



DAUPHIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WORKSHOP MEETING

AUGUST 24, 2011
10:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Laura E. Evans, Esq., Chief Clerk; Marie E. Rebeck, Controller; William Tully, Esq., Solicitor; Amy Richards, Press Secretary; Greg Schneider, Budget & Finance; Leila Brown, Solicitor's Office; Fred Lighty, Esq., Human Services Director's Office; Tom Guenther, Director of IT; Randy Baratucci, Director of Purchasing; John Goshert, Director of CID; Jennifer Storm, Director of Victim/Witness; Kay Lenge, Human Resources; Troy Petery, Courts; Stacey Glickman, Controller's Office; Brenda Hoffer, Commissioners' Office; Abby Gabner, Commissioners' Office ; Julie Mackey, Commissioners' Office and Richie-Ann Martz, Assistant Chief Clerk

GUESTS PRESENT

Matt Miller, Chief Robert Martin, Jeff Vargo, James Roxbury, WGAL 8, Tom Ryan, Dustin Stuck, Shawn Harrison, Steve Solomon, Colby Conway, Ray Burnett, Jr., Jeff Baltimore; Cortney Mack and Aaron Johnson

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Haste, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 10:16 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 Legislative 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

A. Jennifer Storm, Victim/Witness

1. PCCD Grant – Substance Abuse Education & Demand Reduction

Ms. Storm: I'm here this morning to present a reapplication for the Substance Abuse Education Demand Reduction Fund. This grant we applied for in 2009 from PCCD did not require a match, but it enabled us to research and implement victim impact panels in Dauphin County, which we do in accordance with the offenders who are going through the ARD system. We have successfully presented to over 400 offenders and have gotten really good feedback from the individuals who have attended. We actually have a panel this evening, if anyone is interested in attending. It is at 6:00 in Courtroom #1. We are having staff from PCCD actually come this evening to observe our panels. Essentially what we do is we provide victims of impaired driving and injured crashes the opportunity to come and share their stories and talk to offenders about what the impact of that crime was on them; whether they lost a loved one or whether they themselves were injured. We have also incorporated using law enforcement. We have law enforcement come and share their experiences on what it is like to respond to a tragedy such as this. The main goal is to hopefully impact these offenders so that they think before they drink and drive again. Again, they have been extremely successful. The grant has come out again and it requires no match on behalf of the agency or the County. We are looking to request \$95,596. That is over a two-year period. That is to maintain June's position who is the current VIP coordinator that coordinates all those activities. She has also done a tremendous job of really going above and beyond and reaching out to all the victims of DUI offenses in Dauphin County and has become more

of an advocate than a coordinator; which is just kind of by nature in our agency. This grant is due on September 12th and it just needs your signature of approval.

Mr. Hartwick: How are you collaborating or coordinating your efforts along with our Drug & Alcohol department?

Ms. Storm: We actually haven't to be honest, but we certainly can. We cooperate with MADD on these, because Mothers Against Drunk Driving was kind of the author of the "How-To" guide for victim impact panels. So, we do collaborate with them, but we actually haven't with Drug and Alcohol. That would be something that I would be open to and I think would be really important.

Mr. Haste: I'm sort of surprised to hear you say that. In my mind I think it is critical that you do that. If we are going to be preventative about this, not only should they be talking to the offenders, because they already committed, but they should be talking to those who have a problem before they become an offender. Hopefully it wakes them up before they even get into that vehicle. I would rather see effort put that way. I understand the need for the victim to have that conversation with the offender, but I also think that if we are going to be preventative that individual needs to be speaking to someone who has a known substance abuse problem before they become the offender with a vehicle.

Ms. Storm: We are not allowed to do that with this money. This money is solely for the purpose of victim impact panels. The implementation and existence of victim impact panels for offenders going through ARD, so we can't use this money for anything. I wanted to get even more creative and actually do all of our drug court cases, any kind of impaired crime and we are not allowed to. We can only focus on ARD offenders and doing victim impact panels with this money. Now, we do provide, if you come to a victim impact panel you will see that we have a lot of literature. We do have literature from the Drug and Alcohol Department, as well as the DUI Association, and MADD. With this money specifically we are not allowed to do anything but victim impact panels.

