

DAUPHIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORKSHOP MEETING WEDNESDAY, May 5, 2004 10:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Jennifer Kocher, Communications, Marie Rebuck, Controller, Bob Dick, Treasurer, Gary Serhan, Controller's Office, Garry Esworthy, Risk Management, Shari Eagle, Information Technology, Dave Schreiber, Personnel, Sharon Way, Personnel, Randy Baratucci, Purchasing, Diane McNaughton, Communications, Edgar Cohen, Facilities Maintenance, Jena Wolgemuth, Commissioners, Richie Martz, Commissioners, Bob Burns, Chad Saylor, Chief Clerk, Julia Nace, Assistant Chief Clerk, Bill Tully, Solicitor, Melanie McCaffrey, Solicitors Office, Mike Yohe, Budget, Faye Fisher, Personnel, Kay Sinner, Personnel, Noel Folk, Carolyn Thompson, Court Administrator, Bob Knupp, Solicitor, Dan Robinson, Economic Development, M. Eileen Carson, AAA, Carolyn Thompson, Court Administrator, Warden Dominick DeRose, Deborah Lisi, Controllers Office

GUESTS PRESENT

Kelly Bolton, Peone Johnson, Gloria Lomax, Alicia Smith, Charles Lanza, Lowand Knight, Carolyn Stoneward, Jeff Park, Carolyn Barton, NancyJ ameson, Tory Stackfield and Pierre Johnson

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 minutes from the March 31, 2004 Workshop Meeting, April 7, 2004 Legislative Meeting and April 14, 2004 Workshop Meeting for approval. Is there a motion to approve?

Mr. Hartwick: So moved.

Mr. DiFrancesco: Second.

Mr. Haste: All those in favor say aye.

All: Aye.

Mr. Haste: Motion Carries. We now have the April 7, 2004, Salary Board Meeting minutes. The Salary Board consists of the three Commissioners and the Controller. Is there a motion?

Ms. Rebuck: So moved.

Mr. Hartwick: Second.

Mr. Haste: All those in favor say aye.

All: Aye.

Mr. Haste: Motion carries.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS HELD BETWEEN MEETINGS

Mr. Saylor: There were none.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Haste: Anyone in the audience who would like to address the Board?

Mr. Lanza: My name is Charles Lanza and I live at 5943 Spruce Street in Harrisburg. I have some comments about the recent pilot program you put into place. I do not know all of the details.

Mr. Haste: Which pilot program?

Mr. Lanza: The child support program.

Mr. Haste: The one with the Community Action Center?

Mr. Lanza: Yes. The reason I am here today is to talk to you about child support and custody. I would first like to commend you about the fact that you are trying to do something about the problem. However, I believe what you have proposed will not be effective. The reason why I believe this is because the root of the problem is not being addressed. The reason why people fall behind on child support is for the most part, because the system has failed them. The model that child support is based on in Pennsylvania, is outdated, sets unrealistic expectations for payment and at the same time, provides little if not any money for a non custodial parent to sustain oneself, let alone a child. Other problems for example are the billing practices for child support. Payments are in such a way that payments are owed one month in advance of when it is actually due. Secondly, when a non custodial parent looses his or her own job, Domestic Relations fails in every aspect to make the appropriate changes even though the guidelines specifically call for such a change. Further when credit is warranted and proven, again, Domestic Relations fails to take the appropriate actions. Thirdly, the non custodial parents for the most part get no financial credit for helping raise their children even though they are burdened with most of the expense of doing so. They pay tax on money that they earned but are denied the right to claim the child on exceptions, to deduct child care expenses and so on. They are even denied the right to spend time with their children. All this adds up to a system that has to change. The mental distress and anguish that this system causes to one psychiatric well being is unprecedented. This proof is in the killings and suicides that are seen on daily news casts. Finally, the burden to society that this system, in its own right has created, is so far reaching that it is almost impossible to calculate. So, I urge you to dig deeper to solve these problems for the sake of all of us. I believe that all of these problems can be solved with a little compassion and common sense.

Mr. Haste: I will make sure that copies of these minutes are sent to the President Judge and Domestic Relations. I understand what you are saying. I know this does not solve all of the problems, but it is a small step forward.

