



**DAUPHIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**WORKSHOP MEETING**

**APRIL 22, 2009**  
**10:00 A.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

Jeff Haste, Chairman (ABSENT)

**STAFF PRESENT**

Chad Saylor, Chief Clerk; Marie E. Rebuck, Controller; Janis Creason, Treasurer; J. Scott Burford, Deputy Chief Clerk; William Tully, Esq., Solicitor; Bruce Foreman, Esq., Solicitor's Office; Randy Baratucci, Director of Purchasing; Ed Marsico, District Attorney; Steve Libhart, District Attorney's Office; Dominick DeRose, Warden; Carolyn Thompson, Court Administrator; Mike Potteiger, Director of Adult Probation; Deputy Warden Elizabeth Nichols; Jack Wright, Human Services Director's Office; Tom Guenther, Director of IT; Steve Shaver, Director of EMA; Mike Madden, Prison; Kay Lenge, Personnel; Deb Lisi, Controller's Office; Lorrie Bushman, Personnel; Diane McNaughton, Commissioners' Office; Leila Brown, Solicitor's Office; Brenda Hoffer, Commissioners' Office; Jena Wolgemuth, Commissioners' Office and Richie-Ann Martz, Assistant Chief Clerk

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Larry Bickford and Chief Robert Martin

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. DiFrancesco, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 10:14 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. DiFrancesco: We have three sets of meeting minutes that will be taken up at next week's meeting.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. DiFrancesco: 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? (There was none.)

## **DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS/GUESTS**

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

#### **1. Proclamation – Hershey High School Men's Swim Team**

Mr. DiFrancesco: I want to welcome and honor the good men and women from Hershey, the Derry Township School system. Once again we had a great amount of excitement as a Board of Commissioners sitting back and reading about your progress through the States and it is really wonderful and delightful and I think all of you are aware that whenever this Board sees great things happen, especially among our younger people, we want to make sure that we bring adequate attention to it. Unfortunately too much today is negative when it comes to reporting on younger people and we think it is pretty great that we have such great role models and such an impressive group of people with a strong work ethic that can lead the way and teach others the value of a life well spent. Today I would like to take a moment to read a Proclamation.

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

## **Proclamation**

*We, the Dauphin County Board of Commissioners, are honored to acknowledge and applaud the extraordinary athletic achievements of the Hershey High School Swimming Team, which culminated in a thrilling men's PIAA State AA Championship this year;*

*Whereas, led by Head Coach Greg Fastrich and Team Captains Nick Pawlush and Colin Guin, the Trojans team dominated the season and achieved an impressive series of titles, including the Men's Dual Meet Record of 12-1, Mid*

*Penn Conference AA Champions, District 3 AA Champions, and PIAA State AA Champions, with 10 All-State Honors and 8 All-State Honorable Mention Honors;*

***Whereas,** in the PIAA Class AA finals, Ben Hagan, Kyle Ruddle, Sean Grier and Jeff Young clinched the 200 Medley Relay; David Nolan, Ben Bauchwitz, Nick Pawlush and Jeff Young achieved gold and set a state record in the 200 Free Relay; and Grier, Bauchwitz, Pawlush and Nolan won gold in the 400 Free Relay;*

***Whereas,** competing at Bucknell University in the PIAA competition, the team amassed an impressive record of 269 points in just two days to easily beat second-place Bloomsburg to clinch team gold and attain Hershey's fourth title in team wins;*

***Whereas,** sophomore David Nolan brought home gold and shattered state records in the 100 Backstroke and the 200 Individual Medley and was named the PIAA Most Outstanding Swimmer;*

***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 253,300 residents of Dauphin County in hailing Hershey's much-admired 2009 Men's Swim Team and wishing them continued success in school and beyond; we thank them for providing fans with not only the thrill of competition and the glimmer of trophies, but, more importantly, with enduring unity, pride and hope; and in grateful recognition thereof, we do hereby proudly proclaim April 22, 2009 as "Hershey High School Boys Swimming Are State Champions Day" in Dauphin County.*

Mr. DiFrancesco: With that, I want to thank each and every one of you for coming out today. I want to thank you, as I mentioned before, for the way that you play. I hope you realized the way that you played, because there are a lot of other kids in the school, younger and peers that are looking to you and your leadership. We are excited to be part of the hard work and dedication that you put in every day. It is really an honor for us to have you here today.

