



DAUPHIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner's Legislative Meeting

April 20, 2005 (10:00AM)

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Chad Saylor, Chief Clerk; Bill Tully, Solicitor; Marie Rebeck, Controller; Bob Dick, Treasurer; Steve Suknaic, Director of Juvenile Probation; Jeff Patton, Juvenile Probation; Elke Moyer, Human Services; Mike Yohe, Director of Budget and Finance; Lena Martinez, Commissioners' Office; Julia Nace, Assistant Chief Clerk; Heidi Doyle, Domestic Relations; Sharon Way, Personnel; Randy Baratucci, Director of Purchasing; Ed Chubb, Director of Parks and Recreation; Kay Sinner, Personnel; Diane McNaughton, Press Secretary; Gary Serhan, Controller's Office; Bruce Forman, Assistant Solicitor; Kacey Truax, Commissioners' Office; Edgar Cohen, Director of Facilities Maintenance; Dave Schreiber, Personnel; Melanie McCaffrey, Solicitor's Office; Jena Wolgemuth, Commissioners' Office; Eileen Carson, AAA

GUESTS PRESENT

John Addison, Carolyn Pertusio, Viola Allen, Norma Allen, Michael Portone, from DCP; Dave Daniels, Ella Hafer, Mary Leighner, Marlene Pranko, Laverna Carroll; Mary Gochnauer, Kathryn Yates, Gladys Baldwin, Sylvia Mardah and Jean Greco from A.A.A.; Rev. Dann Caldwell, Elizabeth Chester and Peggy Sostar from Spring Creek Lori Leitzel from Parents Anonymous, and Margaret L. Brennan

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 March 30, 2005 Workshop meeting minutes. Is there a motion to approve?

Mr. DiFrancesco made the motion to approve the March 30, 2005 meeting minutes. Mr. Haste seconded the motion. Haste and DiFrancesco were in agreement. Motion carries.

Mr. Haste: We have the March 30, 2005 Salary Board meeting minutes. The Salary Board consists of the three Commissioners and the Controller. Is there a motion to approve?

Ms. Rebuck made the motion to approve the March 30, 2005 Salary Board meeting minutes. Mr. DiFrancesco seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carries.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS HELD BETWEEN MEETINGS

Mr. Saylor: Commissioners as you know we had two executive sessions, once on the 14th of April and again this morning. We reviewed a number of things including labor negotiations and some litigation matters.

Mr. Haste: Thank you.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

(There was none.)

DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS/GUESTS

A. Commissioners

1. Presentation of Volunteer Proclamation recognizing volunteers.
Representatives: John Addison, Carolyn Pertusio, Viola Allen, Norma Allen, Michael Portone, from DCP; Dave Daniels, Ella Hafer, Mary Leighner, Marlene Pranko, Lavern Carroll; Mary Gochnauer, Kathryn Yates, Sylvia Mardah, Jean Greco from A.A.A.; Rev. Dann Caldwell, Elizabeth Chester, Peggy Sostar from Spring Creek.

Mr. DiFrancesco: We have a special opportunity here this morning. We have a number of visitors in the audience that we want to recognize. I would like to begin with just a short comment and I would like to read the proclamation. I don't think the public truly understands what it takes to do a lot of the jobs that we do. One of the things that I realized very quickly after spending a year in this position is that we have a very great staff in all of our facilities doing great work for people in need throughout the county. The bottom line is if we didn't have the core of volunteers that come by their side and help them do their job there is no way that we could meet the needs of the people in our community. We rely on our volunteers as much as we rely on our professional staff to get the job done on a daily basis. As we all know there are a lot of people in our community that have great needs and it is absolutely wonderful to have so many committed volunteers assisting us assist the people that are in such need.