Mr. Hartwick: I want to say the idea to offer amnesty and the opportunity to gain some resources and to provide career training is to provide long-term solutions. The goal of this Board is not to throw people in jail and have the children suffer. Ultimately we want to make sure that the children are first and give the father an opportunity to be a father to a child and that is something that is severely lacking in our society. We prefer for them to start making their child support payments and to make it right with their family.

We re taking some long steps but we appreciate your comments and we need to move forward.

Mr. DiFrancesco: We will be going further than that. This is not the end. This was just one innovative program put out there. There will be others and we will continue to look at the process and find other ways to handle this issue. I am a firm believer and have been on record that the concept of putting these people in jail for this makes no sense at all. That is just one person's opinion. It boggles my mind. We are trying to find ways to get to the core issue of the problem and make it better for the parents and the children.

Mr. Lanza: I am available to meet with you individually or as a whole to go into further detail of the "ins and the out's" of the system because it is a very complicated system. I just touched on a couple things. There is a lot more.

Mr. Haste: Is there anyone else to address the Board? There was none.

DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS/GUESTS

Mr. Haste: We have two proclamations to present.

Commissioner Hartwick: Sometimes at a Commissioner's Meeting there is spirited debate. Even though we have vowed to not be disagreeable, there may be some topics that warrant debate. We take our responsibilities seriously and the individuals we are going to recognize today truly make society a better place to live. In society there are so many problems. As a former mayor of an urban community I was dealing with 29 year old grand mothers at times. Individuals have to take tests for a driver's license or to graduate from high school. You do not have to take a test to become a parent. You can have a baby, but may not understand how to be a parent. We are very fortunate to have in Dauphin County organizations and individuals that step up and play that role. It is a lack of a strong structure that has caused us to have the highest arrest rate per capita in Dauphin County for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. We are not proud of that. However, we are making a difference in the front lines with the folks who step up to the plate and play an active role, not only caring for grandkids in some cases but also becoming a foster parent and taking the responsibilities to take care of someone else's children. It is that type of commitment within the community that often goes unrecognized but is one that is extremely valuable. We think we are in a bad situation now, we would certainly be in a much more worse position without volunteers within the communities and foster parents stepping up to the plate We are aware that there are alternatives out there when you are in a position to have a child. That is represented here today with Catholic Charities being here. Being a Catholic myself, I certainly believe we should explore all options. When somebody becomes pregnant, there are always people out there willing to take care of and to be responsible for children. Today it is with great pleasure to recognize some foster parents in the crowd today as well as Catholic Charities. I would like to read the proclamation and then call all of you up, present the proclamation and thank all of you.

We, the Dauphin County Board of Commissioners appreciate the foster families who provide loving care for the more than 200 neglected, abandoned and abused children in the care of foster families who in the end serve as substitute families;

Whereas, each day foster families diligently work with an array of public and private services and agencies to make certain the children in their care reach their full potential despite the circumstances of their youth, often foster families are the key to keeping connections alive by transporting and supervising visits between the children and their family;

Whereas, foster parents offer the warmth of a family setting, sustaining the children while the birth parents receive criminal justice, housing, mental health counseling, drug and alcohol and mental retardation services, parenting classes and other assistance in order to prepare for their children's safe return;

Whereas, when birth families are unable or unwilling to reunite with their children, foster families often open their families to the children on a permanent basis through adoption;

Whereas, the hard work and dedication provided by these families to Dauphin County's most vulnerable citizens has a far reaching and long lasting impact, helping shape the future of our county;

Therefore, we join the 251,300 residents of Dauphin County in applauding the tireless efforts of our foster families and their compassion for the children whose lives they help shape and whose families they help to heal and declare May Foster Parent Month in Dauphin County.

Mr. Hartwick: I would like to call up Lowand Knigh, Gloria Lomax, Carolyn Stoneward and anybody we may have missed in an attempt to identify all of the foster parents here today, as well as the Catholic Charities staff, Jeff Park, Carolyn Barton, Nancy Jameson, Tory Stackfield and Pierre Johnson. Please come forward.