Mr. Haste: Then let's get creative. Have that meeting and talk to Mavis and have some of their people come and observe.

Ms. Storm: Definitely.

Mr. Haste: That is a stupid rule.

Ms. Storm: It's the State, it is certainly not me.

Mr. Haste: I understand it. It just requires us to get creative.

Mr. Hartwick: From my perspective we are doing some really innovative stuff at D&A from recovery oriented systems of care to even talking about how we can engage folks from those panels into referrals for services. There is a lot of ways to collaborate and

really provide a much more proactive way to get folks the help. It is probably just sitting down and discussing. I think the folks that you are going to be engaged with will benefit ultimately from the utilization of additional resources and being able to reach out in a way that allows your folks to deal with the victims will only assist us in trying to identify more folks for treatment. Please reach out to Mavis.

Ms. Storm: I believe June has. In terms of actually collaborating and having her present that hasn't happened, but we do have all your materials. We have AA. We have a table that's very large that has all the resources. I'm certainly open to having June reach out to her. We just can't do that kind of prevention work with this funding. I tried.

Mr. Haste: I still think and I want you to take a hard look at this. There is no reason why you can't do as you are doing, but work with Mavis to have a group to observe. They are not part of that. I don't see how that violates what you are doing and we accomplish the same thing.

Mr. Hartwick: We could probably extend resources doing that process to make sure we can engage actively and whether it is prevention, intervention or treatment services.

Ms. Storm: I just want to make sure I'm clear. You want those that are recipients of services from the Drug & Alcohol Department to come and be able to attend the victim impact panels.

Mr. Haste: I think it is worth having that discussion.

Ms. Storm: I don't think that would be in any way violating this at all.

Mr. Haste: You are getting to the people before they ever get into the vehicle to create the crime. It is a preventative measure.

Ms. Storm: Like I said, I really wanted to get creative and open this up to all, even drug offenses. I also wanted to go into texting, but they said absolutely not. This funding is just for that. I think there is a need there too, because we are seeing a lot of that as well.

Mr. Hartwick: I can think of a lot of ways to collaborate. If you want me to facilitate a meeting with the folks at D&A, I will.

Ms. Storm: I appreciate that.

Mr. Haste: We don't need to take action this week. We have time next week to take action.

Ms. Storm: It is due September 12th.

Mr. Haste: We'll take action next week.

B. Dauphin County Commissioners

1. Harrisburg RBI Baseball Team

Mr. Haste: It is our pleasure at this time to ask if Chief/Coach Martin could come forward. I have known Chief/Coach for a number of years. I have known him for Chief longer than I've known him as Coach. I had the pleasure of having coached baseball in Susquehanna, as well, and soccer as years went on. We would be up on one field and the Coach would always be down on the lower field. I've said this many times, I'm extremely proud of Rob Martin being one of the pillars of the community. Everything he has done, not only when he is in uniform, but really more so what he does outside of the uniform. To bring this program to Harrisburg and start to revive Harrisburg; I had the pleasure of talking earlier with some folks. Jeff Baltimore is a college buddy of mine and have talked to Jeff quite a bit about this program and his passion for it. To see what the Chief and the parents and now these players have done with this program is actually a very big honor for Central Pennsylvania and for Dauphin County. Chief was real good about texting me after the games to let me know how things went. He knew that we couldn't be there. I texted back the one day. I was getting frustrated. If you guys get to know this Board of Commissioners, all three of us are passionate about sports, especially when it is a local team doing something. I was frustrated that I couldn't be out there watching that game. When you guys took the trip West, I was just itching to find a way to go and be one of the biggest cheerleaders in the stands. I'm extremely proud of what this program is doing and what you are doing. I hope that you guys are sitting here much like Jeff Baltimore. I hope you are sitting here at his age or my age and saying look at what we did. We turned this area around. We brought baseball back. Central Pennsylvania has been known for baseball for many years. We have a great history, even on City Island with some of the great games that have occurred over there; long before the current cast of Senators. Actually Chief, that is one of the things that you've done is put history back into this. This is a really proud moment for us in what you have been able to accomplish. Next year you just have to win it. Get that last game and I think you guys have made unbelievable strides in the short period of time that you have been playing together. To get as far as you've done has been truly amazing.