We, the Dauphin County Board of Commissioners, take great pride and pleasure in joining with the countless family members, friends and the community at large in paying special recognition to the many volunteers who serve in Dauphin County and the world;

Whereas, these men and women of all ages give countless hours of their time to help solve life's many problems, seeking no monetary reward yet touching so many lives in the process;

Whereas, in Dauphin County, thousands of volunteers give of their time each day, in schools, hospitals, nursing homes, homeless shelters and other venues, displaying an overwhelming compassion and commitment to serving the children, the elderly and all ages in between;

Whereas, many programs within Dauphin County began because these volunteers recognized a need and took the initiative, giving of themselves, to fulfill the need;

Whereas, while it is impossible to measure the work that they do in dollars and cents, their work is undoubtedly worth millions;

Whereas, for their exemplary character and service to Dauphin County, we thank all volunteers for a job exceedingly well done, especially now, during "National Volunteers Month";

Therefore, we join the 251,300 residents of Dauphin County in proclaiming April 2005 "Volunteer Month" in Dauphin County; we applaud the many selfless volunteers who have given their time and efforts to bring hot meals, much-needed comfort, companionship and much more to the people of Dauphin County, and we wish them continued health, happiness and success in the years to come, for they are the heart and soul of our community.

(The crowd applauded and photos were taken.)

2. Presentation of a Proclamation proclaiming April, "Child Abuse Prevention Month". Representative: Lori Leitzel of Parents Anonymous

Mr. DiFrancesco: This proclamation is focused on another issue that we obviously have to deal with and unfortunately it is a part of our community, but fortunately we have so many very great gifted people that get involved when unfortunate circumstances occur. I would like to think that we are doing a lot because of those people to ease the problem and the burden on the folks that have to live through some unfortunate conditions. We have Lori Leitzel here from Parents Anonymous in the back that we will be presenting this proclamation to. I would like to read it if I may.

We, the Dauphin County Board of Commissioners, hope to eradicate the horrors of child abuse and boost public awareness of this national tragedy by declaring April 2005 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Dauphin County;

Whereas, it is estimated that 15 out of every 100 children in the United States are victims of some form of child abuse, and an estimated 1,400 children die each year as a result of these tragic injuries;

Whereas, every year in the United States, more than 125,000 children suffer injuries intentionally inflicted by their caretaker;

Whereas, child abuse is the Number One cause of death in children under the age of four and the incidence of child abuse has skyrocketed in recent years, jumping from 600,000 cases of reported child abuse and neglect in 1974 to 3.4 million reported cases in 1994;

Whereas, child abuse and neglect can be reduced by making sure each family has the support they need to raise their children in a healthy and happy environment;

Whereas, county, state and national leaders must join together with the entire spectrum of community groups, schools, churches, businesses and individuals to give suffering children a voice and bring an end to their physical and emotional anguish;

Therefore, it is with a heavy heart and sincere hopes for relief that we proclaim April 2005 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Dauphin County; and we urge all organizations and individuals, both public and private, to join together to combat this heart-rending social crisis.

(The crowd applauded and photos were taken.)

Ms. Leitzel: I would like to say that this is my 26th year with Parents Anonymous of Central PA as Executive Director and I have had the opportunity over 26 years to really see this program make a difference and strengthen family relationships and really help parents become better role models to their children. I just want to thank the Commissioners. This is going to be a year of tremendous spending cuts for prevention programs and I have the support of all of you, George especially is with us at every human services meeting. I am appreciative of all your efforts.

SALARY BOARD

A complete set of Salary Board Meeting Minutes are on file in the Chief Clerk's office.

PERSONNEL

Ms. Sinner: I have an addendum. There are requests to fill several vacancies including two positions in Domestic Relations. One is the vacancy for Director of Domestic Relations, which we knew that was coming through. The promotion of someone into that position is not in the changes yet. It is pending the decision on rate of pay. That should be in next weeks.

Mr. Haste: So Item 5 we are going to pull?

Ms. Sinner: No. We'll still request permission to get the vacancy filled, it's just that we are not moving anyone into it yet.

Mr. Haste: So we will have another action next week?

Ms. Sinner: That is correct. There are a few new hires that we are putting through because this is still during the window so we wanted to get those in for this window. I have listed some separations which created the vacancies we are getting approval to fill. I have no changes to the other Personnel Packet that I presented last week.

Mr. Haste: Any questions of Kay?

Mr. DiFrancesco: No, I have none.

Mr. Haste: Is there a motion to approve the Personnel Packet as amended?

Mr. DiFrancesco made the motion to approve the amended Personnel Packet. Mr. Hartwick seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carries.

Mr. Haste: I think if we could, just for the record, I guess most folks know but in Faye's leave of absence Dave Schreiber will fill in as Acting Director in her absence. Congratulations.

