



DAUPHIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WORKSHOP MEETING

APRIL 7, 2010
10:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Chad Saylor, Chief Clerk; Marie E. Rebuck, Controller; Gary Serhan, Deputy Controller; Bruce Foreman, Esq., Solicitor's Office; Fred Lighty, Esq., Human Services Director's Office; Mike Pries, Director of Safety & Security; Randy Baratucci, Director of Purchasing; Faye Fisher, Director of Personnel; Troy Petery, Court Administration; Mark Templeton, Prison; Merle Foust, Personnel; August Memmi, Director of Community & Economic Development; Kay Lengle, Personnel; J. Scott Burford, Deputy Chief Clerk; Amy Richards, Commissioners' Office; Leila Brown, Solicitor's Office; Robert Christoff, Conservation District; Gil Hirschel, Conservation District; Laura Heemer, Area Agency on Aging; Lauren Gravina, MH/MR; Synnovia Fludd, Area Agency on Aging; Christine Bulick, Prison; Stefano Malfara, Prison; Elizabeth Hinkle, Area Agency on Aging; Brenda Hoffer, Commissioners' Office and Richie-Ann Martz, Assistant Chief Clerk

GUESTS PRESENT

Emily Opilo, Matt Bonanno, John Traynor, Jameson Lawrence, Esq., Greg Fastrich, Carolyn McCarty, Samantha Surfus, Katelyn Miller and Steve Todd

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Haste, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 10:10 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 a number of meeting minutes that we'll take up at next week's meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Haste: We are at the point in time in the meeting for public participation. Is there anyone in the audience that would like to address the Board at this time? (There was none.)

DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS/GUESTS

Mr. Haste: At this time I'll turn the microphone over to Commissioner Hartwick for recognitions.

Mr. Hartwick: It's great when you are able to come forward and come to some common agreements with our workforce. I was told at a very young age that the people who do the job every day are the ones who make or break an organization. While we have been challenged with some difficult economic times, we came together, with both the County negotiation team and the PSSU negotiation team, to be able to move forward on a three-year contract. I know there were positions that were taken and I feel that both sides have compromised in a way that was up-front and certainly benefited both our employees and the taxpayers of the County. I wanted to acknowledge those individuals who came to the negotiation table and were successful in coming up with the contract. The PSSU negotiation team includes: Tom Herman, Christine Bulick, Elizabeth Hinkle, Stefano Malfara, Tammy Buffington, Stephanie Corl, Tiffany Moreno, Laura Heemer, Synnovia Fludd, Lauren Gravina and Cathy Hannan. The County negotiation team includes: Dave Schreiber, Faye Fisher, Betsy Nichols, Merle Foust and Mark Templeton.

While the times have been more challenging than ever in the area of human services, we know that our staff that does the job with people who need help are not motivated just by a paycheck. They are motivated by a higher purpose and the ability to be able to offer services to people who really are in need and to help them get on the right track, protect an abused and neglected child, to give somebody hope as it relates to issues related to aging and drug and alcohol help, as well as treatment at the Prison. We are happy to announce that we formalized that contract with PSSU. I want to thank all the

members of the negotiation team for bringing that contract to a resolution, without picket signs or other issues. I want to extend a note of thanks from this Board and me, as the oversight of health and human services.

Mr. Haste: I, too, would like to echo a thank you to everybody. In union negotiations I know the conversation gets spirited, but we in Dauphin County have had a way, over the many years of service, that after those negotiations are finalized, the handshake is taken and the documents are signed, we all get together and go back as a team, working as one unified team for the service that we are dedicated to doing. I want to thank you very much for that dedication. Your continued commitment to those who are less fortunate than us and the fact that you continue to be proud to be part of this organization called Dauphin County. Let's give them a round of applause. (Applause was given.)

A. Dauphin County Commissioners

1. Hershey Women's Swim Team Gold Medalists – Katelyn Miller, Yurie Nakano, Carolyn McCarty and Samantha Surfus

Mr. Haste: It is my pleasure, at this point in time, to honor another group of student athletes that had made their mark here in Dauphin County and across this Central Region and the Commonwealth and that is the Hershey High School Girls' Swim Team.