Mr. Hartwick: First of all I was a wrestler and as short as I am I have never gained the skill of being able to swim. Number one, I had a roommate at Bloomsburg who was on the swim team and I realized how in shape he was, even compared to me as a wrestler. It is a talent and a skill that is a very difficult one to achieve and one that I admire, because it is certainly one that I don't possess. You have brought, along with other school State championships, it seems like we have one of the best regions for athletics in all of the State, from wrestling to basketball to swimming to soccer and girls' sports. Central Pennsylvania, Dauphin County, has really been on the map as it relates to setting the goal for the rest of the State as it comes to both athletics and academics. You give us one more reason to pound our chests and be proud that we are from Dauphin County, because as we followed your swimming success, we were anxious because I believe you are the first swim team that has been in front of us, I believe, in the last six years. You certainly hold that distinction as being the first swim team to be in this room. You are taught so many things in athletics from teamwork to looking out for your partner. There is an individual aspect, but there is also a larger team aspect. Those lessons that you learned are certainly going to carry you through life. Make sure that the level and the bar that you set for yourselves in the water is one that you obviously keep in the classroom. Hershey has a great and proud tradition as it relates to academic success, community success, community support, parent engagement and

involvement. I have never seen a swim team this large. Can anybody tell me how many positions there are on a swim team? I'm a Steelton guy.

Mr. DiFrancesco: That's an opportunity to call Captains Nick and Collin up and maybe they would be willing to...

Mr. Hartwick: Who is the sophomore that got the record this year? Why don't you come up as well? We look forward to seeing you in the Olympics.

Mr. Gruin: Collin Gruin.

Mr. Nolan: David Nolan.

Mr. Pawlush: Nick Pawlush.

Mr. Hartwick: How about you take the chance to educate a guy who knows a little bit about swimming? How many positions? I guess there are different events that you have and depending on how you qualify, how many events are there in a swim meet? I guess that is a more appropriate question.

Mr. Gruin: We have 22 boys on the swim team. They swim every event except for diving, which is Tanner. He is a freshman. There are 12 events for boys and girls. Through the year we swim every event.

Mr. Pawlush: Each swimmer swims two individual events and two relays usually per meet. When it gets towards championship season we have the conference meet, which you have to qualify for based off of times. You have to be in the top 24 in the district to make it to the district meet and meet the district qualifying times. From there you qualify for States, which is the top 32 in the State in that event.

Mr. Hartwick: Then everybody competes based upon their qualifications. Explain to me who broke the record? You broke the record and got outstanding swimmer, how long have you been swimming?

Mr. Nolan: Since I was seven or eight years old.

Mr. Hartwick: How did you get started? Did your dad dump you out of a boat or what happened?

Mr. Nolan: My parents just wanted to use swimming as a way to keep us in shape, but it turned out more than that I guess.

Mr. Hartwick: I see, even by your coach, being tall is certainly a big advantage in swimming, is that correct? I guess that is one of the reasons why I've never been a good swimmer.

Mr. Fastrich: I personally beg to differ. I'm not a very tall person.

Mr. Hartwick: You are the exception to that rule.

Mr. Hartwick: Obviously this team, you had four State championships. Are we going to expect good things? We have great kids coming up. Are you guys going to look for a repeat?

Mr. Gruin: Most of our points this year were scored from our underclassmen so we should be set for the years to come.

Mr. Hartwick: So, you look forward to coming in and recreating a day here next year. Congratulations to all of you. You have brought great pride to this region and thanks for educating me this morning.

(Applause was given.)

Mr. DiFrancesco: From the three of you sitting here, what grade level and if you are a senior what is next?

Mr. Gruin: I'm a senior and I'm going to the Coast Guard Academy.

Mr. DiFrancesco: Is there an opportunity to continue swimming competitively in the Coast Guard Academy?

Mr. Gruin: There is, but I'm not sure...

Mr. DiFrancesco: Open water swimming competition. Mr. Nolan, we know what your future holds; a few more golds and a few more records.

Mr. Pawlush: I will be studying and swimming at Colgate University next year. I'll be studying philosophy and religion and environmental science.

Mr. DiFrancesco: Excellent! How many seniors are in the group?

