #09-053-029 in the amt. of \$121.76
 - k. Dennis Simpson, parcel #12-003-092 in the amt. of \$138.79
 - l. Eric Latshaw, parcel #12-003-093 in the amt. of \$150.24
 - m. Lanette Jones, parcel #12-003-095 in the amt. of \$148.71
 - n. Struever Rouse Homes, parcel #12-004-161 in the amt. of \$493.58
 - o. Diane Stubblebine, parcel #12-011-085 in the amt. of \$159.34
 - p. Glenn Bennett, Sr., parcel #13-006-019 in the amt. of \$536.03
 - q. Michael Whittaker, parcel #13-027-036 in the amt. of \$283.40
 - r. Abubaca Jacques, parcel #13-027-037 in the amt. of \$288.94
 - s. William Allen, Jr., parcel #13-027-040 in the amt. of \$318.28
 - t. Michael Bitner, parcel #13-027-041 in the amt. of \$280.57
 - u. Marvin McKinnon, parcel #13-029-044 in the amt. of \$129.52

- v. Ernie Watkins, parcel #13-029-050 in the amt. of \$247.28
 - w. Larry Wade, Sr., parcel #14-014-032 in the amt. of \$163.59
- D. Approval of the Performance Evaluation Policy and Employee Performance Evaluation Form for County employees.
 - E. Letter of Agreement between Dauphin County and Conrad Siegel Actuaries for provision of actuarial services for the Dauphin County Self-Insurance Workers' Compensation Program.
 - F. Agreement between Dauphin County and Comprehensive HealthCare Solutions, Inc. (CMHS) to provide prescription discount cards for Dauphin County residents.
 - G. Satisfaction Piece with Linda H. Zlater for property located at 2510 Derry Street, Hbg.
 - H. Agreement/Proposal between Dauphin County Emergency Management Agency and Sigma Communications, LLC for the Reverse 911 Interactive Community Notification System / End User License.
 - I. Lease/Permit Agreement between Dauphin County and the City of Harrisburg for a proposed public safety radio tower site in Reservoir Park. (EMA)
 - J. Commissioners Approval to contribute the County's *pro rata* share (\$405.00) for appraisal services and trial costs needed to ascertain the true value of property located at 811 Grandview Drive, Derry Township – Tax Parcel No. 24-048-028.
 - K. Agreement between Parks & Recreation and the Taryn Company, Inc. for the Reconstruction of the Everhart Covered Bridge.
 - L. Approval by the Board of Commissioners for the Affirmative Action Plan Preparation and Support Proposal with Morgan Lewis Resources – OFCCP. (Personnel)
 - M. Rate IS Natural Gas Service Agreement; the Rate LFD Natural Gas Service Agreement; and IS#2/DSO Extended Term Pricing Agreement with UGI for the gas service at the Dauphin County Prison and Spring Creek.
 - N. GIS Agreement between Dauphin County Information Technology and Dauphin Borough and Global Cartographics, Inc.
 - O. Sublease Agreement between Dauphin County Human Services Director's Office and the Upper Dauphin Services Center, Inc. for office space.
 - P. Service Agreement between Dauphin County Human Services Director's Office and the Upper Dauphin Human Services Center, Inc. for telephone and janitorial services.
 - Q. Purchase of Service Agreement for FY04/05 between Dauphin County Children & Youth Agency and Wordsworth Academy, Inc.
 - R. Amendment to FY04/05 Purchase of Service Agreements between Children & Youth Agency and:
 - 1. Hempfield Behavioral Health, Inc. – Amendment #3
 - 2. Northwestern Human Services of PA, Inc. – Amendment #1
 - S. Purchase of Service Agreements between Area Agency on Aging and:

1. Help Ministries of Christian Churches United
 2. Abel Personnel, Inc.
 3. Home Instead Senior, Care
- T. Application for Intergovernmental Cooperation Grant Program for the Dauphin County Planning Commission for a PA Dept. of Community & Economic Development LUPTAP Grant in the amount of \$7,500.
- U. Approval for the Solid Waste Management Agency to submit RFPs for the Operation and Maintenance of the Recycling Facility.
- V. Approval of a Hospice Contract between Spring Creek Nursing Home and Heatland Hospice.
- W. Amendments the Agreement between Dauphin County and Zelenkofske Axelrod LLC to perform Dauphin County's audit for the year ended December 31, 2005:
1. To cover audit services on the bond issues and Swaption in 2005
 2. Services related to GASB Statement No. 40 and GASB Statement No. 42
- X. Commissioners Approval to contribute the County's *pro rata* share (\$1,598.00) for appraisal services and trial costs needed to ascertain the true value of property located at a/k/a Wyndham Garden Hotel, 765 Eisenhower Blvd., Swatara Township, parcel #63-027-194.
- Y. HAVA Grant Application to the State Department Bureau of Finance and Operations for additional funds in the amount \$11,731.28. (Registration & Elections)

FORMER BUSINESS

(There was none.)

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Hartwick: I have two quick updates. The first one is Graystone Bank's grand opening was yesterday or two days ago, time flies so quick, but I have some things to report about Graystone Bank. I tried to make the sales pitch for the IDA that they occupy the rest of the 20% of the building. I think based upon their projections that may happen sooner than later, they have opened with a record number of new accounts in 5 months they have compiled close to \$80 million. It is a Pennsylvania state record. They have really, from the management side on down, produced a great team. They are a great tenant for Dauphin County. I would like to take a little time to give Commissioner Haste a little credit here in convincing us all to maintain our focus in hoping to continue to look out for additional sources of revenue outside of the general fund dollars. When we first took over that building it was about 15% occupied. I was thinking let's get it off of our hands and I know Commissioner Haste believed in the vision of trying to get that facility operating. I know that is a real success story and judged by the 80% occupancy rate and hopefully soon to be 100% occupancy rate it is going to be a real money maker for Dauphin County. That is something of note.