Mr. Haste: We have one more proclamation to give at this time. While we were going through this discussion, my colleague was giving his synopsis on the state of some of the things we discussed and I thought of these folks because these are the folks who have to deal with the people who don't conform to the other parts of society and those who the system has decided to put them away for punitive purposes or for safety of the community. That is our correctional officers. Today we have the Warden and some staff from Dauphin County Prison for this proclamation today. In the year and five months that I have been back that I have gotten reacquainted with the folks out there and even though it is probably a position that most of us would not want to have, it takes a certain skill level to be a correctional officer. Those folks most of the time are underestimated and not appreciated in their role in our community. Often times they deal with a segment of our society that most of us purposely or otherwise choose not to deal with. We appreciate their professionalism as they carry out their job. It is not an easy job and it requires self restraint and a high level of professionalism. I would like to read the proclamation:

We, the Dauphin County Board of Commissioners, are grateful for this opportunity to acknowledge and applaud the critical role played by correctional employees in promoting public safety, carrying out justice and establishing a safe, secure and humane environment throughout the Commonwealth's correctional facilities;

Whereas, Pennsylvania's correctional system is the oldest in the nation, and has emerged as a model for other institutions, from the 19th century through modern times;

Whereas, Dauphin County houses more than 900 prisoners a day and must wrestle with many of the same vexing challenges haunting the state's 26 correctional institutions, 66 other county prisons, 14 community corrections centers, and eight federal institutions;

Whereas, more than 26,000 highly skilled, dedicated corrections professionals work around the clock throughout the state to furnish a safe, secure and seamlessly-run facility;

Whereas, these professionals include counselors, clergy, treatment specialists, administrators and officers upon whose talents and professionalism the correctional system depends;

Whereas, public policy issues take on human form in the lives of corrections officers who work in the front lines to combat the consequences of overcrowding, mental illness, substance abuse, illiteracy and violence in society and in our prisons;

Therefore, we join the 251,300 residents of Dauphin County in hailing the often-unrecognized role of correctional employees; although they labor behind locked doors and in desolate cellblocks, we acknowledge the difficult job they do and the outstanding—and often heroic manner—in which they do it; and, in grateful tribute, we do hereby proudly declare May 2-8, 2004 to be "Corrections Employee Week" in Dauphin County.

Mr. Haste: Warden, please bring your staff up.

Richard Seitz, Alexander Construction-Spring Creek Project

Mr. Cohen: Rick is here today to answer any questions you may have on change order 11 or anything else regarding the project.

Mr. Haste: Could you please just go over the change order. One of the concerns and I believe other members of the Board had, was how we have change orders coming before us now when the work has been done previously. We are trying to make sure that everyone understands that this is not the proper procedure. The proper way to this is you get a change order approved prior to changing the work. Please fill us in on this and make sure it does not happen again.

Mr. Seitz: Yes. This change order is the last change order for the project. It is basically picking up the loose ends that occurred in the final phase of the project. That phase was the demolition of the buildings along Paxton Street and the site work to level that off for future development. On typical construction projects there are some loose ends that have to be wrapped up at the end of the projects and really that is what this is. It is the final change order. When it is approved we can process change orders to the prime contractors that were affected by this work. That will allow them to final invoice their contracts and close the project out. We are at that point in the project. We recognize the fact that some of these items have been performed prior to submission of the formal change order for approval and we understand in the future that we will not allow that to happen. There should not be any future change orders on the Spring Creek construction project. This is the final as far as we are concerned.

Mr. Haste: The work that was done, I assume was reviewed by you guys or someone.

Mr. Seitz: Yes. When a particular item came to our attention that constituted a change in the scope of work for a contractor they would bring it to our attention. We would investigate it and determine the validity of it and request a price from that particular contractor. The asbestos that was discovered in the early stages of the demolition that was not on the report that the contractors used to bid from. It was uncovered and had to be abated before the demolition contractor could demolish that area. That is an example of what is included in this change order.

Mr. Haste: In the future, we are going to stress this more with all of our contractors. When that happens, even if it is a situation that you need to deal with right away, in all

projects there are emergencies, some of these items were clearly not emergencies. In that situation, we are asking that a phone call be made to the office and to get someone's prior approval. In most cases it would be the Chief Clerk and he will alert us to that fact so we can ratify that action at the next meeting. Through the construction projects going on here, we get a change order two, three or four months later. To me, that is uncalled for. We need to know. We are the ones held accountable by the public to keep things on time and on budget. When these kinds of things occur without the Board being made aware of it, it is tough for us to do our duty. We need to make it clear. I understand how a job can require an onsite decision, every now and then. We are not trying to take that away. We want to make sure that everyone understands that notification needs to occur and at the next meeting we would ratify it. This gets us in a sticky legal situation because if you do work without Board approval, how are we obligated to pay. We do not want to be in that situation either. That has gotten us in to some difficult situations where things have been without Board approval and we do not want to get into that situation either.