Mr. Pawlush: There is one more senior, Jared.

Mr. DiFrancesco: Future plans?

Mr. Meyers: I'm going to BYU to major in computer engineering and computer programming.

Mr. DiFrancesco: Are you going to be swimming?

Mr. Meyers: Hopefully.

Mr. DiFrancesco: In a minute I'm going to call each of you up individually. We have some certificates and we want to get a picture. First, there is another star performer in the room that we need to take a moment to recognize. I'll let you guys off the hot seat and I will call a young lady up to the hot seat, that has been in the hot seat once before. It may be the first time that we had the men in the room, but it's not the first time that we've had the female in the room. Katie would you like to come up to the table. Ms. Nolan was with us last year for her star performance and once again I understand that your year has been very successful as well. If you could talk a little bit about what your achievements were this year, because unfortunately I have to apologize your Proclamation had an error that we caught at the last minute so we will get that to you. If you would be so kind to tell us what you were able to achieve this year and also what is next for you as well.

Ms. Nolan: At State's this year I won the 100 yard Freestyle and the 100 yard Butterfly and was named the Most Outstanding Swimmer. I'm headed off to the University of Southern California next year.

Mr. DiFrancesco: Sweet! That's a nice place to go. You will be swimming?

Ms. Nolan: Yes.

Mr. DiFrancesco: That would be their great loss if they didn't have you on their swim team. Although I would think that in Southern California the competition would be pretty extreme. Very good!

Mr. Hartwick: Do you have enough room in your house for these MVP trophies and State championships? It sounds like you are going to have quite a few of them.

Ms. Nolan: Yes.

Mr. Hartwick: Do you two compete against each other? Who is better?

Ms. Nolan: David is much better than I am.

Mr. Hartwick: I wouldn't say that. That is nice to hear for the younger brother, but I think you have accomplished a little more so far. Going to USC is a pretty high bar. Congratulations and thanks again for bringing a great distinction to the area.

Mr. DiFrancesco: Thank you all for coming out today and I'm going to go down the list. I'm going to ask the whole group, as I call you, to come up and grab your certificate and we are going to get a picture taken.

(Mr. DiFrancesco handed out Certificates to the following swimmers: Jeff Young, Tanner Wilfong, Mitchell Veith, Ben Ruddle, Nick Pawlush, Kyle Ruddle, Felix Nguyen, Thomas Michael, Jared Meyers, Josh Messler, Philip Mancuso, Ian Logan, Collin Gruin,

Jacob Gordin, Peter DeLuce, Matt DeLiberty, Joe Chubb, Nick Ceneviva, Ben Bauchwitz, Sean Grier, Ben Hagan and David Nolan)

(Applause was given and pictures were taken.)

**B. Stephen Libhart, District Attorney's Office**

- 1. CJAB Drug Court Initiative**
- 2. SAEDRF Application**

Mr. Libhart: Two items for your attention and hopefully action on next week. The first is the Drug Court Initiative Grant that we've had the past two years. As you may recall this represents only the third year of continuation of a four year funding stream. That is why there is a 25/75 split on the funding. It has already been allocated and accounted for and the budget has been approved by the effective offices. In short it just goes to fund the case manager and the drug court coordinator's positions. Other than that the program is substantially unchanged. Do you have any questions on that?

Mr. DiFrancesco: You say substantially unchanged, I assume you mean that it is working extremely well and continues as such.

Mr. Libhart: Exactly.

The second one pertains to a cooperative agreement between the Victim Witness Assistance Program and Mothers Against Drunk Driving. The focus of this program is just to relate to participants in the Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition Program; the impact that their actions have had by having once a month Wednesday evenings participants in the ARD that actually have victims to their transgressions will go in and a panel of victims will go ahead and speak to them to try to impart upon them the damage and whether it is physical, psychological, financial or otherwise their actions have had on those victims in an effort to try to point home that the ARD program is your one chance to potentially pay for a mistake and not have it follow you around on a criminal record for the remainder of your life. It is 100% funded program. There will be no cost to outlay from the County or any of its underlying agencies.

Mr. DiFrancesco: Any questions? (There was none.)