Second thing is the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania had a press conference yesterday. Although it didn't have the headlines of the folks who were supporting and against the marriage amendment yesterday or the minimum wage, it did get a little play in the Patriot-News. They were talking about the County Commissioners' priorities and trying to advocate again for less government regulations. Not necessarily more money in Human Services, but the cuts that are occurring there nationally are CCAP's number one priority. We want to stay vocal and active in trying to ensure that we advocate reducing the county's liability on all of our fronts through the CCAP operation. Thank you.

Mr. DiFrancesco: I also had a productive day yesterday on a different Capitol Hill. I was down in Washington yesterday stumping for some of Dauphin County's priorities. I met with Senator Santorum's office, Senator Specter's office and Congressman Holden's office to lay the groundwork for some of the assistance we will be looking for from the Federal level. I think significantly also I delivered the message to them that we understand and respect the fact that their budget is getting tight at the federal level, but we would appreciate the fact that as they cut back the money that they take some of the ties off of our hands and allow us to decide how best to distribute that money within our community. I shared with them some examples of how through some policy changes, not only has our pot of money gone down, but they have also made it so that we could not provide the same level of service to the same amount of people in our community. The staff members that I spoke to were very understanding, accommodating and would certainly give that consideration. I made a pitch yesterday also aside from individual projects for a greater use of a concept of Block Grant monies. I told them we will come down and gladly accept their priorities and have them tell us these are the goals that we would like you to achieve but then allowing us the right to figure out how to achieve them within our community. All in all it was a good day in terms of laying groundwork. Unfortunately I am not here to report that I have any checks for Dauphin County, but that process will play out over the next couple of months. The other important issue is that none of the offices knew exactly what would happen in terms of dollars being available in the future because again with the war effort and the recovery effort in the south. With those two efforts taking so many resources people are just uncertain how much will be available to assist counties and their policy goals. It was a good day.

Mr. Haste: Anything else by the Board? (There was none.)

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Haste: We have correspondence that the Board has received this week listed Items A through L, which will be handled by the staff appropriately.

- A. Received from the Dept. of Auditor General a copy of the audit report for the hunting license years 2001 to 2003 and for the fishing and dog license years 2001 to 2004.
- B. Notification from Avogadro Environmental Corporation indicating the PA Dept. of Agriculture is submitting a State Only Operating Permit application for three boilers, three generator engines and a fire suppression system water pump at

the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg.

- C. Notification from Grove Associates indicating that Janet Smith is applying to DEP for a general NPDES permit for stormwater discharges associated with construction activities associated with a subdivision of her 45.01 acre tract into 9 residential lots located Lower Paxton Township.
- D. Notification from United Water indicated they have applied to DEP for a water supply permit application at the Chemical Feed System installation, Rockville Pump Station located in Susquehanna Township.
- E. Notification from Pennoni Associates, Inc., indicating Hershey Trust Company will be applying for a NPDES permit for stormwater discharges for the SAIL project which consists of a commons building and five living/learning cottages located in Derry Township, Dauphin County.
- F. Notification from Tyco Electronics indicating they intend to submit an application to DEP for a NPDES renewal permit for discharge of treated water from groundwater remediation system to the Wiconisco Creek in Williamstown Borough.
- G. Notification from the Department of Environmental Protection indicating they have received from the Dauphin County Conservation District the Multi-Creek Watershed Stormwater Management Plan, reviewed the Plan and find it to be consistent with state and federal control programs.
- H. Notification from Light-Heigel & Associates, Inc., indicating that the Schroll-Smith Partnership will be applying to DEP for a general NPDES permit for stormwater discharges associated with construction activities at the Hills of Hershey – a 45 lot residential subdivision in Derry Township.
- I. Notification from Raudenbush Engineering, Inc., on behalf of Peter and Mary Houts, indicating they are preparing a subdivision plan for 7 new lots located on their property in South Hanover Township.
- J. Notification from Buchart Horn, Inc., on behalf of Hershey Trust Company, Trustee for Milton Hershey School, indicating they intend to apply to DEP for a waterway encroachment permit for a bridge placement along Bullfrog Valley Road on an unnamed tributary of the Swatara Creek located in Derry Township.
- K. Notification from Light-Heigel & Associates, Inc., indicating that Aikon, Limited Partnership will be applying to DEP for a general permit for the underground crossing of a wetland and intermittent stream within the proposed residential subdivision, Grandview Estates, South Hanover Township.
- L. Notification from Raudenbush Engineering, Inc., indicating that D & G Harman LLC is applying to DEP for a general NPDES permit for discharge of stormwater associated with construction activities for construction of a cast iron stove casting facility, warehouse and parking area located in Halifax Township.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

(There was none.)

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Haste: Before we adjourn just a reminder that we have Retirement Board and we will convene that at 10:55am. Is there a motion to adjourn?

It was moved by Mr. Hartwick and seconded by Mr. DiFrancesco to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Chad Saylor, Chief Clerk/Chief of Staff

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