Mr. Seitz: Understand.

Mr. Hartwick: We heard before in another construction project that this change order just popped out of the file. That scared me on who is checking on the work, who is working on those files, and prior approval eliminates all of those concerns. I would echo Chairman Haste's comments.

Mr. Haste: You anticipate that this is the last change order?

Mr. Seitz: Yes.

Mr. Haste: Have you done the final walk through?

Mr. Seitz: We did a preliminary one. We have to follow up with Edgar to do another walk through. We will schedule that within the next month.

Mr. Haste: Is this change order in our packet?

Mr. Saylor: You will approve that next week with some from the courthouse project as well.

PERSONNEL

Ms. Sinner: The items in the Personnel packet stand as presented last week. There have been no changes.

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

Mr. Hartwick: So moved.

Mr. DiFrancesco: Second.

Mr. Haste: All those in favor say aye.

All: Aye.

Mr. Haste: Motion carried.

PURCHASE ORDERS

Mr. Haste: Purchase Orders, Mr. Baratucci.

Mr. Baratucci: Since last week, we have two additions to the purchase order packet. Both of them were approved by the oversight Commissioner. One was for Area Agency on Aging, page 14. It is computer software for our kitchen. They need this in order to meet some requirements. They asked that it be added to the packet. On page 27, for Emergency Management Agency, they had an emergency repair for some of their UPS batteries out at the 911 Center. They needed this immediately.

Mr. DiFrancesco: In regards to Emergency Management Agency, we had a brief time on Sunday morning that some systems went off line due to some problems with the power system. That is how these batteries came to be found.

Mr. Haste: Is there a motion to approve the Purchase Order Packet?

Mr. Hartwick: So moved.

Mr. DiFrancesco: Second.

Mr. Haste: All those in favor say ave.

All: Aye.

Mr. Haste: Motion carries.

REPORT FROM BUDGET & FINANCE - MIKE YOHE, BUDGET DIRECTOR

Mr. Haste: Mr. Yohe

Mr. Yohe:

- April 23, 2004 transferred \$2,829,237.16 to the Payables account from the County's Concentration account for checks issued that week.
- April 30, 2004 transferred \$4,115,110.54 to the Payables account and \$1,861,122.59 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 \$121,535.30 rate 0.95%
- Balance today in Community Banks Money Market account \$75,691,582.23 rate 2.00% (This rate is good through October 2004)

Commerce bank has offered us an account matching Community's terms. In interest of diversification, I will start moving that. We can move as early as next week or go through the normal channels and vote two weeks from now.

Mr. Haste: How long will they make that good?

Mr. Yohe: That is good for six months, just like Community's. I am going to ease into that, I told them that. We'll put some money into and make sure it works. If it does, I will then even it out between the two. I see budget amendments are on the agenda too. I handed them out on April 23, 2004. These are changes to the bottom line of any fund. There are two reports. The calendar year budget. Those that are highlighted grey are the ones that occurred the first quarter. At the end of it, that is the fiscal year reports, the third quarter for the fiscal year. There was one (Children and Youth). Are there any questions? (There were none).

Mr. DiFrancesco: I assume the appropriate collateral is placed for our deposits when we go to a new bank?

Mr. Yohe: That is correct. Commerce provides those listings quarterly. When we get this opened we will get an updated list.

REPORT FROM CHIEF CLERK/CHIEF OF STAFF – CHAD SAYLOR

Mr. Haste: Report from the Chief Clerk.

Mr. Saylor: Nothing to report.

Mr. Haste: How did your meeting go?

Mr. Saylor: The Directors' meeting went very well. We had Mr. Yohe provide an update and numerous specific handouts for Departments. So we could paint the picture for our Directors. Faye & I gave some comments on the hiring freeze and we talked about topics for future Director Meetings. This included grants and things like that.

Mr. Haste: Any Departments who weren't there, I hope you made them aware that they should be there.

Mr. Saylor: Like I said, Mike had individual packets prepared and for those who weren't there, he mailed out. There weren't many who missed.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Tully: Nothing to add other than what is on the report at this time.

MATTERS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

Mr. Haste: Matters requiring Board action. Items A-R. Anything needed to be pulled or acted on separately? (There was none).