**C. Larry Bickford, L. Robert Kimball & Associates**

- 1. Concept Design for Female Work Release Center, Juvenile Court and Woodside Center**

Mr. Bickford: My name is Larry Bickford. I'm a Justice Planner with L. Robert Kimball Architects and Engineers. We have multiple offices across the State, including Dauphin County and State College, which is where I'm from. By way of background, we were commissioned to do a study that resulted in a set of recommendations that caused me

to be here today. In December of last year, we were asked, by the County, to look at three possible initiatives to support the Dauphin County justice system. Two of the projects are court and court-related projects. One is a correctional project, a female work release facility. Of the three initiatives that we looked at, our direction was to determine whether or not we could validate the potential for these three initiatives.

The first was a new juvenile court facility to be potentially located at the Schaffner Detention Center. The second was a new female work release facility. As you know currently female work release is operated out of the Woodside Building. Finally, a new central court/night court booking center that potentially could be located at the Woodside facility assuming the females were relocated.

We worked on this study for about four months. We've had well over 20 interviews representing officials and agencies in the Courts, the District Attorney, the Public Defender, District Justices, Probation, Victim/Witness, Corrections and law enforcement. We worked primarily with a key team that has given us direction. That key team consisted of Judge Lewis, Captain Madden and Scott Burford. As a result of the last four months, we have identified recommendations that would cause the County to consider going forward.

Those recommendations are as follows. When we originally looked at locating a new juvenile court facility at Schaffner, we were looking at a crawl space on the ground level adjacent to the Emergency Management Agency. We had identified that crawl space in an earlier study. I know when I say crawl space you are thinking of something that is four foot tall and you crawled into it. This probably has a 20 foot floor to ceiling height. It supports the Detention Center above, but it was unused space. When that was identified there was interest in trying to capture that space. When we did our study for the juvenile court facility it was clear that it would not fit in that space. We were prepared to make a recommendation to the County that it would not work to locate a new juvenile court facility there. Then there was a recent decision by the Department of Public Welfare, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to decertify certain beds in the detention center. That allowed us to look immediately above us from the crawl space and capture some additional square footage. As a consequence of that we were able to define what we believe is a conceptual working juvenile court facility using both the basement level and the upstairs level. That was the first of the project and we are recommending conceptually that is a conceivable project for the County moving forward.

The second project was the female work release. As you know, the female work release is at the Woodside Building. This is a building that is well over 50 years of age. It is used hard. It was formerly a juvenile facility for the County. It has a number of constraints, not the least of which is it is maxed out in terms of capacity. Roughly 40 females and upwards of five children would be the maximum that it could handle. We were asked to look at potential sites that were owned by the County that might be feasible for a new female work release building. We have recommended the design of a new female work release facility adjacent to the existing male work release facilities

and Adult Probation Department. The conceptual layout for that option would increase the capacity from some 40 to about 75 female work release candidates. That is the second recommendation.

The third was to do something appropriate with the old Woodside Building assuming we could move the females out. The concept that was offered by the County that we investigated was converting that building to a central court/night court and a booking center. As you well know, Central Court takes place right now at the Dauphin County Prison. Night Court and the Booking Center exist at the City Police building in town here. Again, we believe that it is feasible, at least conceptually, to lay out a booking center/central court and a night court at the old Woodside. It would require complete demolition of the interior and a complete renovation. All of these projects will involve some small additions with the exception of the work release, which is a brand new facility. We have identified a potential schedule that would allow all three projects to be completed in a total of 36 months, but that we would focus initially on the two primary projects being the juvenile court facility to be located at Schaffner and the female work release, a new building to be located adjacent to the current male work release. They could be designed and constructed in parallel fashion. The central court facility could be designed as well, but could not be constructed until we move the female offenders out of Woodside. So, we are looking at a schedule of a total of 36 months, with 24 months for the first two projects. We are also identifying preliminary costs, estimates of between \$6 and \$7 million construction costs for all three projects. These are estimates because they are based on only conceptual floor plan designs. Obviously we have done no design at this point. We are before the Board seeking your approval to proceed with the design bid and construction documents for these three projects. I stand for questions.

Mr. DiFrancesco: A couple issues. The cost quote that you just mentioned, the ballpark figures, they do not include taking care of the parking issue?

Mr. Bickford: They do not. That's absolutely correct. One of the challenges for these projects is finding adequate facilities for parking. We know that the County is aware of that as are the Courts. We are looking for the County, with our support, to help identify additional parking. That will be a constraint.