(Mr. Haste read the following Proclamation.)

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

Proclamation

We, the Dauphin County Board of Commissioners, are deeply honored to acknowledge and applaud the extraordinary athletic achievements of the Hershey High School Women's Swimming Team, which culminated in a thrilling PIAA AAA Championship in the Women's 200 Medley Relay this year;

Whereas, led by Head Coach Greg Fastrich, Hershey Trojans Yurie Nakano, Carolyn McCarty, Samantha Surfus and Katelyn Miller dominated the season and achieved an impressive victory over District 3 rival Wilson to clinch state gold in 200 Medley Relay in March of 2010;

Whereas, in the medley relay, Nakano blazed by opponents with her strong backstroke, McCarty set her own personal best in breaststroke this season at 29.90 seconds, Surfus, making her state competition debut as a freshman, narrowed the gap in butterfly, and Miller took off during the last half-length of the race to secure first place for the Trojan team at 1:44.65;

Whereas, competing at Bucknell University in the PIAA competition, the Hershey High School Women's Swimming Team amassed an impressive record of two state titles, including Katelyn Miller in the 50-yard Freestyle, finishing in 23.51 seconds, to easily win second-place in the overall team competition;

Whereas, the achievements and evident character of these talented, young athletes have carried on Hershey's proud tradition of athletic and academic excellence and have brought much honor and recognition to their team, their coach, their school, the town of Hershey and this very grateful county of Dauphin;

Therefore, we join the 256,000 residents of Dauphin County in hailing Hershey's much-admired PIAA AAA gold medalists Nakano, McCarty, Surfus and Miller enduring success in the water, in school and beyond; we join Hershey High School in thanking them for strengthening school pride, community unity and for providing an exhilarating victory for fans to cherish for years to come; and in grateful recognition thereof, we do hereby proudly proclaim April 7, 2010 as "Hershey Women's Swimming Day" in Dauphin County.

(Applause was given.)

Mr. DiFrancesco: I would just like to congratulate you on another victory. We are going to set an expectation here in Dauphin County and it's simply going to be rewarding one season after the next and that the victories will maintain. That part is on the coach and not on the individuals who have already accomplished so much. One of the things that amazes me when you see such a great result, is it takes a number of things. It certainly takes quality athletes and I want to congratulate each one of you for your efforts, because behind that victory means there was a lot of dedicated hours of work, very hard work. It also means that there are a lot of life lessons that go along with that. It means that there is a great program behind each of the athletes teaching teamwork and lifetime successes. I think the theme here whenever we have the opportunity to congratulate our young athletes that come in through this room is to say great victory, cherish it, and learn from it. It is about how you take it forward in life. It is how you wear the role for the young people that come behind you that look up to you. It is about how you take that victory and understand that the work ethic that you learned so well in your training carries with you to every other aspect of your life, your college education or whatever career you decide to go into. It is always wonderful to congratulate those people in our community who really excel and do a great job and bring notoriety to this community. Thank you very much for your efforts.

Mr. Hartwick: You have taken Hershey, Pennsylvania from the sweetest place on earth to those who rule the pool. Anywhere in the State that you go, and I was actually at a CCAP meeting the other day and a girl from East Pennsboro was there. I guess there is a decent program in East Pennsboro. She talked about the dedication and commitment that it takes in swimming. It is almost every weekend. There are practices every day. The parents and the actual swimmers get a chance to fill life-long bonds. She was saying that there is definitely something besides just chocolate in the water in Hershey. There are individuals, while you can't recruit, that want to come to Hershey to participate in your program. The fact is you have a great swim team and a great coach. Because of that you have raised the level of the Hershey Swim Program, not only in Girls, but also in Boys, to a level that I'll sort of equate it to the Lower Dauphin Field Hockey or Steel-High Football and Basketball. I couldn't get away from having a Steelton reference in the presentation. Ultimately Hershey has been recognized as the best and the most premier swim program in the State of Pennsylvania. It is a great credit to all of you athletes who put the time and effort in to make sure that you are competing at the top level and to the parents who give the commitment and the opportunity for you to be there. I'm sure they are there with you at the pool every weekend and are following you and are as proud as you are of your accomplishments. On behalf of the residents of the County, we are just as proud of you and we appreciate the great recognition that you brought to our area. Keep it up and we expect to see you again next year.