PURCHASE ORDERS

Mr. Baratucci: We don't have any changes from last week's Purchase Order packet. I am willing to say that the one budget issue for the supervision fees for Adult Probation has been taken care of. The rest of the packet is exactly as presented. It is there for your approval unless you have any questions.

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

Mr. Hartwick made the motion to approve the Purchase Order Packet. Mr. DiFrancesco seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carries.

REPORT FROM BUDGET & FINANCE – MIKE YOHE, BUDGET DIRECTOR

A. Budget Amendments for the first quarter figures for calendar year budget and third quarter figures for the fiscal budget.

Mr. Yohe: Commissioners I have two items on the agenda. The first item is the quarterly budget amendment approval. This would be for the quarter ending March 31, 2005, which would be the first quarter for the calendar year funds and the third quarter for the fiscal year funds. I think about a week ago I provided you with the list. The actions for approval are highlighted in gray and there are not too many if I remember correctly. These represent any changes to the bottom lines of any of our county funds. I am here for any questions, if there are none, I would ask for an approval vote.

Mr. Haste: Is there a motion to approve the first quarter figures for calendar year budget and third quarter figures for the fiscal budget?

Mr. Hartwick made the motion to approve the first quarter figures for calendar year budget and third quarter figures for the fiscal year budget. Mr. DiFrancesco seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carries.

Report from the Office of Budget & Finance April 20, 2005

- **April 8, 2005** transferred \$660,808.03 to the **Payables** account from the **County's Concentration account** for checks issued that week.
- **April 15, 2005** transferred \$7,306,020.43 to the **Payables** account and \$1,843,198.44 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** \$123,473.16 rate 2.66%
- **Balance today in Community Banks investment account** \$16,500,598.64 rate 2.97%
(This rate is good through 4/30/05)
- **Balance today in Commerce Bank investment account** \$33,000,518.16 rate 3.305% (This rate equals today's 91-day T-Bill rate of 2.805% plus 50 basis points)
- **Balance today in Sovereign Bank investment account** \$16,500,597.75 rate 2.850% (This rate equals today's 1-month Libor of 3.000% less 10% reserve plus 15 basis points)

\$10M TRAN Line-of-Credit Status at PNC: No activity to date.

Mr. Yohe: I will be getting to you probably within the next couple of days a proposal from Citizens which is along the same lines of a very competitive nature. I will wait and see what your wishes are on that. My concern would be if you start adding more and more to this each will get less and less and it may affect the rates. I'm not sure of that.

Mr. Haste: I thought that was part of the reason why we decided to sort of divide it into four slices. Three guaranteed slices and one that people will compete for so that there was a volume high enough to make it attractive.

Mr. Yohe: The Citizens is right there. I think they were offering a little over 3% with the same terms as the rest of these. We could do it that way. We could give half to the winner and then divide the other half among the other three.

Mr. Haste: But does that weaken someone's interest in this?

Mr. Yohe: I don't know. I'd have to get some feedback. Let me talk to them and get the details of what they are proposing.

Mr. Haste: You need not only talk to them, but in some way, I'm not sure about the other three. Quite frankly if that causes someone else to drop out of the picture I don't know that we have helped ourselves at all.

Mr. Yohe: Exactly. I will explore all of those options before I give you a report.

Mr. DiFrancesco: It seems like we should put a team together for a year. Then if we are going to do any expansion it should happen calendar year to calendar year. Again, the deposits that we have on hand right now for these banks are significant. But if you start to cut them down farther then they may feel like it isn't even worth competing for.

Mr. Yohe: I can find out if in fact that is true. Some of these that are tied to indexes might not matter how much we have in them. Community Banks I can see may start to pull out a little bit because they are not tied to anything right now. I don't know if Citizens is tied to anything, I have to get a little bit more information on it. I will keep you posted.