Mr. DiFrancesco: To date through these studies no recommendation has been made regarding the parking situation in terms of properties or has that been formalized?

Mr. Bickford: We had internal discussions with Scott Burford, your assigned person with our team, but Kimball, as your consultant, has had no discussions with anybody other than the County staff.

Mr. DiFrancesco: As one Commissioner I would direct staff that it is great to have this report and I think it was very well done, but until we solve that parking piece this cannot go anywhere. I think this has to get in motion. Speaking on the part of one Commissioner, the components of this need to happen soon. I'm going to ask staff if

they could to get on that parking piece right away and explore the options and come back to us with options as quickly as possible. I know, in my mind, what the options are and I know what it is going to take to make this happen. We need to move on that so the Board can make the recommendation in terms of what our different options are and what they cost. I would appreciate that if you guys would jump on that right away and get that done quickly. I'm assuming that is a very quick recommendation. I would assume that most of you already know what that report would say, because again looking at that corridor there are very few options.

Mr. Bickford: That is correct.

Mr. DiFrancesco: If you would hop on that and get that done as quickly as possible, because I think we need to make a decision on this. Again, this is a project that given where we are with the new judges coming on board I'm very certain in my mind again that this is going to have to happen. The more quickly we move, because already we are talking about a 24 month timeline. The judges will come on line next year. So, we are going to be scurrying around to try to get space for all the necessary needs until we get this online.

Mr. Hartwick: A couple statements and thoughts and then a question. The first one is as much to the demise as of Dom who is in the crowd, we made a vow early on not to expand Prison space in Dauphin County. I want to be very clear that this is not an expansion of Prison space in Dauphin County. As a matter of fact, the group, including Dom and the Judges, Commissioners, DA's Office and Public Defender's Office, has worked diligently in saving taxpayers millions of dollars from having to expand the current operations at the Dauphin County Prison, because we figured out ways to identify procedural issues, as well as individuals who have mental health and drug and alcohol issues to try to make sure that we are getting them help and getting them out of the Prison rather than have them occupy prison space. We need to be clear in saying that this isn't a Prison expansion.

The other thing that I want to say as it relates to the women's issues. One thing that became identified very early on when I became a Commissioner was the opportunities for women don't exist in the same way that they do for men. The opportunity to be able to try to get individuals into work release is something that hopefully will stabilize them and allow them to get family sustaining jobs and get them back out into the community as well. I think that is a step in the right direction that ultimately will provide some revenue, as well as additional cost savings currently that exist within the Prison.

Lastly, I believe the idea of central court/central booking and night court has been kicked around for years. There was always an issue of who is going to pay for it, how it was going to actually occur and the benefit to local law enforcement is great. To be able to go there, have a regional booking center and be able to make sure that our cops and individuals who are here to serve and protect don't have to stay with inmates all day and not be able to get back out on the street. This is a concept that I fully support and I'm a supporter of the ability to also assess some sort of cost to individuals through the

booking center process to be able to continue the maintenance and the sustainability of that center. All three steps are ones that are ultimately going to provide additional cost savings to taxpayers if we look at it from a strategic standpoint. It is also going to allow extra opportunities for law enforcement to be able to be on the beat to protect our citizens rather than sitting there housing criminals or sitting in the City of Harrisburg when they should be in Steelton or Susquehanna or another location. Ultimately centralizing the location and offering the juvenile court center is a great addition. We have been focusing on attempting to set up a process and procedures for juveniles and I think this is going to allow us to even focus more clearly on that effort from a logistics location and transportation. It just makes a lot of sense. I want to commend the people that thought through this plan. It is a very well thought out utilization of current existing facilities in a way that it doesn't create a ton of new construction costs. It is going to be a project that I think ultimately is going to improve the procedural piece to the criminal justice system, as well as provide opportunities to individuals that currently don't have them. That's the statement side. This is not an expansion of the Prison. This is going to be further opportunities to save money for taxpayers in the long run and keep our cops on the street.

The only thing I haven't seen so far and I know Nick has addressed the parking side, I've not seen what our funding strategy is going to be to be able to support this. Are we going to do a bond issue or take a look at existing gaming revenues that are unrestricted? I don't know what our funding strategy is for this project.

