



DAUPHIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WORKSHOP MEETING

MAY 5, 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; Janis Creason, Treasurer; William Tully, Esq., Solicitor; Randy Baratucci, Director of Purchasing; Randy Thoman, IT; Tom Guenther, Director of IT; George Connor, Community & Economic Development; Greg Bush, IT; Kay Lengle, Personnel; Melissa Wion, Personnel; Lorrie Bushman, Personnel; Amy Richards, Commissioners' Office; Dee Thomas, Personnel; Jeannette Long, Personnel; Brooke Miller, Personnel; Tia Wise, Personnel; Leila Brown, Solicitor's Office; Fred Lighty, Esq., Human Services Director's Office; Tom Wasco, Director of Veterans Affairs; Sandy Parrish, Personnel; Greg Smithers, IT; Shari Eagle, IT; Jim Szymborski, Director of Dauphin County Planning Commission; Edgar Cohen, Director of Facilities Maintenance; J. Scott Burford, Deputy Chief Clerk; George Kuharic, IT; Darla Mathis, Personnel; Kelli Beserra, Personnel; Holly Martz, Deputy Director of Tax Claim; Donna Miller, Risk Management; Brenda Hoffer, Commissioners' Office; Jena Wolgemuth, Commissioners' Office; Kacey Truax, Commissioners' Office and Richie-Ann Martz, Assistant Chief Clerk

GUESTS PRESENT

Gail Nye, MaryBeth Boyer, Marcie Boyer, Marilyn Nye, Janet Green, Randy Wolf and William Cluck

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Haste, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 10:27 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 three sets of meeting minutes that we'll take up at next week's meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ms. Green: My name is Janet Green and this is Randy Wolf. My address is P. O. Box 670, 1B Mill Drive, Halifax.

Mr. Wolf: My name is Randy Wolf and I'm at the same address.

Ms. Green: Mr. Haste, I believe you know partially of what this is about. The meeting that we held five years ago, I appreciate the strides that you made into correcting the deed process in Dauphin County by now forcing unmapped properties to require a survey before they become mapped. That is a great effort in improving what is going on in our little neck of the woods. The problem that I'm having is today at 1:30 they are about to force us to give a road to a man who claims to own property behind us that hasn't been mapped for 38 years. According to Mr. Burch, a surveyor up there, he refused to do this survey for him. If you remember the case, Steve Howe sold a piece of property from a Treasurer's Deed to a Mr. Charles Fogarty. He then proceeded to have this property surveyed, which is what is going on through all the properties off the top of Berry Mountain. What happened is now this guy's property that is still unmapped claims he doesn't have access. He is about to destroy about 2,100 feet of our property at 1:30 to be granted a road by Judge Evans. We had hoped that it would have been cleared up by our attorney, but the information I have here proves that it is just not getting through. As I said, this status conference that Judge Evans is holding is going to destroy our property. It all stems from a sale of a Treasurer's Deed that according to County Solicitor Tully those deeds were not supposed to be sold since the 1980s. At this point what I would ask from you is that somehow either this man is mapped in and this Fogarty property disappears or this man's deed says if he really does own behind there. I have the Burch survey to show you that if this man's land is to the summit and beyond, the two properties, the Treasurer's Deed and another action to Quiet Title shouldn't be there. I also have a letter from a neighbor who also owns strips of land.

We have 55 acres total and this man owns a few strips of land and he is going through the same problem. I have a letter from him. (She gave it to Chad.) Somebody moved his property boundaries off the top of the mountain. He is also saying that this Burch survey has so many errors in it that it should have never been accepted. The only thing that can stop this now is either this man is forced to do a survey or have Fogarty taken off the top or vice versa that this land doesn't exist. I know in the past that in speaking with Lori Paul, who makes the maps, that some properties are coming through these old deeds they sold that were never mapped and were never surveyed and that land is not there. I can show you a map that I received a few months ago. The footage directly west of our property, where this man is claiming to own property, it is about 1,600 feet according to the tax map. At the property he is claiming, it would put it at 2,200 feet. He claims there are two to three acres. It is really a three and a six acre parcel according to the deed. There are three tracts involved. If you put that in that would force that into 2,200 feet between the western boundary of our property and the eastern boundary of their property. There is not 2,200 feet in there to fit this man's ground in to begin with. What I'm asking is to help stop this. This is a woodland lot with huge trees that we are going to have to take out. This man is going to be 10 feet from our house using our driveway that was never a carriage road. I have that proof too that no carriage road existed up there. I would ask you if you could help us stop this before a surveyor comes on and destroys our property, because of this.