(Pictures were taken and applause given.)

B. Robert Christoff of the Conservation District

1. Dauphin County Act 167 Stormwater Management Plan

Mr. Christoff: I'm actually going to turn this presentation over to Gil Hirschel of the Conservation District. He is the Conservation District Planner that actually coordinated this Act 167 Plan. Also here is Matt Bonanno with HRG. They were the engineers for the plan.

Mr. Hirschel: I'm a resource planner with the Dauphin County Conservation District. With me is Bob Christoff, who is our Resource and Program Supervisor, also with the District. To my left is Matt Bonanno. He is Project Manager for Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, who was our consultant for plan development.

We are here today to address any questions you may have regarding the draft Dauphin County Act 167 Stormwater Management Plan. It is presented for your review and adoption. The Plan was produced in compliance with Act 167, referred to as the Pennsylvania Stormwater Management Act and covers all the watersheds in Dauphin County. This is a total County plan. This Plan supersedes and incorporates all previous Act 167 Plans in Dauphin County. This Plan will serve as a framework and source of information to assist all municipalities in the County affectively manage stormwater. The Plan establishes standards to manage peak flows, volume control and also water quality. Access to the planning process was provided to all Dauphin County municipalities through the formation of watershed plan advisory committees within each planning region, which we had three. The Committees are composed of representatives from the municipalities, as well as other concerned organizations and citizens. In addition, we held the public hearing on February 25, 2010 to receive comments on the draft plan. We responded to all comments and made appropriate revisions to the draft plan. Mr. Bonanno will now provide a few remarks regarding the technical aspects of the plan. Following his brief remarks, we will entertain any questions that you may have about the plan.

Mr. Bonanno: Again, my name is Matt Bonanno with HRG. Gil asked me to talk about some of the things that we did. As he mentioned this is a County-wide Plan. This Plan effort included Spring Creek East, Laurel Run and Bird Run Watersheds. Those are the three that we modeled in this Plan. It also incorporates the previous Watershed Plan. There were five. Those included Paxton Creek, Spring Creek West, Wiconisco Creek, the multi-creek Watersheds and the Mid-Dauphin Basins. The previous standards only looked at peak run-off controls up to about the early 2000. The Mid-Dauphin Plan in 2003 incorporated some water quality standards. Dauphin County was really at the forefront in doing that, because at that time DEP did not have their standards and criteria in place. What we did with those plans is took what was the state-of-the-art at that time and used the State of Maryland's Water Quality Standards. The five

watershed plans that are in effect have those State of Maryland standards in them. For this plan, which is the County-wide Plan, we took a little different direction. In 2006 DEP came up with their plan. So, now standards are in place. This Plan is going to refer to the controlled guide and standards that are in the BMP Plan. Therefore, the Maryland standards need to be superseded in all other plans. So, the BMP Control Guidance has peak rate and volume control. Inherent in the volume control is a water quality standard. The reason we did this was to be consistent with the NPDES permits that are now being issued and with all other counties that are going through this same process. So, now Dauphin County, instead of being the one county in Pennsylvania that has the Maryland standards, they are going to be consistent with the rest of the counties in Pennsylvania. Therefore, these standards need to be adopted by all 40 municipalities in Dauphin County within 6 months of DEP approval. That will happen after the Commissioners adopt the Plan. The only thing that will be incorporated from the other plans as far as standards go, are the release rates from the old model. That gives you a brief summary of some of the technical aspects of the plan.

Mr. Haste: I would just like to say thank you. I serve on the Conservation District so I have a little insight to what has been going on in the number of meetings and the work study groups that were there. Even before we did this, the best management practices were put together for the contractors. Remember the day they had that up there, trying to get ready to put this Plan together. Some people might wonder why they moved forward with the Maryland standards. Maryland had some standards that were put aside for the Chesapeake Bay project and I think, at that time that was viewed as, at least for our region, the way to go. That is why that was incorporated. Did you have many questions or comments at the public hearing?