Mr. DiFrancesco: One other thing that I want to bring up to the Board and the Controller. Mike and I had a meeting with PNC Bank last week. One of the ideas that have been floated to us is a program that they have. I don't want to call it a credit card program because it really isn't, but it is a program that if we identify a handful of vendors where we are making one monthly payment or a defined utility bill payment, or something along those lines, we can use a credit card program to pay that regular bill and receive a rebate back. In fact we don't change our spending habits at all. It is a very controlled program and just by our normal course of spending and paying in this manner we can get a return. Probably, based on our initial conversation it could go anywhere from \$30,000 up to a couple hundred thousand dollars, depending on how far we choose to expand it within the county. Where we are at right now is it was introduced to Mike and I and they are going to come back. I have asked them to find another county where it is already being used so that we can ask real, practical, operational questions. How is it controlled? How does it interface with any of our systems that we need to track? At that point I would like to sit down with all of you as well and have them do another presentation to see how real it is. The example that we are using is if we just focus on one building, Spring Creek, we could use that as a test run. There may be some things that spread out more generally over the county and then we could see what that would save us? We could do a small scale test run rather than a wide spread first shot. Even PNC recommended that we do that. Because the problems that they have faced in other counties generally is that they have bitten off too much, too quickly, then it just got out of hand. If they started small and identified some of those regular bills it seems to work well and counties are getting rebate money based on the credit card payback.

Mr. Haste: The best thing to do maybe when you get that information is talk to Marie. Maybe rather than using a building we can pick out our top five vendors where the dollar amount is high enough to make it worthwhile.

Mr. Yohe: If anything we had talked about was picking out certainly the highest monthly recurring vendors. You could maybe only do 10 vendors and have a very significant dollar amount that could make it worthwhile and not too much of an impact on the operations.

Mr. DiFrancesco: It looks like a good plan. They said that they had already worked out the ideas of control. I told them from the get go what I don't want is a credit card program. I don't want credit cards in employees' hands. I don't want that. They said no, this is a focus on those largest line items in your budget. They compared it to the vendors that accept credit cards as payment and that it would be the recurring bills that you can account for every year, for example the utility bill that doesn't change a whole lot. You know that is a legitimate expense and so forth. Once they go and do their homework they are going to bring it back and present again and we'll set up a meeting where the appropriate players are in the room and they can take a good hard look at it.

Mr. Haste: I was just saying maybe we could pay off some of our health care costs since that seems to be our biggest cost. Nick had said that Express Scripts was one.

Mr. DiFrancesco: Now that was one of the changes....

Mr. Yohe: We don't use Express Scripts anymore.

Mr. Haste: I know but it....

Mr. DiFrancesco: I'm saying that was a vendor that was on the list that would have accepted credit payment under the list that they used to compare.

Mr. Haste: That's a big bill.

Mr. Yohe: Maybe Highmark accepts credit cards.

Mr. Haste: Maybe there is a way to entice them to do that.

Mr. DiFrancesco: Again, it is without changing any habits. It is money back in our pockets.

Mr. Haste: It is a way to finance the Wellness Program.

Mr. DiFrancesco: Absolutely. I will be talking about that later on in the program.

Mr. Hartwick: Just so long as we are never known as the credit card Commissioners.

Mr. DiFrancesco: That's right. That title is forever sealed with other administrations.

Mr. Hartwick: Previous administrations. Thank you.

REPORT FROM CHIEF CLERK/CHIEF OF STAFF – CHAD SAYLOR

Mr. Saylor: Commissioners I have nothing to report at this time.

SOLICITORS REPORT—BILL TULLY, ESQ.

Mr. Tully: I have nothing to add, but am happy to answer any questions. (There were no questions.)

MATTERS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

Mr. Haste: Matters requiring board action we have Items A through GG. Are there any items that we need to have a discussion on or brought out?

Mr. Hartwick: Was GG just added Nick?

Mr. Haste: No, that has been on.

Mr. DiFrancesco: Is everybody up to speed on that?

Mr. Hartwick: Yes.

Mr. DiFrancesco: Okay.

Mr. Haste: Is there a motion to approve Items A through GG?

Mr. Hartwick made the motion to approve the Matters Requiring Board Action Items A through GG. Mr. DiFrancesco seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carries.

- A. Training Packet
- B. Approval of FY04/05 Per Diem Rates between Children & Youth Agency and:
 - 1. Community Service Foundation
 - Foster Group Home \$94.41/day
 - Day Treatment \$57.70/day
 - 2. Chariots LLC
 - CRR Host Homes-Treatment, rm., bd., \$152.23/day
 - 3. Adelphoi Village, Inc.
 - Detention \$145.00/day
- C. Subordination Agreements for the following individuals:
 - 1. Gary and Tina Kresge for property located at 7075 Clearfield Street, Harrisburg.