Mr. Haste: Actually I'll have Bill comment. The thing I can tell you is that I don't think we have the ability to stop it. This came about by the Tax Assessment Appeals Board. That is partially removed from us so that we can't intercede and arbitrarily make decisions. I don't mean that this is arbitrary in any way, because we went through that. We had a number of frustrating meetings. They are a body that is separate from the Board of Commissioners that deal with those kinds of issues, tax mapping and taxing of properties so we can't intercede with it. If there is a dispute with that then it goes to Court. Everything that I have gotten to, and Bill can correct me, it is really out of our hands. There is nothing we can do. It is now up to the Courts. They are the ones who resolve disputes that other folks can't resolve.

Ms. Green: When this first began we contacted the Patriot-News. They wrote an article. This property that was sold to Mr. Fogarty was just a very bland deed called a Treasurer's Deed. It was a very bland deed that had no description, no footage, and no acreage; nothing on it. It became this elaborate deed that now sits above us. According to what Mr. Tully had told Mr. David DeCook, who used to work for the Patriot-News, and it was in the article, that they stopped selling the Treasurer's Deeds out of the old book in the Prothonotary's Office in the 1980s, because people were coming forward with these old deeds and claiming land existed where it didn't. I can show you areas of Dauphin County that now have more than one person sitting on a lot.

Mr. Haste: That has been an issue. Those are issues that the Court resolved. The old surveying techniques aren't as accurate as the current surveys. I talked to a surveyor about it. A hundred yards in the old days is a different hundred yards now, because one used to go like this and one goes straight and I forget which way it was that they were

explaining it. It is different. You are right. When you go to it you can compare to the old way of surveying in the old maps to the current way of surveying in the new maps with some areas where they overlap. We also have holes, because of the technology that was used on the original deeds is not near as accurate as the technology that is used today. Those disputes get resolved in the Courts.

Mr. Tully: I'm assuming you have a status claim for a Quiet Title action.

Ms. Green: He is just condemning our property for a road to his property that we believe does not exist. It doesn't exist on any of your tax maps. Even Bill Burch refused to do a survey. You are talking about old and new technology. I just recently realized that this surveyor, the same surveyor that did the deed for Fogarty in 2005, this was a 90 and a 98 year old couple down on Tourist Park Road who helped me obtain this survey. This survey was done by Bill Burch and these acres that lie directly west of our property in 1985 when you go to the new map, the same exact map Burch made in 2005 those 14 acres are gone. That is old technology that puts it in and new technology that takes it out. These people when they died transferred the land to their son. When they die the person that inherits or buys that farm that has 14 acres out in the middle of the woods is going to come looking for his 14 acres. When he goes to the new Burch survey it's not there. This is causing a lot of attorneys to get rich for one thing. We've spent \$35,000 so far trying to prove it to the Court system. The second Judge in the Commonwealth Court, Johnny Butler, who ruled on our case thought this was something to do with that we won't let the man get his timber. That is not true. This is an application from this 1836 road law that he is requesting to improve his property value to build a home back there. He has access 500 feet down below. He has access on the top. He paid \$750. We paid \$400,000 with insurance and taxes over the course of the past 15 years. Now, because of that Treasurer's Deed that threw him off the top of the mountain, we are forced to defend ourselves. This is what we feel has to be corrected. With properties appearing and disappearing and owners changing and I understand you are trying to correct that.

Mr. Tully: Is there a status conference, is that what you said is at 1:30?

Ms. Green: There is a status conference today at 1:30. It was originally designed where Randy and I could attend and we asked for a...

Mr. Tully: Do you have an attorney?

Ms. Green: Sort of. I think he is helping us.

Mr. Tully: If there is a status conference your attorney would be meeting with the Judge.

Ms. Green: They are just doing it over the phone now. Judge Evans asked our attorney twice for letters from the Township saying this carriage road that they are saying is on our property, both Townships gave us letters saying that no carriage road

ever existed. That is what they had in mind. This man brutalized us, because he never had through way until we felt it necessary to stop him from using our driveway.

Mr. Tully: Here is my request. Perhaps if we could step out, maybe Fred can you sit down and get the information on the case and then we will see what we can find out what is actually going on as opposed to discussing pending litigation in a public forum. Would that be satisfactory?

Ms. Green: That would be great. I appreciate your time and listening. We know you are trying to correct the problem, but you can't be selling blank deeds and having people go find property.