Mr. Hirschel: Testimony was provided. There were some fairly extensive comments that were brought up during the public hearing. We have a copy of those and our responses in your packet. It was well attended and went off very well.

Mr. Haste: Are there any other questions? (There were none.) We will have this on the Agenda next week for adoption.

SALARY BOARD

A complete set of Salary Board Meeting Minutes are on file in the Commissioners' Office.

PERSONNEL

Ms. Lengle: Are there any questions on the Personnel Packet? (There were none.) I would like to request a vote on the Personnel Change in the Addendum.

Mr. Haste: Is this the IT one?

Ms. Lengle: Yes.

Mr. Haste: This individual actually worked for us for awhile. He was contracted at the time. Tom made a request.

It was moved by Mr. Hartwick and seconded by Mr. DiFrancesco that the Board approve the Personnel Change listed in the Personnel Packet Addendum dated 4/7/10.

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

Mr. Saylor: In the Personnel Packet, do we also have to act on Item #6, the New Hire?

It was moved by Mr. Hartwick and seconded by Mr. DiFrancesco that the Board approve Item #6 under the Personnel Packet.

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

PURCHASE ORDERS

Mr. Baratucci: In addition to the Packet I have a requisition that didn't get here in time to get in the Packet. It is some laptops for the Children & Youth Independent Living Program. We want to add that to the Packet for consideration next week. Unless you have any questions, there are the usual budget adjustments that we will make between now and then. The Packet is there for your approval next week and it will include this one requisition.

TRAINING PACKET

Mr. Haste: We have a request to approve Item #11 so we can do an early check registration.

It was moved by Mr. Hartwick and seconded by Mr. DiFrancesco that the Board approve Training Request #11.

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- A. Approval of PSSU Contract for the period 1/1/2010 to 12/31/2013. (*****A Vote is Requested*****)
- B. JAG Local Jurisdiction Waiver – The Pennsylvania State University to provide statewide organizational capacity building initiative for victims' services. (*****Ratification Requested*****)

- C. JAG Local Jurisdiction Waiver – The Pennsylvania State University to provide statewide hotline evaluation and feasibility study. (*****Ratification Requested*****)
- D. Loan Agreement between Dauphin County and the Harrisburg University. (*****Ratification Requested*****)
- E. Resolution #12-2010 allocating \$2.2 million of Recovery Zone Facility Bonds to finance a portion of the costs of additions and improvements to the Harrisburg Midtown Arts Center. (*****A Vote is Requested*****)

Mr. Haste: We have some ratifications, so let's take Item B, C and D since they are ratifications.

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

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

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

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

It was moved by Mr. DiFrancesco and seconded by Mr. Haste that the Board approve Item E listed above under Items for Discussion.

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – BRUCE FOREMAN, ESQ.

Mr. Foreman: I'm appearing in place of Mr. Tully who is in Court this morning. The report is being circulated and I will make an attempt to answer any questions if you have any. (There were none.)

CHIEF CLERK'S REPORT – CHAD SAYLOR

Mr. Saylor: I have nothing unless there are questions of me. (There were none.)

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Mr. Hartwick: Just a reminder that tomorrow is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. We have a number of extremely important announcements tomorrow and a great deal of partners that are going to be together to announce a brand new prevention campaign

that is going to be year-long. We are also going to be unveiling a rendering of the statute that is going to eventually go out in front of our Human Services Building that has been done by the Coroner. Unfortunately, I will be out tomorrow, because I will be traveling to a funeral. I would encourage all of you to come out and support that event. It is extremely important and this year has been difficult with the number of child deaths that we've had. While we have seen significant progress in the backend area of our services and made significant improvements in the front end, any child death in Dauphin County is one too many. We are going to make a strong effort to do all we can to try to eradicate that from occurring in the future. I would encourage you to attend tomorrow.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Haste: We are again at the point in time in the meeting for public participation. Is there anyone in the audience that would like to address the Board? (There was none.)

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Chad Saylor, Chief Clerk

Transcribed by: Richie-Ann Martz