2. Lisa Scott for property located at 559 Highland Street, Harrisburg.
- D. Satisfaction Pieces for the following individuals:
1. Tyrone L. Tennant for property located at 1951 Zarker, Harrisburg, PA.
 2. Diane L. Brooks for property located at 717 N. 18th Street, Harrisburg.
- E. Dauphin County Wellness Program Sponsor Letter.
- F. Professional Services Agreement with Navarro & Wright Consulting Engineers, Inc., to provide construction management services to the Dauphin County Department of Solid Waste Management for the construction of the Material Recycling Facility.
- G. Medical Services Agreements with various physicians responsible for attending to the medical needs of Spring Creek patients:
1. Dr. Edward E. LaMarque
 2. Dr. M. Szada
 3. Dr. Donald W. Spigner
- H. Collection Service Agreement with Commercial Acceptance Company for collection of past due accounts (Spring Creek).
- I. Business Associate Agreement with Commercial Acceptance Co. the Company agrees it will not disclose Protected Health Information during collection of past due accounts (Spring Creek).
- J. Addendum to the Collection Service Agreement with Commercial Acceptance Company (CAC) giving permission to the CAC to report negative information to national credit bureaus (Spring Creek).
- K. Purchase of Service Agreement with Riverside Associates, P.C. to provide certain psychological services at Spring Creek.
- L. GIS License Agreement with Lower Paxton Twp. and Steelton Borough. (Information Technology)
- M. Purchase of Service Agreement between Area Agency on Aging and Oliver Products for the loan of sealer equipment.
- N. Purchase of Service Agreement with Simplex Grinnell for testing and inspection of the fire alarm and security system at the Area Agency on Aging Nutrition Center.
- O. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Memorandum of Understanding with the Human Services Director's Office and the following:
1. Dauphin County Housing Authority
 2. Shalom House
 3. The Delta Community
 4. YWCA of Greater Harrisburg
- P. Adopt Resolution No. 12-2005 authorizing the allocation of \$26,276 of the FY2004 Unprogrammed Fund Community Development Block Grant Program for the Gratz Borough Extension to the Water Distribution System.
- Q. Purchase/Lease of a Truck for the West Nile Program.

- R. Maintenance Agreement with Kenney Mechanical to service the HVAC Equipment located at the Bulk Storage Building. (Facility Maintenance).
- S. Maintenance Agreement with Kenney Mechanical to service the HVAC Equipment located at the Veterans Memorial Bldg. (Facilities Maintenance)
- T. Maintenance Agreement with Kenney Mechanical to service the HVAC Equipment located in the County Courthouse. (Facilities Maintenance)
- U. Service Agreement with G.R. Sponaugle Company to provide emergency power hook-up for the kitchen cooler located at Spring Creek. (Facilities Maintenance)
- V. Professional Services Agreement with Navarro & Wright Consulting to provide engineering services to Dauphin County's EMA Communications System.
- W. Independent Living Grant Proposal for Dauphin County Children & Youth Agency for FY05/06.
- X. Child Welfare Education Leadership (CWEL) Agreement with Children & Youth Agency, The University of Pittsburgh, and Sarina L. Bishop.
- Y. Consultancy Agreement between Children & Youth Agency and Halifax School District.
- Z. Foster parent Appreciation Banquet Entertainment Contract between Children & Youth Agency and Big Tubba Mista Enterprises.
- AA. Amendment #2 to FY04/05 Purchase of Service Agreement between Children & Youth Agency and Southwood Psychiatric Hospital.
- BB. Amendment #1 to Subsidized Legal Custodianship Agreement #2004-02.
- CC. Adoption Assistance Agreements:
 - 1. #2005-03
 - 2. #2005-07
 - 3. #2005-08
 - 4. #2005-09
 - 5. #2005-14
 - 6. #2005-15
 - 7. #2005-16
- DD. Business Associate Agreement between Spring Creek and Complete HealthCare Resources – Eastern, Inc.
- EE. Adopt Resolution No. 13-2005 authorizing Parks & Recreation Dept. to apply for a Growing Greener Grant.
- FF. Adopt Resolution No. 14-2005 Enacting Ordinance 4-1991 "Burning Ban" on April 14, 2005.
- GG. Authorize the Vice-Chairman of Dauphin County Board of Commissioners to execute an application to Department of Public Welfare shifting 12 secure beds to shelter beds at Schaffner Youth Center.