Mr. Haste: We can learn from what has happened in the past to try to make sure we don't have that again. It is hard for me to go back and correct...

Ms. Green: What is already wrong?

Mr. Haste: There are prospectors out there that buy deeds knowing that it may or may not exist. They are gambling hoping that they buy a deed and it is a good one.

Mr. Wolf: To sell it to a developer.

Ms. Green: That is the brother of the developer. Thank you.

Mr. Haste: Again, we are still under public participation. Is there anyone else in the audience that would like to address the Board at this time? (There was none.)

DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS/GUESTS

A. Jim Szymborski, Director, Dauphin County Planning Commission

1. Regional Action Plan

Mr. Szymborski: Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you this morning to present the South Central Pennsylvania Regional Action Plan on Land Use and Transportation Planning for rural prosperity. I will attempt to consolidate about 130 pages of document into a few minutes.

Participating counties are Adams, Dauphin, Cumberland, Franklin, Lancaster, Lebanon, Perry and York, commonly known as South Central Pennsylvania. It is a statewide initiative. It was funded under a Land Use Planning Grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development. It was sponsored by Tri-County Regional Planning Commission and administered by the Commission on behalf of the eight counties. It was financed through 100% state funds, no local match, which is the types of projects we like to see. It was prepared by Advant IMC (Consultant) and the respective County Planning Directors with input from more than 100 county multi-

jurisdictional and private stakeholders. A couple objectives that are intended to be achieved are 1) identify opportunities for inter-county collaboration, 2) develop a summary analysis of the region's existing conditions as they relate to transportation, land use and economic development, 3) define criteria and performance measures by which to determine "projects of regional significance" and 4) create an organizational framework for county leaders to solicit, review and determine projects of regional significance. The participating state agencies were the Department of Community & Economic Development, Department of Transportation, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Department of Agriculture and the Department of Environmental Protection. These agencies have been interested in knowing what projects we feel would have the greatest regional benefit, specifically benefits defined, desired and supported by the counties. These agencies are committed to give special attention and higher priority to grant applications processed through the regional action plan as "projects of regional significance." It is based on significant research and outreach activities, interviews with county commissioners, key stakeholder interviews, focus group meetings, and group workshops. Basically it was a community-based approach. The purpose was to gather and analyze a broad spectrum of information, share ideas among stakeholders, agreed upon an overarching strategy for multi-county regional coordination and decision-making. It involved extensive socio-economic data. The other data, policies and sources that were used were our regional growth management plan, the regional transportation plans, county comprehensive plans, comprehensive economic development strategies, tourism marketing plans, etc.

The fundamental goals, there are three. Improve productivity and competitiveness, retain and attract a more diverse workforce, and enhance choices among quality of life services and amenities. Two are basic strategies – foster an essential and sustainable regional dialogue regarding regionally beneficial public investments. Coordinate and collectively support investments within the following regional investment areas. There are five common areas that were identified most often through the research and outreach activities. They felt they were common in terms of what the counties knew and were more inclined to collaborate and cooperate on. Transportation - interconnect communities for all modes of travel (commuter, tourism, shipping and distribution) activities. Environmental – projects that protect, conserve and restore a sustainable natural environment. Tourism/Recreation – projects that expand recreational opportunities and enhance tourism, cultural attractions and improve way funding. Technology - projects that engage technological tools for communication, data sharing and decision-making. Work Force Education – projects that invest in the people of the region, providing education, training and development of world class skills for targeted industries.

Our recommendations are to identify a simple and sustainable process, fully recognized and integrated into the State agency decision-making structure. Through this means and process, they believe it to be a more direct avenue from the county and regional level to their agencies on what our needs are and hopefully use this to structure their future programs and policies around and to coordinate, evaluate and designate multi-county projects, policies and initiatives in the eight-county region.

Project identification – projects will be considered eligible under this process if they have the following characteristics: they involve multi-county coordination and collaboration; they are within the identified investment areas (transportation environmental, tourism, recreation, technology and workforce education) and are projects involving multi-state agency funding grants.

Project ranking were developed. We have developed an outline and will, as a result of the steering committee that is going to be created, develop a qualitative evaluation system that employs the following criteria for each project: it must have a clear purpose and need, must be consistent with county and local plans and policies, it must have state, county, regional and local support, it must have a funding plan including leveraged funds and it must have a regional impact demonstrated by investment area key matrices for each investment area. The projects are categorized into three time periods: short term (0 to 6 months), medium term (6 to 12 months) and long term (12 to 24 months). You include projects that have been suggested by the State agencies that I have identified as being participants. Project implementation is where we are right now. The plan has been completed. There is a request that the commissioners of the eight counties adopt the regional action plan by resolution and concurrently appoint the planning director to that committee. The plan, as I understand it, has been adopted by Cumberland, Lancaster and Lebanon County Boards. I believe it went to the Franklin County Board last week and I believe it was adopted by them. I provided a sample resolution of adoption for your consideration and copies of the plan are available to each of you on a CD.