Mr. Haste: Is there a motion to approve items A-R.

- A. Training Packet
- B. Quarterly Budget Amendments for the quarter ending March 31, 2004. First quarter figures for the calendar year and third quarter figures for fiscal budget.
- C. Real Estate Tax Refunds/Exonerations:
 - 1. Partial refund of 2004 Real Estate Taxes to Tara Nisbet, 379 Middletown Road, Hummelstown, parcel #24-050-005, in the amount of \$23.22.
 - 2. Partial refund of 2004 Real Estate Taxes to Helen & Wayne Raup, 1118 Deibler Gap Road, Dalmatia, parcel #44-002-003, in the amount of \$21.61.
 - 3. Partial refund of 2004 Real Estate Taxes to Waverly Woods Associates, P.O. Box 622, Lemoyne, parcel #62-087-900, in the amount of \$169.35.
 - 4. Partial refund of 2004 Real Estate Taxes to Waverly Woods Associates, P. O. Box 622, Lemoyne, parcel #62-087-013, in the amount of \$63.66.
 - 5. Partial refund of 2003 & 2004 Real Estate Taxes to New Governours Place, LP, P. O. Box 678, Wynnewood, parcel #62-037-126, in the amount of \$8,377.19.
 - 6. Partial refund of 2002-2004 Real Estate Taxes to Wedgewood Hills Apartment Association, LP, c/o Berwind Property Group, Inc., 3550 Centre Square W, 1500 Market St., Philadelphia, parcel #62-031-095, in the amount of \$15,046.15.
 - 7. Partial refund of 2002 & 2003 Real Estate Taxes to Richard E. & Anthea A. Tallman, 6068 State Route 209, Lykens, parcel #66-015-002, in the amount of \$660.86.
 - 8. Partial refund of 2004 Real Estate Taxes to Joseph & Debra Spear, 521 Colony Rd., Middletown, parcel #36-009-371, in the amount of \$130.92.
 - 9. Partial refund of 2002-2004 Real Estate Taxes to mark E. Kimmel, 1400 Old Reliance Road, Middletown, parcel #36-005-165, in the amount of \$1,195.43.
 - 10. Partial refund of 2004 Real Estate Taxes to Dauphin County Child Evangelism, P. O. Box 6129, Harrisburg, parcel #35-023-068, in the amount of \$382.55.
 - 11. Partial refund of 2004 Real Estate Taxes to Barry Butina, 7504 Clover Lee Blvd., Harrisburg, parcel #68-049-071, in the amount of \$51.65.
 - 12. Partial refund of 2002 & 2003 Real Estate Taxes to Harry & Kay millard, 743 Mill Drive, Halifax, parcel #32-001-001, in the amount of \$294.34.
 - 13. Partial refund of 2003 Real Estate Taxes to Kathleen A. Lord, Apartment 1, Beechwood Building, Middletown, parcel #30-021-007, in the amount of \$46.34.
 - 14. Partial refund of 1999-2004 Real Estate Taxes to The Estate of Vera Steckline, c/o Arlene Wilson, 5704 Meadowbrook Drive, Harrisburg, parcel #35-052-174, in the amount of \$268.86.
 - 15. Partial refund of 1999-2003 Real Estate Taxes to Dennis Grubb, 6968 Hemlock Rd., Harrisburg, parcel #43-026-040, in the amount of \$195.09.