Mr. Burford: I discussed that exact issue with Budget & Finance. As you know, we are currently involved in an ESCO project, an energy project. In speaking with Mike we are looking at a bond issue. We have a meeting scheduled for some of our partners, Jay Wenger, here by the end of the week to discuss our options. I will be bringing those options to the Board for your approval. We are looking at preliminarily one bond that would accomplish both goals; the ESCO project and this construction project, all lumped into one. The idea there is to advantage of any costs that might be associated with the management and the floating and that sort of thing.

Mr. Hartwick: When will that be able to be accomplished?

Mr. Burford: Preliminarily we still need to do some more research. Again, we are meeting by the end of this week to address all of those issues.

Mr. DiFrancesco: I would also assume that you are looking and studying every aspect of the stimulus dollars that are available right now to make sure that within the Department of Justice and possibly some other avenues that we can access any dollars that are available there. Make sure you do that, because there could be money pocketed in other areas like the Department of Energy maybe for any kind of grant initiative that could be put into construction that we can tap as well.

Mr. Hartwick: I'm aware that Judge Lewis and Chief Martin have gotten together to talk about furnishings and equipment and other things inside the building and are putting

together an application on behalf of the County to try to access some of those dollars. From what I have heard so far they are starting to think along those lines.

Mr. Burford: As we get into this project a little deeper and start defining some of the systems there might be some other stimulus dollars out there for some systems.

Mr. Hartwick: How about for hair growth?

Mr. Burford: Well, I could probably use a little bit of hair growth.

Mr. Hartwick: If you find it make sure I get some.

Mr. Burford: I've grown comfortable with being bald. I got over the height issue.

Mr. DiFrancesco: If you ever go back to looking like you do in that picture hanging in your office... This is what I'm used to. Let's just leave it at that.

Mr. Hartwick: And Mike could use a little of that as well.

Mr. Burford: It hasn't been that long ago that I actually had a full head of hair and it was blonde.

Mr. DiFrancesco: If you haven't had the opportunity to see it, stop by Scott's office and look at the picture.

Mr. Burford: I turned into Charlie Brown over night.

Mr. Hartwick: I'm glad to see this plan is moving forward. There are a couple of details that we should be made aware of as it relates to financing, parking and a couple of other things, but we need to be aggressive in getting those answers to get this project rolling. I'm supportive of it.

Mr. DiFrancesco: Land/ground is no longer being created. So, what limited resources you have out there let's put the plan together to get the space that we need quickly.

Mr. Burford: Understood.

Mr. DiFrancesco: The plan is well done. Thank you very much for your diligent efforts and your quick efforts. This plan came together pretty quickly. Thank you from staff perspective, corporate perspective, you guys did a great job.

Mr. Bickford: We worked as a team and it really makes it easier for us as consultants.

Mr. Hartwick: Thanks to Ed and Chief Martin, Adult Probation and all the folks that are going to make sure that our law enforcement professionals are in tune with this,

because I know there are a couple of issues there as well. We want to make sure that this thing goes smoothly and we appreciate your lobbying on behalf of the project.

Mr. DiFrancesco: Thank you very much.

Ms. Thompson: Can I ask a quick question for clarification? You said everything was on hold. Are we able to work with Mr. Bickford about some minor tweaking of the plan?

Mr. DiFrancesco: Yes, when I say on hold I don't mean to stop. We just can't move forward until we get that parking situation clarified. There are a lot of administrative functions that are going to have to move forward continually.

Ms. Thompson: We don't have to put those on hold until the parking is handled.

Mr. DiFrancesco: No. If I misspoke I apologize. This is a matter of filling in a very deep missing piece.

Mr. Bickford: With respect to the study, our work thus far has been conceptual and floor plans. We know that we need to go back to all of the stakeholders, including the Court, very quickly. That is our priority, frankly, the courts to get that project pushed ahead. So, we will be going back to all of the folks that we have already met with in making sure that they are able to see what we have done and then they can start making input.

Mr. DiFrancesco: Do we need to take any action at all to continue this moving forward? I didn't even think about the perspective of what the first piece of that is.

Mr. Burford: The Solicitor's Office has been provided a contract, an AIA contract for review.

Mr. Saylor: We are not voting on that. Everything is proceeding. The purpose of this meeting was just to get stuff on the public record. Everything is moving along.