I have a Certificate that I'm going to read for the Coach. We'll call the Coach up and let him hand out certificates. Each one is slightly different, but this is the gist of what your certificate will say.

"We are delighted to acknowledge and applaud your efforts as coach or player of the Harrisburg RBI Reviving Baseball in Inner City's Team and for leading them to another championship season. During the 2011 Baseball Season, you have displayed exemplary dedication and leadership. We wish you enduring success in the years to come and thank you most warmly for leading this talented and tenacious group of young

men to many wins and more importantly for encouraging good character, sportsmanship and team spirit. Congratulations!"

You guys have truly taken that leadership role. I hope that when you go back to your individual schools that you continue to be as proud and continue to be the exemplary young men that you are and become leaders, by example, in your individual schools. You guys make us all proud.

Mr. Hartwick: I would also like to give recognition to Aaron Johnson, who is back there as well. Since I have been Mayor of Steelton, I've known about trying to keep urban baseball alive. There has been one machine and engine that has remained focused in preserving fields and keeping baseball on everybody's agenda and making sure that the opportunities don't go away, because no one is looking. The ability to have the talent has always been here, but the ability to have facilities, resources, uniforms... You deserve a great deal of credit and I want to make sure that I give you that recognition today. Along with Chief Martin, what could be wrong with this, you got law enforcement here, you got community servants, we got kids from multiple high schools that have come together to give us one more reason to pound our chests to be proud to be from Dauphin County. You've shown that not only do we have the talent, not only do we refuse to lose, but we can work together in a way that brings high schools, backgrounds, races together in a way that shows that we are stronger than anybody else. We might pick on each other, but no one is going to come at us. We want to say thank you for showing, once again, that we got a lot to be proud of. Thank you to the dedicated individuals who are responsible for the coaching, thank you to the parents and your efforts on behalf of all the 256,000 residents of the County. We were in the same location, we happened to be out in the Pittsburgh area. When we got these text messages, we are texting each other going can you believe it. We were right there with you even though we were not at the location. We were excited. At the same time we had a Pennsylvania team that was getting back to the Little League World Series at the same time up in Clinton County. We are extremely proud of you. We are grateful that you have given that kind of commitment. You've learned the dedication and people are keeping an eye on you now. You guys are trendsetters. You are showing and leading the way. Continue to provide that kind of example and life is going to be your oyster. It is going to depend upon how much effort you continue to provide, but you certainly started out on the right path. Thank you for the great recognition you brought to the area.

Mr. Pries: As I found out guys following these two gentlemen they cover all the bases. We are all extremely proud of you. Your friends, family and the community at large is so proud of you and the coaching staff in what you have accomplished in three short years is pretty remarkable and amazing. I'm sure the powerhouse out of Venezuela had no idea who you guys were. That is pretty impressive as well. Your coach is a man that is respected around the County. I'm sure he taught you that there is no I in team. Teamwork and camaraderie are key. You showed your teamwork and that you care about each other and supported each other through this process. We are very proud of you here at the County. This is the most exciting thing that we have seen in

the Harrisburg area for baseball since Al “ChooChoo” Chambers. Al Chambers was a Harrisburg High grad who was drafted number one overall in major league baseball. Congratulations! Keep up the good work. Everyone needs to stay focused and stay in touch with each other and follow the leadership of your coaches. Good job!

(Applause was given.)