- D. Exoneration of 2004 County & Library Taxes in the amount of \$555.20 for the Borough of Highspire on parcel #30-005-033, 213 Market St., Highspire, permitting the Borough to raze the building and place the vacant lot on the market for sale.
- E. Purchase of Service Agreements for FY Year 2003/04 between Children and Youth and:
 - 1. CONTACT Helpline, Inc.
 - 2. Keystone Education and Youth Services, Inc.
- F. An Agreement for Secure Detention Services between the Schaffner Youth Center and Lebanon County.
- G. State and Local Government Master Operating Lease Agreement between Information Technology and Hewlett-Packard Financial Services Company.
- H. Application and Agreement between Domestic Relations and Seisint, Inc. to determine the eligibility for accessing information through Accruint.com.
- I. Addendum to Master Agreement with Metrocall Wireless to add 100 pagers for the Adult Probation Department (contract amount will remain the same).
- J. Three (3) Maintenance Service Agreements between Adult Probation and G. R. Sponaugle (contracts will continue year-to-year unless either party gives written notices (30) days prior to the expiration date):
 - 1. AC 1/2004 thru 12/2004 \$3,472.00 annually
 - 2. HV 1/2004 thru 12/2004 \$4,494.00 annually
 - 3. Facility Electrical Distribution System 1/2004 thru 12/2004 \$4,412
- K. Two Pest Control Service Agreements between Adult Probation and Ehrlich Company, Inc.:
 - 1. Exterior spraying (3) times per year at \$249.00 each visit.
 - 2. Interior spraying once a month at \$86.00 each visit
- L. Addendum to Purchase of Service Agreement between Children and Youth and KidsPeace National Centers of PA, Inc. Amendment #1.
- M. PILOT Agreement between Tax Assessment and Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency located in the City of Harrisburg.
- N. Addendum #2 to the Professional Engineering Agreement between the Solid Waste and Recycling Department and Navarro & Wright Consulting Engineers, Inc. for the Dauphin County Material Recycling Facility Project.
- O. Approval of the partnership between the Dauphin County Community and Economic Development Department and SCORE of Greater Harrisburg whereby SCORE will be housed in the Economic Development Office as of June 1, 2004 and also approval for the Economic Development Office to spend up to \$4,000 in economic development funds to purchase a lock/key cubicle to be used by SCORE. It is also understood that no services rendered to clients in or out of Dauphin County shall be charged and that a 60-day notice of termination be instituted.
- P. Approval for the City of Harrisburg Redevelopment Authority to purchase parcel #9-68-89, 1426-1428 Derry Street, Harrisburg from the repository list and that the repository fees be waived.

- Q. Human Services Development Fund Agreement between the Human Services Director's Office and Capital Area Coalition on Homelessness.
- R. Appointment of the following to the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission (terms expire December 31, 2005)
 - 1. Edward Carney
 - 2. John Kerschner
 - Paul Clark
 - 4. Gary Lenker

Mr. Hartwick: The appointments on the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, these folks were all brought forward as a result of regional recommendations as we talk about the regions being represented?

Mr. Saylor: No. Each County Planning Commission gets to appoint several of its own members to serve as members of the Tri County Planning Commission. These are Dauphin County's recommendations and need approved by the Board of Commissioners. So these are members of the Dauphin County Planning Commission who have been selected to be appointed to serve on the Tri County Planning Commission, who need to be approved by you guys.

Mr. DiFrancesco: So moved.

Mr. Hartwick: Second.

Mr. Haste: All those in favor say aye.

All: Aye.

Mr. Haste: Motion carries.

COMMISSIONERS' DISCUSSION & ACTIONS FORMER BUSINESS NEW BUSINESS

Mr. DiFrancesco: The Contract with ZA consulting will expire around the 23rd of the month. I do have in my possession, a proposal by a company who is a subcontractor of the ZA contract. They want to continue to a degree in a management role. I just received it yesterday. I am reviewing it and will give it to both of you as well. There is much to discuss on the proposal.

Mr. Haste: I would like to acknowledge Daniel Beneventano who is working on his merit badges for Boy Scouts. He is here today for his Citizenship merit badge. Welcome Daniel.

Mr. Hartwick: I have submitted to both of you suggestions for our blue ribbon panel and would like to get started on that as quickly as possible. Our time limit continues to run

by and budget season is here. In order for us to get a competent set of recommendations by this group, I would like to get this moving before Legislative Meeting next week, hopefully this Friday. You should also be aware that Harrisburg Area Community College and Penn State, Harrisburg, have agreed to assist with collection of data. I also talked to CCAP to come here to let the panel know what the mandated and un-mandated services that we need to provide are. As well as, what the state and federal legislature has tied our hands and not enable us to take a look at relatively. If you could give me any recommendations. I have a draft letter ready to go and would like to get moving as quickly as possible.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Haste: You have seen on the agenda the correspondence received by the Board of Commissioners this week A-U, which will be handled appropriately by the staff.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

Mr. Haste: Is there a motion to adjourn?

Mr. Hartwick: So moved.

Mr. DiFrancesco: Second.

Mr. Haste: All those in favor say, aye

All: Ave.

Mr. Haste: Meeting adjourned. Thank you.

Transcribed by: Kacey Truax

Respectfully submitted,

Chad Saylor, Chief Clerk/Chief of Staff printed 7/28/04