

DAUPHIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WORKSHOP MEETING

MARCH 7, 2012 10:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jeff Haste, Chairman Mike Pries, Vice Chairman George P. Hartwick, III, Secretary

STAFF PRESENT

J. Scott Burford, Deputy Chief Clerk; Marie E. Rebuck, Controller; Janis Creason, Treasurer; Joseph Curcillo, III, Esq., Solicitor; Randy Baratucci, Director of Purchasing; Faye Fisher, Director of Human Resources; Gary Serhan, Deputy Controller; Amy Richards, Press Secretary; Stephen Libhart, Director of EMA; Dave Schreiber, Human Resources; Fred Lighty, Esq., Human Services Director's Office; August Memmi, Director of Community & Economic Development; Brenda Hoffer, Commissioners' Office; Abby Gabner, Commissioners' Office; Julie Mackey, Commissioners' Office and Richie-Ann Martz, Assistant Chief Clerk

GUESTS

Matt Miller, Martyn Nevil, Jim Smedley, Bob Keuther, Jim Roxbury and Shannon Williams

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Haste, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Everyone observed a moment of silence.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes listed on the Agenda will be considered at next week's Legislative Meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS/GUESTS

A. Dauphin County Commissioners

1. Presentation of Proclamation to Martyn Nevil of EMA

The Commissioners were honored to present a Proclamation to Martyn Nevil for his years of service to the County and its citizens. Mr. Nevil's dedication, knowledge and expertise of the issues will be missed. The residents of this County owe Mr. Nevil a great deal of gratitude for your service with EMA and the services that you provide during your personal time. Congratulations on your retirement.

Mr. Pries read the following Proclamation:

Office of County Commissioner Dauphin County, Pennsylvania

Proclamation

We, the Dauphin County Board of Commissioners, are honored to salute a uniquely dedicated first responder and critical member of Dauphin County Emergency Management Agency's team, Marty Nevil, as he retires from Dauphin County after 22 years of exemplary service to the cause of public safety;

Whereas, as one of the founding members of the Dauphin County Hazardous Materials Response Team and Pennsylvania Task Force 1, Urban Search and Rescue, Marty has responded to numerous local and national disasters, including 9/11 and Hurricane Katrina, and exhibited outstanding leadership ability and grace under pressure in incident after incident;

Whereas, for nearly a quarter-century, this extraordinary public servant has been a brave first responder on the scene of hundreds of incidents since the 1970s;

Whereas, during his tenure, Marty oversaw the relocation of the county's Emergency Management Agency and Communications Center from the downtown campus to its current location in Swatara Township and the implementation of computer aided dispatch, enhanced 9-1-1 and geographic information systems;

Whereas, this Pennsylvania Air National Guard veteran, loving father and husband will be sorely missed as he steps down as the Program Manager of Pennsylvania's Task Force 1, Urban Search and Rescue;

Therefore, we join the 268,000 residents of Dauphin County in honoring Marty Nevil for being willing to risk his own life to protect the lives, homes and security of others; we extend to him our enduring gratitude and wish him continued success in his retirement; and, in fitting tribute to his heroic contributions, we do hereby proudly proclaim March 7, 2012 to be "Marty Nevil Day" in Dauphin County.

Mr. Nevil indicated that he intends to stay on as a volunteer. He plans on continuing with his teaching at HACC and Maryland. He asked the Commissioners to keep public safety in the forefront.

(Applause was given and pictures were taken.)

B. Jim Smedley, First Vice President and Bob Keuther, Treasurer of Theodore Burr Covered Bridge Society of PA

1. Henninger Farm Covered Bridge

Mr. Smedley indicated that he is joined by Bob Keuther who serves as Treasurer of the Society. They thanked the Commissioners for allowing them to come before the Board to talk about their desire to paint the Henninger Farm Covered Bridge. The Society's mission is to protect and preserve covered bridges. There used to a lot more covered bridges, but due to flooding and arson that number is decreasing. It was approved at a meeting that the Society would paint the Henninger Farm Bridge on May 12, 2012. A company will be hired to do most of the painting, but some of the members will be there as well to paint the portals. The painters will prepare the area to protect the environment from the debris. The Society is asking the Commissioners for their support, some media publicity and the purchase of a port-a-potty. The Society does have liability insurance. The project should take one day.

Commissioner Haste indicated that the County owns the bridge through its Parks & Recreation Department. A portion of the property has been designated as a park area. Washington Township also keeps an eye out on the bridge. During the reconstruction, the Township helped with the storage of materials.

The Commissioners appreciated the Society's assistance and look forward to working with them on the painting of the bridge. The Commissioners take great pride in keeping the bridges in the best condition possible.

Mr. Smedley mentioned that Theodore Burr was the inventor of the camelback bridge. It is one of the best and strongest bridges in the country. Most of his bridges were built in Pennsylvania.

HUMAN RESOURCES

There were no questions on the Personnel Packet.

PURCHASE ORDERS

There were no questions on the Purchase Order Packet.

TRAINING PACKET

It was moved by Mr. Hartwick and seconded by Mr. Pries that the Board approve Training Request #6.

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- A. RACP Grant Agreement between Dauphin County and the Commonwealth of PA for the Whitaker Center for Science and the Arts. (***A Vote is Requested 03/07/12***)
- B. Unrestricted Gaming Funds Heinz Menaker Center for roof repair and new air conditioning unit \$61,000. (***A Vote is Requested 03/07/12***)
- C. Approval of the reallocation of previously awarded local share grant funds to East Hanover Township as follows: \$550,000 to support construction of the new fire station for the Grantville Volunteer Fire Company; \$300,000 for the construction of a culvert over Bow Creek along Jonestown Road and \$398,242 to support approved projects from East Hanover Township's 2011 Local Share Municipal Grant Application.
- D. Purchase of Service Per Diem Rates between Children & Youth and:
 - 1. Centre County Youth Service Bureau
 - 2. Children's Home of York
 - Clear Vision
 - 4. Community Service Foundation (CSF)
 - 5. Cornell Abraxas Group, Inc.
 - 6. KinderCare Learning Center
 - 7. Philhaven
 - 8. Children's Service Center of Wyoming Valley
 - 9. Community Action Association of Pennsylvania
 - 10. Alternative Rehabilitation Communities, Inc.
 - 11. Easter Seals Interpreting Services

It was moved by Mr. Hartwick and seconded by Mr. Pries that the Board approve Items A and B, listed above under Items for Discussion.

Discussion: Commissioner Hartwick commented on the capital improvements being made to the Heinz Menaker Center. This Board has stepped up to make this happen. Several calls were made to the Center asking for the paperwork, which were received late Tuesday afternoon. This Board has consistently stepped up to address the needs of seniors.

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – JOSEPH CURCILLO, III, ESQ.

The Solicitor's Office is reviewing a number of items that they will have ready for next week.

CHIEF CLERK'S REPORT – J. SCOTT BURFORD

The Chief Clerk had nothing to report.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Hartwick reported that on March 10, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the Greater Zion Missionary Baptist Church, a One-Stop Shop Resource Fair will be held for students, ages 14 to 18, as well as college students who are looking for employment opportunities, assistance with obtaining birth certificates, social security cards and working permit applications. Hamilton Health Center will also be on hand to offer free health physicals for students who are seeking work permits.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Transcribed by: Richie-Ann Martz