Mr. Haste: We'll place the resolution on the agenda next week at our Legislative Meeting. I do know this has been going on for some time. It was actually kicked around at CCAP. Nick has been instrumental in that. I'm also aware of three projects that I have had discussions with this group about. I know we looked at, at least from the Conservation District's standpoint; we talked about the nutrient management program, when they are looking to put those credits out there, how they are going to be able to bid on those credits and what that is going to mean. The good movement study, the work that HATS has done. I know on a tourism base we've talked about trying to develop passes for a package or some sort of coordination between the Gettysburg, Lancaster, Hershey and Harrisburg regions so that as we get day trippers or weekend trippers here there is a way to coordinate those different areas so we all have a benefit. There has been some movement for it in some of these areas to formalize this. This is a real good step.

Mr. Szymborski: The other one that I'm sure you are interested in is the alternative energy production collaboration.

Mr. Haste: Which we have been involved with for awhile. It is good that we have come to this point. I see that you want to continue the effort and that you are looking to be our designee.

Mr. Szymborski: Yes, as the planning director.

Mr. Haste: We will have this on the agenda next week without any objections.

Mr. Hartwick: None from me.

Mr. Szymborski: One other point, it is not limited to the planning directors. That is the core board. Depending on the characteristics of the project, we've been requesting that other county departments and agencies become involved like the Conservation District, Community & Economic Development, etc.

Mr. Haste: I think that is key based on the project.

Mr. Szymborski: Yes.

B. Dauphin County Commissioners

1. Proclamation – Gail Nye

Mr. Haste: Madam Chairman, can you come forward? It is my pleasure to read a Proclamation that begins honoring you this morning.

(Mr. Haste read the Proclamation.)

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

Proclamation

We, the Dauphin County Board of Commissioners, are delighted to once again have the dearly loved and deeply missed Gail Nye in our midst as we join her many friends, family members and former co-workers in honoring her on her remarkable 50 years of service to Dauphin County and wish her well on her richly deserved, but very bittersweet, retirement;

Whereas, this Lykens resident is stepping down as the wildly popular "Commissioner" of Dauphin County after a half-century of service, answering phones and greeting guests with unabated wit and her bottle of "vodka," stuffing envelopes with speed and skill, concocting pertinent nicknames for our many illustrious county employees; and always standing ready to "click" badge-less employees through the door, as the lead receptionist on the fourth floor of the Dauphin County Administration Building;

Whereas, Gail began her amazing career in 1959 as a clerk typist in the Tax Assessment Office, and then worked in the Computer Department, forerunner to the Data Processing and Information Technology Departments, before becoming the face of the fourth floor in 2001;

Whereas, this little spitfire was also her granddaughter Marcie's most devoted fan as Marcie played and coached field hockey, and she often enjoyed adventures with Mary Beth and Marilyn, taking cruises to tropical beaches and cashing in on her luck at neighboring casinos;

Whereas, we honor this deeply loved and sorely missed Dauphin County fixture, a genuine, one-of-a-kind "class act" who maintained her charm, youthful energy, personality and sense of humor for 50 incredible years, and who can never, ever be replicated or replaced;

Therefore, we join the 256,300 residents of Dauphin County in honoring Gail Nye as she answers her final phone call and clicks her last lock; we toast her devotion to the county and her contagious spirit of fun; we wish her continued health and happiness always; and, in honor of her wonderful and lasting legacy, we bid her a reluctant, but very fond farewell, and do hereby proudly proclaim May 5, 2010 to be "Gail Nye Day" in Dauphin County.

(Applause was given.)

Ms. Nye: I miss you guys. It comes a time when you have to fold it up. I'm enjoying being at home and getting calls from commissioners that I called the wrong name.

Mr. Haste: She wanted to argue with me one day. I was having a conversation with her and she swore it was you (George Hartwick).

Ms. Nye: I said "Where are you" and he said I'm on my way to work. I said "Are you on your damn cell phone?" A lot of people do sound different on the cell phone. He called me early in the morning. Some people do have to go to work, don't they? I miss you all. I can do more traveling now. I don't have to answer to any one, do I? I don't have to answer to you any more, do I?