Mr. Haste: I have given the Chief the Certificates as he can call out the player and say a little bit about what he has seen.

Chief Martin: I will ask Aaron to come up with me. They need to build a statue for Aaron Johnson. He has done a lot for thousands of young men as it relates to baseball and the game of life. This is his creation. RBI is all about Aaron. He has a heart for young men and the game of baseball and for young ladies now with softball. I want to say this publicly the courage that Aaron demonstrated in ensuring that this RBI program and team would be not just young men from the City, but from the Harrisburg area. What you see seated before you are not just great baseball players, this is a microcosm of them all. These young men will remember each other for the rest of their lives and they are breaking down walls and barriers. They are forming relationships and that is Aaron. Aaron is the wizard behind that. He needs to be honored for the leadership that he demonstrated in that respect. As far as my role as coach, I'll just give you the quote from Vince Lombardi, he said as coach “Once the game started, I was the most useless guy on the field”. All the credit goes to these young men. They were a sight to see. I guarantee you we were not supposed to beat Venezuela, but these young men saw to it that they changed the course. I'll call them up one by one. They are not all here today, because some of them had to go back to college. We do have some key components here.

Dustin Stuck is from Palmyra. He was our second baseman. He is headed to Alvernia College to play baseball. (Applause was given.)

Shawn Harrison is the one with the bow tie. He is entering his senior year at Harrisburg High. He will be one of Harrisburg High's great baseball players in the coming year. Shawn plays second base and pitches for us. He pitched out there for us, as well as the outfield. (Applause was given.)

Steve Solomon had more appearances than any other pitcher through the Mid-Atlantic Regional, as well as the World Series Tournament. I call him money in the bank. There is nobody that hits this guy. He is a returning senior to Bishop McDevitt. He hails from Susquehanna Township. He is a great pitcher. He's got a great mind for the game. Some day he is going to be a great coach. He is returning to us next year. (Applause was given.)

The guy that got the most attention was Colby Conway, in terms of major league scouting. He was our catcher. If you watch the game on TV, he got robbed. He threw two guys out at third base and the Minnesota umps need to go back to school. He had

the highest batting average in the World Series Tournament, almost 600. He is a returning senior to Palmyra High School and he will be on the team next year. (Applause was given.)

This is a young man that should touch all of our hearts. He wrote how baseball changed his life. He hails from the City of Harrisburg and he just graduated from Harrisburg High. He is going to Medaille College to play baseball in the Buffalo area. He was one of our heartbeats, Ray Burnett. (Applause was given.)

We could talk for hours about this young man. He was the team captain. He was on the field and was recognized by the Minnesota Twins. This young man came to us three years ago as a second baseman. He now, this past year, is going back to his sophomore year at Shippensburg University. He made the Shippensburg University's team as a walk-on. He is a great young leader. He is the future of the City of Harrisburg in my eye, Jeff Baltimore. (Applause was given.)

The guy who made it happen against Venezuela, shut them down for five innings, the intimidator, Harrisburg City resident headed to Bloomsburg University, a young man that I'm proud to call my friend and a player that I have had the blessing to coach, Cortney Mack. (Applause was given.)

Again the man that needs a statue to sit aside the guy that is reading the newspaper along Front Street is Aaron Johnson, because of what he has done for young men in little league baseball and now RBI Baseball and the City of Harrisburg. This year only 9% of major league baseball is made up of African Americans. That is down from 17% just in 1990. It was much higher back in the 60s and 70s when we were growing up. We had mentors. Before the mid-Atlantic regional game that was the championship game when we played the City of Pittsburgh, I had the boys meet me at Steelton-High High School. I didn't tell them why. Nineteen of us walked over the hill to the Midland Cemetery where Rap Dixon was buried. Rap Dixon was a former African American player from Harrisburg City. He was a great player. He probably should be inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame. He was the first African American to hit a homerun in Yankee Stadium. The day that he did it, he didn't just hit one, he hit three. I took these young men to that cemetery to that gravesite. Every time they broke from their huddle in Minnesota, the word was Rap. That is what it is all about. It starts with Aaron Johnson. (Applause was given.)