Mr. DiFrancesco: My final comment would be that given, I'm not sure what is going on in the world today, but given the fact that we have absolutely no members of the media here at all, I want to direct Diane to make sure you put something together. This is really, to the best of my knowledge, is the first construction project that we are doing.

Mr. Hartwick: Besides the cell towers.

Mr. DiFrancesco: We want to make sure that the media and the public are aware. Please take extra steps to make sure that it gets out today. I'm not sure why nobody is here.

## **PERSONNEL**

Ms. Lengle: Are there any questions on the Personnel Packet?

Mr. Hartwick: Is this the hiring window?

Ms. Lenge: No.

Mr. Saylor: The hiring window opens in the middle of May. There are a few that are early May. The EMA ones are in the spirit. I did get a very detailed explanation from Mr. Shaver. By the time he hires someone and they go through 18 months or some such thing of training and get them actually behind the console, there are vacant spots. So the overtime costs do rise and it gets very expensive. If you look at the costs to bring them on versus the overtime that would be incurred.

Mr. DiFrancesco: Any questions on the Salary Board? (There was none.)

I see Mr. Shaver left. They were struggling to find candidates. I'm assuming that they have the candidates obviously.

Ms. Lenge: We ran several newspaper ads with the small local papers.

### **PURCHASE ORDERS**

Mr. Baratucci: The packet is there for your review. It is going to shrink a bit for next week, because we found out after we put this together that all the DJ offices are now being combined into one budget area for maintenance agreements. That is a good thing, because we have about 18 pages in the Packet here for each individual DJ office being charged for their portion of typewriters and copiers. This is the time of year that we renew those service agreements. They are all showing over budget, because it was budgeted all in one code. We are going to make that adjustment next week. So, Pages 17 through 33 will be combined into one and should be within the budget, which I understand is all listed back on Page 34. We'll fix that up and a few other ones that need budget adjustments. Do you have any questions on the Packet?

Mr. DiFrancesco: I'm trying to figure out why certain individuals come to the meeting and then when the questions come up you look for them and they are not here. I'm looking for Mr. Guenther. (Mr. Guenther was on a phone call.) One thing that caught my eye was under the Court Reporter's the Apple Mac Book Pro.

Mr. Baratucci: Actually that came out of IT and I do not have any details on that.

Mr. DiFrancesco: I'm assuming that if it came out of IT then obviously it matches. That is the only Apple I'm aware of in Dauphin County. I may be missing some.

Mr. Baratucci: It is not a normal one that we purchase. We run all of those through Tom and rely on his recommendation. There might be a reason to this.

Mr. Guenther: Mr. Wolf has one out at Probation.

Mr. DiFrancesco: Is that a new direction that we are going?

Mr. Guenther: This is for a project using the Court Report Real Time Software and it provides an extra feature on how it integrates with the Court and what it shows coming out of the Court Reporter software. It will work either with Windows or a Mac platform. They actually said in this situation with what he is trying to do in the courtroom Mac actually supports some of the media better. We didn't disagree with it. It's independent. It is not even going on the network.

Mr. DiFrancesco: That's all well and fine.

Mr. Guenther: It is through an AOPC grant. It comes back to us. It's paid for.

Mr. DiFrancesco: My point is we have our agreements with companies that we get a benefit, because the whole county goes a certain direction. If we start breaking off pieces of it I would assume that is going to cost us more. In this case you say it is going to be reimbursed.

Mr. Guenther: This is a very specific application that we are doing and not tied on the network or anything like that. We are fine with it from that standpoint.

Mr. Hartwick: Page 44, what is the budget issue there? How are they making their requests?

Mr. Baratucci: They just didn't have any money in that 802700 code, which is the inventory code. They have money elsewhere and we were checking to see whether we ought to inventory these items. They are a bunch of display and storage racks. Greg said that we do have other ones like that spread out through the county inventory so to stay consistent we are going to inventory all of these racks. There was just no money in that particular line item. There is money in their budget, but not in 802700. That is our inventory code. When they budgeted it they didn't expect to charge them to 802700, but we are trying to be consistent. That is just a matter of one code to another within D&A's budget.

### **TRAINING PACKET**

Mr. Saylor: I need approval on Item #6.

