



**DAUPHIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**WORKSHOP MEETING**

**MARCH 21, 2012**  
**10:00 A.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Jeff Haste, Chairman (Arrived at Agenda Item XI)  
Mike Pries, Vice Chairman  
George P. Hartwick, III, Secretary

**STAFF PRESENT**

Laura E. Evans, Esq., Chief Clerk; Marie E. Rebeck, Controller; Janis Creason, Treasurer; Joseph A. Curcillo, III, Esq., Solicitor; Randy Baratucci, Director of Purchasing; Fred Lighty, Esq., Human Services Director's Office; Leila Brown, Solicitor's Office; Amy Richards, Press Secretary; August Memmi, Director of Community & Economic Development; J. Scott Burford, Deputy Chief Clerk; Bob Long, IT; Dave Schreiber, Human Resources; Kay Lengle, Human Resources; Brenda Hoffer, Commissioners' Office; Abby Gabner, Commissioners' Office and Richie-Ann Martz, Assistant Chief Clerk

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Jerry Feaser, Jack Ulsh, Paul Zeigler, Larry Mummert, David A. McDale, Ernest Cribari, Jason Finnerty and Tim Reardon

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Everyone observed a moment of silence.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

There are two sets of meeting minutes that will be considered at next week's meeting.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

A Public Hearing has been advertised for the purpose of hearing public comment with regard to the gas impact fee.

Mr. Curcillo indicated that the Ordinance would adopt a gas impact fee, which is a sliding scale over a 15-year period combined with a schedule based on the price of gas. The fee is collected and administered by the PUC and disbursed to counties within 3 months of collection. The impact fee is 36% to the county, 37% to host municipalities and 27% to all municipalities in the county. The money is to be used at the local level to address gas shale impact at the discretion of the governing body.

There was no public participation.

The Ordinance will be considered by the Board at the Legislative Meeting next week, March 28, 2012.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

(There was none.)

## **DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS/GUESTS**

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

#### **1. Proclamation – Tall Cedars Week (March 18-24, 2012)**

Mr. Pries read the following Proclamation:

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

### **Proclamation**

*We, the Dauphin County Board of Commissioners, are delighted to join the many outstanding members of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America, their family members, friends and community supporters in celebrating the organization's landmark 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary during Tall Cedars Week from March 18 to March 24, 2012;*

*Whereas, an achievement for which they can be justly proud, the Tall Cedars of Lebanon was chartered 110 years ago to promote a stronger bond with A.L.L. Freemasons and to further the goals and tenets of Freemasonry;*

*Whereas, living up to their motto "Fun Frolic & Fellowship," this esteemed group has offered every Master Mason an opportunity to enjoy a fuller, more enriching life;*

*Whereas, with more than 13,000 members who share an unyielding commitment to providing a "place in the sun" for thousands of victims suffering from neuromuscular diseases, the Tall Cedars have truly made a difference in the lives of many;*

*Whereas, from former U.S. Presidents Gerald Ford and Franklin D. Roosevelt to professional golfer Arnold Palmer, the Tall Cedars have thousands of distinguished and decorated members;*

*Therefore, we join the 268,000 residents of Dauphin County in honoring our local Tall Cedars for their extraordinary 110 years of remarkable service to mankind; we wish this caring and committed organization many more years of service and success; and, in recognition of their enduring efforts to make the world a better place, we proudly proclaim March 18 to March 24, 2012 as "Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America Week" in Dauphin County.*

The Commissioners acknowledged the dedication and commitment that the Tall Cedars provide to the community and to the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The awareness and support that they provide to MDA for continuation of research is exceptional.

(Applause was given and pictures were taken.)

Mr. Feaser thanked the Commissioners for this acknowledgement and invited them to the Pancake Breakfast on April 28, 2012 at the Zembo Mosque.

## **B. Paul Zeigler, Executive Director, CPEC**

### **1. County's Performance for 2011 (Natural Gas & Electricity)**

Mr. Zeigler indicated that CPEC was started in 1997. The organization consisted of 20 entities (3 counties). It currently has over 300 entities, which includes 19 counties. CPEC is the only organization that goes through competitive pricing. The total variance for 2011 was (\$5,777.98). The total variance for 2010 was (\$2,955.00), which was based off of a six month period. The actual savings in electricity for 2011 was (\$314,574.00). CPEC used the price that PPL published to determine the variance. PPL over charged its customers in 2011. They are to only charge what the commodity costs them. PPL must give back what they overcharged, so there is an adjustment. For the first six months of this year PPL is showing an attractive base price as a result of equaling out the overcharges issued in 2011. It is difficult/nearly impossible to determine at this point the impact of the overcharge. The consortium will have a clearer picture of this cost analysis at the end of 2012 once the discounting adjustments are made by PPL and issued by the PUC. He will notify all the entities after the PUC Hearing.

Mr. Hartwick indicated that the County will not realize a big savings, because of the overcharging. He questioned if the County could leave CPEC.

Mr. Zeigler indicated that the County couldn't, because of a contract. The County will see over that two year period CPEC's pricing will be better even with the overcharging. Mr. Burford is the County's representative on the Board.

## **HUMAN RESOURCES**

There were no questions raised with regard to the Salary and Personnel Packets.

Mr. Hartwick indicated that they are making some adjustments in the Human Services areas. Mr. Vriens will assume the dual position of Director of Human Services/Director of Children & Youth. The County will not be filling the Children & Youth Director position. This will result in a savings of over \$92,000.

## **PURCHASE ORDERS**

The Purchase Order Packet was presented and the necessary budget adjustments will be made prior to next week.

## **TRAINING PACKET**

**It was moved by Mr. Hartwick and seconded by Mr. Pries that the Board approve Training Request #20 of the Training Packet.**

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

## **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

- A. Purchase of Service Per Diem Rates between Children & Youth and:
1. Alternative Rehabilitation Communities, Inc.
  2. Bethany Christian Services of Central PA
  3. CHOR Youth & Family Services, Inc.
  4. Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries
  5. Diversified Treatment Alternatives, Inc.
  6. Family Services of NW PA
  7. George Junior Republic of PA
  8. Reading Specialists Educational Association

The Items for Discussion will be forwarded to next week's Agenda for consideration.

## **SOLICITOR'S REPORT – JOSEPH A. CURCILLO, III**

All items on the current Solicitor's Report will be ready for consideration next week.

## **CHIEF CLERK'S REPORT - LAURA E. EVANS, ESQ.**

Ms. Evans reported that Ladies Night Out on March 16, 2012 at Kevin's Place was successful. There were over 485 ladies in attendance.

Also, Dauphin County's Northern Dauphin Human Services Center and Children and Youth Services will host a free community forum on child abuse prevention at 6:30 p.m. tomorrow night at Kevin's Place in Lykens. This forum is the second in a series of community forums that Dauphin County is hosting to address the issue of child abuse.

## **COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

There was none.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was none.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Transcribed by: Richie-Ann Martz