Mr. Johnson: I really appreciate the accolades from the bottom of my heart. My little league coach, Earl Moore, passed away. The reason why I named the organization what I did was because that is actually where I played little league baseball at. We dedicate to all the guys who came through there. Tyler Sinkovitz is not here. His father actually played down at Litman's Pharmacy. I played down there in 1970 and 1971. I played for WHP TV. We won many championships. Mr. Moore was a great person. He was a white man. He was like my father. My father wasn't in my life. He knew no color. I'll remember that for the rest of my life. I'm a military guy. I never knew Mr. Moore was a military guy, but I understood his structure and how he did things. Chief

Martin reminds me so much of him, because he knows no color. Chief Martin got involved when our kids turned 13 and baseball falls off to football and basketball. That has happened all over the United States. We got a collaboration of Susquehanna and I couldn't ask for a better person to lead these guys into battle. I know some of you have heard his speeches. I served in a couple of conflicts, but every time he has speeches these guys listen. I thought I was ready to put on camouflage. He was right on. He is something else. You would have thought we won. He always had a message for the guys and it always lifted their spirit. You don't find that in everyone. He is a special individual. I love him like a brother. I'm a baseball guy. To see them get a taste of this...It is easy to tell them about a plan. We have a baseball history around Central Pennsylvania. John Harris had a heck of a baseball team. Allison Hill won the State title and my cousin played on that team. We have great history. My heart went out to them, but when this came about to put these pieces of the puzzle together and put them around guys who could play. They got a taste of that. They had to play every position and now they can play their position. That worked. Guys from Harrisburg got friends in Newport now. That was never heard of. It is beautiful. That is the thing that gets me and touches me. When I'm out there looking at these guys they are just having fun and everything. Against the Venezuela team, you had to be there. That Saturday was our World Series. We played in the championship game. We played against California, the whole State. It is the prep school. It is the academy. They got the best ballplayers, coaches, etc. That Saturday when we played Houston everybody when they say Pennsylvania they think of Philadelphia. We really put something on Houston. These guys are just remarkable. They almost had to call the EMT over. They played some baseball. It was unbelievable. Ray-Ray threw a guy out at the plate and threw it down to second. It was unbelievable. They got a chance of a lifetime to play on the Minnesota Twins field. I was just so happy for them. I look at the Little League World Series now, we got a Pennsylvania team. This is exciting to be a small fish in the big pond. Hall of Famers were talking to the guys and stuff. When they get our age it is going to be overwhelming for them. Again, thank you for all the nice comments and stuff. It is just giving back. I had great coaches and mentors. I went into the military and all that paid off, but this sitting together you are going to remember this for the rest of your lives. You are going to be friends sitting up on one of these stages and talk to each other about the same things we are talking about now. Thank you very much. (Applause was given.)

(Pictures were taken.)

HUMAN RESOURCES

Ms. Lengle: Do you have any questions on any of the items in the Salary Board Packet or the Personnel Packet? (There was none.)

PURCHASE ORDERS

Mr. Baratucci: You should have all received your Packet yesterday. As usual we have a couple of budgetary issues, which we will resolve between now and next week.

I do have a special request for this week. Pages 6, 7 and 8 of the Packet involve a bunch of items related to a grant that the Dauphin County Crisis Response Team received from PEMA. I have John Goshert here and Tom Ryan from the Harrisburg Police Force in case you need any more details. Basically this grant was for over \$100,000 and we need to have purchase orders for him to give to the grantor by tomorrow, August 25th. So, we can make that happen if you could approve Pages 6, 7 and 8. Again it is for various items. You can see it is from vests to boots to medical supplies. There are some cameras and a whole bunch of items that the Crisis Response Team will use in their work. If you need some more details, one of those two can give it to you. I would like to ask if you could approve these.

Mr. Haste: Is this the final list?