**It was moved by Mr. Hartwick and seconded by Mr. DiFrancesco that the Board approve Item #6 of the Training Packet; motion carried.**

### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

- A. Dauphin County Prison Application for Second Chance Act Prisoner Reentry Initiative.

Mr. DiFrancesco: I have an item for discussion. Does this need to be addressed?

Mr. Saylor: Unless you have questions this is just to show you that this is coming up on the Agenda for a vote.

Mr. DiFrancesco: Any questions?

Mr. Hartwick: We were already made aware of this.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Tully: We expect the items that are on the report to be ready for action and vote next week. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have in the interim. (There was none.)

### **CHIEF CLERK'S REPORT**

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

### **COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

Mr. Hartwick: I would like to note the passing of Mayor Frank Brown, a friend and Mayor of Steelton. He was a fine gentleman and a high ranking member of the Elks organization and someone who was very passionate and concerned about the Borough of Steelton. I just wanted to officially recognize his passing on the public record.

Mr. DiFrancesco: I echo those sentiments. It's a sad day for Steelton. He was a great man.

Yesterday's paper, I just picked it out, but unfortunately these headlines have been read way too many times. When you get a headline on the front of Page A1 "You can't trust these streets" it communicates a message that we've got a real serious problem in uptown Harrisburg. When I go through this article and read about kids saying that they are scared to walk their own streets whatever we have been doing isn't good enough. I'm not saying this to criticize the efforts. For a lot of reasons this is a very challenging issue. What I'm saying is that what we have been able to accomplish obviously is not taking gunfire, and I make a distinction of gunfire as opposed to guns, off the street. Because once again we need to do a better job coming up with policies that enforce current laws on the books, but also policies that address a whole lot of other ancillary issues. Whatever policies we have in place are not good enough right now. So, I have asked Ed earlier to sit down with me along with I'm going to invite Chief Kellar from the City and some other people that probably would be appropriate, possibly the probation office. I'm not sure who all should be sitting at the table, but something has got to be done to be more effective at taking back our streets from the crime and violence that is out there. This is unsettling. It's unnerving. I happened to be at about 15<sup>th</sup> & Market

yesterday. The unfortunate situation is people don't treat each other very well on a day-to-day basis. I think that has a lot to do with the way they are treated personally, what they are living with daily and the response that they get from their government. I just want to make absolutely certain that we are doing whatever we can. It is just never going to be acceptable in Dauphin County to have a community that is literally under attack every day. Where neighbors have to worry about where the next shot is going to be fired, where the drugs are being sold. This is unacceptable. There is no surprise when kids are growing up with some real anger issues when they have to put up with this every day. We heard it in our R U Tired tour that Commissioner Hartwick moved the effort on where people pick up the phone and they call and they are lucky if they get a response or a timely response. Again, this is not to criticize. I realize that especially in the City they have been working with very difficult budget constraints and there have been some real challenges there from a financial standpoint. At the end of the day we cannot ignore the issues that are going on, the threat to our young people and the neighborhoods because of the financial issues that are going on. People are dying every day. People are scared to death to walk the streets. People are scared to talk to their neighbor, because they don't know whether or not there is going to be an unsettling situation. As policymakers we have a responsibility to attack this issue head on. I think our efforts in the past to try to make it a broad based community effort certainly are noble, but that is only one piece of it. As policy leaders and elected officials there is a whole other piece of it where we have to take the lead and sit down and come up with policies that are going to work better. This is unacceptable. There is no way that I can continue to live with this and I'm sure everybody else in this room feels the same way. Our children should not be afraid to walk the streets. Our children should not be afraid to go to school. Our elderly should not be afraid to walk out and sit on their front porch. In five years the problems persist. We go out and find certain funds available to address the issue, like the gunshot systems that we put in place in some of the more violence prone areas, but again it is not enough. We have to come up with some policies that will change things. I grant you this is many faceted. There is an issue of economics and education. There are a whole lot of issues, but there are also simple issues of how we enforce laws and put police on the streets and back them up. Moving forward, again, I want to sit down and really come up with a group of people. I also hesitate to call it a task force. We tend to be over task forced in modern society. We like to sit around and talk about things that come to no real conclusion. I'm going to sit down with a couple people, because this is unacceptable.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. DiFrancesco: Public participation. (There was none.)

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Chad Saylor, Chief Clerk

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