Mr. Haste: Did you ever?

Ms. Nye: Not really, but... I always worked with a great group of people here in the County. As long as they listened to me, we got along well. I can honestly say any that I have always worked with a nice group of people. They were always nice. You're nice to them, they are nice to you. Why be nasty or mean. Life is too short. I know a lot of people say "I hate my job or this person or that person". I can honestly say and my sister, Marilyn, can verify that she never heard me say anything nasty.

Ms. M. Nye: Never.

Ms. Nye: I never had a nasty word to say about anybody. If I didn't get along with someone I just bit my tongue and moved on. I can't believe it was 50 years that I spent here. I enjoyed every minute of it.

Mr. Haste: We are blessed for having you here.

Mr. DiFrancesco: It is a different place. We miss you tremendously. It was always a delight to come in and just wait for whatever quick comment that was going to be made when you walked through. It is delightful to see you and it is amazing that you served this County for 50 years.

Ms. Nye: And still have my right mind.

Mr. DiFrancesco: Absolutely. We do miss you every day. You really did brighten the place up, but hopefully you are enjoying the opportunity to travel around a little bit and do some more cruising or whatever it is that makes you happy.

Mr. Hartwick: Gail, I don't think I have been picked on more by any single person than you. Even though you are from the upper end and I'm from Steelton we certainly share a lot in common. You were a person who always made me smile. There was no doubt what was on your mind.

Ms. Nye: I didn't take crap from anyone.

Mr. Hartwick: As long as I listened I was in your good graces. We love you and we miss you. I look forward to going above Peters Mountain. I hope you don't revoke my pass.

Ms. Nye: Let me know ahead of time, because I have to give the final okay about over Peters Mountain.

Mr. Hartwick: Thank you, Gail!

(Pictures were taken and applause was given.)

Mr. DiFrancesco: Gail, I just want to make it clear too that even though you are retiring when these guys get out of hand and get unruly we are still calling you down to keep them in line.

Ms. Nye: I'll help them out.

Mr. DiFrancesco: We know you will keep us in line. You have to keep them in line too.

PERSONNEL

Ms. Lenge: Are there any questions on the Salary Board items? (There was none.) I'm going to pull Item #4. On the Personnel Listings, I'm pulling the Addendum. Are there any questions on the original listing? (There was none.)

PURCHASE ORDERS

Mr. Baratucci: You all should have received my Packet yesterday. If you have any questions, I would be happy to answer them. Otherwise, we will take care of all the over budgets and have it for your approval next week. (There was none.)

TRAINING PACKET

Mr. Haste: Is there anything on the Training Packet that we have to deal with this week?

Mr. Saylor: No, not that I see.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- A. Adjustment to the State and Local Government Master Operating Lease Agreement Schedule No. 103108000035 between Dauphin County and Hewlett-Packard Financial Services. (*****A VOTE IS REQUESTED 5/5/10*****)
- B. Amendment No. 1 to Grant Agreement between Dauphin County and PEMA for the 2009 Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program Grant. (*****A VOTE IS REQUESTED 5/5/10*****)
- C. Resolution #19-2010 listing the "Designation of Agent" as D'Juna L. Gaither as Finance Officer for FEMA-1898-DR-PA. (*****A VOTE IS REQUESTED 5/5/10*****)

Mr. Haste: We have Items A through C that are being requested for a vote this week. Are there any discussions on those three items? (There was none.)

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

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – WILLIAM TULLY, ESQ.

Mr. Tully: Gail has reviewed the report and said it was satisfactory.

Mr. Haste: Are there any questions of Bill? (There was none.)

CHIEF CLERK'S REPORT – CHAD SAYLOR

Mr. Saylor: I just want to say that I for one enjoyed the time away from Gail. Other than that I have nothing to report.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

(There was none.)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Haste: We are again at the time in the meeting for public participation. Is there anyone in the audience that would like to address the Board?

Mr. Cluck: I'm wondering if there is something symbolic about Gail Nye day falling on Cinco de Mayo.

Mr. DiFrancesco: It is very appropriate.