Mr. Baratucci: This is the final list. There were many lists that have been worked on over the past couple of weeks.

Mr. Haste: I was following the transition as it occurred.

Mr. Baratucci: When Tom and I had the first discussion it was like, "You need to spend \$100,000 by when?" Luckily we were able to work with a company, Atlantic Tactical, which is right here in Lemoyne. They did a great job in finding a lot of this stuff on State contracts. We have one on a New Jersey state contract. That is how we were able to do it, because normally we wouldn't be able to spend that kind of money without going through a process. Enough of the items were found on various contracts to make it all work. Again, unless you have any more questions for them or for me if you could approve those three pages, 6, 7 and 8.

Mr. Haste: Just to clarify we are the pass through?

Mr. Baratucci: Yes. We have to do it. I believe Tom will be the person making sure that the grant comes through. Correct, Tom?

Mr. Ryan: Yes.

It was moved by Mr. Pries and seconded by Mr. Hartwick that the Board approve Pages 6, 7 and 8 of the Purchase Order Packet.

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

TRAINING PACKET

Ms. Evans: There is one item that needs to be approved, #9, for a vote today.

Mr. Haste: Are you aware of that one?

Mr. Hartwick: Yes.

It was moved by Mr. Hartwick and seconded by Mr. Pries that the Board approve Item #9 on the Training Packet.

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- A. Purchase of Service Per Diem Rates between Children & Youth and:
1. Christian Psychotherapy Services
 2. Commonwealth Clinical Group, Inc.
 3. Hempfield Behavioral Health, Inc.
 4. Justice Works Youthcare, Inc.
 5. Pinnacle Health Hospital – Women’s & Children’s Services
 6. Pressley Ridge
 7. Uplift, Inc.
 8. YWCA of Greater Harrisburg
 9. Eleanor Bush, Esq.
 10. Samara: The Center for Individual and Family Growth
 11. YMCA-Northern Dauphin County Branch
 12. Baptist Children’s Shelter
 13. Common Sense Adoption Services
 14. Family Support of Central PA
 15. Glen Mills School
 16. Laurel Youth Services
- B. Reappointment of Matthew Tunnell to the Dauphin County Housing Authority. Mr. Tunnell’s term will expire August 26, 2016.

Mr. Haste: We have items listed on the Agenda that we’ll take up at next week’s meeting. Are there any questions on any of those items? (There was none.)

SOLICITOR’S REPORT – WILLIAM TULLY, ESQ.

Mr. Tully: I have no changes to the draft report, but would be happy to answer any questions you might have.

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

CHIEF CLERK'S REPORT – LAURA E. EVANS, ESQ.

Ms. Evans: I thought it would be appropriate to note that given our guests today that the Sports Business Journal ranked the Harrisburg Hershey area as the top minor league sports market in the Nation.

Mr. Haste: We already knew that.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Mr. Pries: As a result of yesterday's trembler, I want to thank, on behalf of the Board of Commissioners, the Sheriff's Department, the Facility Maintenance Department, Security staff, as well as our employees for their assistance and understanding during that several hour period where there were a lot of questions. Everybody came together and everything worked out fine. Everything to the best of my knowledge is in good shape. I believe Commissioner Haste was out at the Solid Waste and Recycling Center for a potential issue out there, but other than that I think everything has turned out well. I want to again thank our staff for their assistance during that trying period yesterday.

Mr. Haste: I spoke to the County Engineer last night and they are, today, doing an inventory of our bridges. PennDOT has requested that everybody do a quick inventory/safety check. PennDOT is doing the major bridges. They have asked us to take care of the County and some of the smaller bridges. Our engineering team is out doing that today. We'll have a report soon.

Mr. Pries: Our folks at EMA did a great job handling a lot of calls that came in. They were inundated by over 200 calls almost immediately. They handled that and everything moved along very smoothly.

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.)

We do have Retirement Board and we will go into Retirement Board at 11:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Transcribed by: Richie-Ann Martz