FORMER BUSINESS

(There was none.)

NEW BUSINESS

(There was none.)

COMMISSIONERS' DISCUSSION & ACTIONS

Mr. DiFrancesco: Just to mention we are going back in terms of wellness. A small set back. I don't quite understand it but we have to go back and retool and figure out what exactly happened. Out of 2,000 employees in Dauphin County we were not able to generate enough people to get a single Weight Watchers program started. We need only 15 names and that didn't happen. I've got to go back and figure out whether that was a matter of communications....

Mr. Haste: Everybody is in shape.

Mr. DiFrancesco: Absolutely, everyone in Dauphin County is in perfectly fine fitness wise. That was one of the programs that we were prepared to launch. We moved forward because we had people coming up to us left and right saying that they wanted to do this. At the end of the day we had to give up the date that we had set to start because we didn't have 15 people. I want you to know that I was there. My spot was reserved. I was leading the show. We will come back with another date and try to promote that it is being offered again and try to find out why we had a terrible response. The deal was actually better than what they would get out of the work place. The administrative fee was waived and they were basically paying a rate that you wouldn't normally pay at other facilities or doing out on your own. The convenience of having Weight Watchers on the work site will have to be delayed a little bit, but we will get it back in line. I just wanted to report.

Mr. Hartwick: I just wanted to update the Board on a meeting that we had two weeks ago with Secretary Richmond related to this years Children & Youth needs based budget and to all of Human Services in general and the impact of the proposed budget by the Governor. We actually had all of our categorical agencies that were represented at the meeting and we talked to the Secretary about what we've done already, proactively, in Dauphin County to be able to transition from where we are at. This is based upon the highest reimbursement putting ourselves in the best position to have the least impact on our counties general fund. There were several things that I had expressed that we have already proactively done to put ourselves in a position to gain maximum reimbursements. If the Board would just bear with me I will go over those things briefly. We have already met with our critical partners and we have a meeting set up next week on our MA realignment, which has been under the direction of the Department of Public Welfare. This is done to transition all of the areas that can be

covered by medical assistance. We need to dig through our contracts and define what areas are MA eligible and make sure they are being billed to their appropriate cost, which has created a considerable amount of staff time. In the county this Board has already transitioned a caseworker to an MA management position. Mostly all of the other counties in the Commonwealth are not even close. Through the meetings we've identified our first tier of medical assistance realignment targets. We sent letters to them and the steps that need to be taken in order to claim reimbursement. The State is still working on how they define how we go after medical assistance. In Dauphin County we are actually leading the charge. The meeting is scheduled for May 2 and I'd like to invite the Commissioners to attend with all providers to review program descriptions, outline credentialing information and all the MA provider applications. All of our department directors, this Board and even the President Judge will be present to convey the expectation that providers will fully participate in this endeavor. One of the things also that I want to note, I'd like to thank Judge Lewis and Judge Hoover, as well as, Judge Cherry in really working along with us to make this successful transition. I know Nick has been active as well with the transition of the Schaffner Juvenile Detention Center. I know that wouldn't happen without the participation and cooperation from the Judges, as well as, JPO and Children & Youth. I can say in Dauphin County that we have our President Judge and everybody on the same page as it comes to the best interest of our kids, but also as it comes to the best interest of our General Fund balance and our taxpayers. All that is being considered. We have taken action to streamline the function at Schaffner Youth Detention Center to help more kids through detention more efficiently so we don't have to take the big hit with the transition of Title 4E. We have identified an MA team including a representative from Children & Youth, JPO, MHCMU (our HMO). We are converting an additional pod as we saw on the agenda today at Schaffner. We are increasing the use of electronic monitoring as an alternative to detention. We are attempting to explore all effective cost ways to provide alternatives to detention. The Judges again have committed to reducing continuances and expending court services to the extent possible. We met with all the in home care prevention service providers over the last three weeks to explain current circumstances and fully engage them. I want to let our area Legislators and our Senators know that they are going to be receiving a great deal of correspondence from all of our advisory boards, all of the providers and people who are engaged in Human Services to let them know that a budget cut in our intervention programs should not be in jeopardy as a result of this budget. We are working with our parent advisory groups and again all of our advisory boards to review the outcomes related to all prevention and in-home service providers to make funding decisions. As cuts come we're going to have to make some tough choices with those programs. We have a position dedicated to the outcome development measurements in contracted through the FSSR process with the consultant to do specific outcome development with our smaller community providers. We are expanding family group conferencing as a cross-systems planning process to be more inclusive of community members and families. We are working with our Senators and Congressmen to advocate for appropriations for special projects in Human Services. We are not really just on the State. We obviously have several projects that have been a priority. Of course we have the system of care grant and have done extensive work in regards to this initiative, especially in engaging and training our