Mr. Cluck: There needs to be some unlimited drink specials on Second Street. I'm Bill Cluck. I'm here in my capacity as one of the newly appointed members of the Board of the Harrisburg Authority. However, I do not speak for the Board. I'm one of five. That is 20% and I know the math, I can't bind them. The reason I'm here this morning is in this morning's Harrisburg Patriot, I read an article that quoted Mr. Saylor alleging that the Authority's Resource Recovery Budget contained and I quote "bogus" expenditures. I'm very concerned. This is a serious accusation and one that I do wish to pursue with the Commissioners. If Mr. Saylor has evidence of any bogus expenditure we would expect him to provide the Board or law enforcement officials with such evidence.

Mr. Saylor: It's already done. Check your files. I sent a copy. Actually Chuck Zwally, our attorney, sent it back a few weeks ago. I'll gladly give you a copy.

Mr. Haste: It was January. It has been some time ago.

Mr. Cluck: We may disagree whether a budget item should be categorized as an operating expense versus a capital expense, but an accusation of a bogus expenditure is one of fraud. That is entirely different than my understanding of the February 12th letter from your solicitor. I'm interested if you believe there are fraudulent or fictitious expenses that they should be brought to our attention. If this has been brought to the attention of law enforcement, I would appreciate knowing what the package was that was sent and to whom it was sent. The Authority, the City and the County face significant financial hurdles due to questionable decisions by all of our predecessors. We did not create this situation. Public accusations of bogus expenditures and scorched earth litigation between the County, the Authority and the City serves no purpose other than to score points in a public relations battle. Since I was confirmed, along with two other members, by City Council on April 13, we have been holding numerous and lengthy executive sessions just to get up to speed. We are spending an incredible amount of money on lawyers, accountants and financial advisors analyzing a number of alternatives to deal with this situation, but we are spending too much of our time and money trying to deal with the collateral issues associated with the County's litigation against the Authority and the City. I'd rather be spending our limited funds on a financial analysis and management audit and as you know those proposals all came in at over \$100,000. I would like to spend that money on a forensic audit and a litigation analysis as to the 2003 Retrofit Financing and the absence of the Performance Bond. I'm hoping this is a new day and that we can have open communication between the new Board and the County Commissioners and the City. Accusations of bogus expenditures can only lead to mistrust and bitterness. I would like to see whatever that information is that is alleged to be fraudulent or fictitious.

Mr. Haste: I can't speak for Mr. Saylor, but I don't think bogus meant fraudulent or fictitious. Maybe as an attorney you see it that way, but in many other circles it meant inappropriate. I think there are a number of questionable listings of expenditures and revenues in that budget. It was actually helpful that they finally had a budget. I think the new Chairman of the Board has been a delight to work with so far. I've met with him on a couple of occasions. We've had numerous phone calls and conversations. It is

refreshing to have a Chairman that is willing to try to resolve the problem, as opposed to grand-standing. I think for two years now we have been waiting for someone to quit grand-standing and actually work. When you hear things like bogus it is probably out of frustration, because neither the Authority, nor the City, has done much of anything for the last two years except try to make political statements and we've gotten tired of that. I am cautiously optimistic as I once was before and it was proven to be not as hopeful as I had hoped it would be. With this new Chairman again I am hopefully optimistic and so far I have seen great strides moving forward. I think as long as we continue to do that we are all on a better footing.

Mr. Hartwick: Just from my personal standpoint, we have been working with the new Chairman, as well as one of the Board members, in an attempt to come up with a package to both try to secure Federal and State funding for the repair of the steam line, as well as identifying the current issues with the transportation of the ash, cut costs and try to develop some opportunities for additional revenue. We are ready to roll up our sleeves and get to work with the Authority Board Members. We share our information about engineering for the first time; take a look at the total scope of the project. Working cooperatively to put together a proposal, which we are going to personally hand-carry down to all of our Federal representatives to gain additional funding for something that appears to be able to generate between 15 to 20% more revenue, as well as the sale of the steam is a more productive use of the facility's output. Projects like that we stand ready and are willing to get to work on.

Mr. Cluck: I concur and the only thing left is we would appreciate whatever evidence you have on those others you have identified that have not been coming to the Incinerator. I understand the County's position appears to be that you don't have the power to enforce. My position is we do. We would appreciate if that information would be made available to us that we will publicize...

Mr. Haste: I believe it has been.

Mr. Cluck: As of yesterday it wasn't, but we can double check on that.

Mr. Haste: I told the Chairman how to get that. Maybe I should make a phone call and just make sure that it is delivered tomorrow.

Mr. Cluck: Cool. Thank you and enjoy the day.

Mr. Haste: Again, we are in public participation, is there anyone else that would like to address the Board at this time? (There was none.)

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Chad Saylor, Chief Clerk

Transcribed by: Richie-Ann Martz