community partners, which has just been approved for an extension through DPW. We have a cross-system supervisory group that has been meeting for the past three years to develop cross-system competency to troubleshoot more clients' information. We have trained all human services staff on customer service and community engagement. Our meetings actually went well. We have been proactive in trying to address the problem and get away from having to use general fund dollars as it appears the amount that we would have to spend with TANF going away and Children & Youth needs based budget would need about \$5.5 million extra. I think through the proactive approach of this Board, through the department Director's and the Judges, we are already identifying ways to cut into that. With DPW we are also letting them know that we are not sitting around waiting for direction we are taking proactive approaches to have the least amount of impact on our general fund budget. I would like to thank the Board for their support in this. Some tough decisions are going to be made and I just wanted to update you on the meeting we had with the Secretary. Thank you.

Mr. Haste: Thank you for the update.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Haste: The correspondence Items A through J will be handled appropriately by the staff.

- A. Notification from Norfolk Southern Corporation in reference to the annual notification of upstream regulated substances for Lucknow Yard, 3322 Industrial Road, Harrisburg and the Enola Yard, 218 Enola Road, Enola, Cumberland County.
- B. Notification from Matthew & Hockley Associates, Ltd., indicating they plan to submit an application to DEP for a NPDES and WQ-II permit for two low flow sewage Treatment Plants for the Robert Jones Property located in East Hanover Township, Dauphin County.
- C. Received a letter from Nuclear Regulatory Commission addressed to Exelon Generation Company in reference to various nuclear power stations.
- D. Notification from Navarro & Wright Consulting Engineers, Inc., on behalf of AFS Development, indicating the submission of a Notice of Intent for coverage under the NPDES permit for stormwater discharges associated with construction activities for the Chelsey Falls subdivision Lower Paxton Township.
- E. Received a letter from the PA Dept. of Public Health & Human Services indicating they have reviewed the audit report issued by Boyer & Ritter on contract #943011670 for the period of July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002 and found the total funds disbursed by the Department of Public Welfare under this agreement have been accounted for and expended.
- F. Received a letter from the PA Dept. of Transportation indicating \$50,000.00 was approved for the Royalton Borough under the County Liquid Fuels.
- G. Received a letter from the PA Dept. of Conservation & Natural Resources, on behalf of Governor Rendell, indicating that the Everhart Covered Bridge-Ft. Hunter Park has been approved for a grant in the amount of \$100,000. Funding for this project is coming from the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund, The Environmental

Stewardship Act Fund (Growing Greener) or the federal Land & Water Conservation Fund.

- H. Notification from the Dept. of Housing & Urban Development indicating the following grant awards: Community Development Block Grant \$1,726,485; HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) \$630,480; American Dream Downpayment Initiative (ADDI) \$29,627.
- I. Notification from CET Engineering Services, on behalf of Lykens Borough Authority, indicating the submission of a General Permit to DEP for the rehabilitation of the Authority's main reservoir downstream embankments and escarpments, which were damaged by Hurricane Ivan.
- J. Notification from CET Engineering Services indicating the Lower Paxton Township Authority has modified an application to DEP to eliminate the sanitary sewer replacement in the wetlands of the Spring Creek Mini Basin SC-11 Sanitary Sewer System Rehabilitation Project.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

(There was none.)

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. DiFrancesco made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Hartwick seconded the motion. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned.

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Respectfully submitted,

Chad Saylor, Chief Clerk/Chief of Staff

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