



DAUPHIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WORKSHOP MEETING

SEPTEMBER 8, 2010

10:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Chad Saylor, Chief Clerk; Marie E. Rebuck, Controller; Janis Creason, Treasurer; William Tully, Esq., Solicitor; Randy Baratucci, Director of Purchasing; Leila Brown, Solicitor's Office; Amy Richards, Commissioners' Office; Dave Schreiber, Personnel; Kay Lenge, Personnel; Garry Esworthy, Risk Manager; Gary Serhan, Deputy Controller; Fred Lighty, Esq., Human Services Director's Office; J. Scott Burford, Deputy Controller; Richie-Ann Martz, Assistant Chief Clerk

GUESTS PRESENT

Matt Miller, Jerry Regan and Family

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Haste, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 10:13 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 will 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. Dauphin County Commissioners

1. Presentation of Proclamation to Jerry Regan of the Ned Smith Center

Mr. Haste: It is my pleasure at this time to call Jerry Regan forward. We have a Proclamation for Jerry. It has actually been a pleasure to work with Jerry. I think most folks know that I serve on the Ned Smith Board. I've told this story numerous times. To see the Center there and to see what it has become has been pretty amazing. I forget how many years ago. I guess I'll soon have to start talking about decades ago. Pickle Henery took me for a ride and we pulled alongside the road and got out and Pickle and I went down over the bank. There were a lot of weeds and briars. Pickle said this is where we are going to put the Ned Smith Center. I remember scratching my head thinking I don't see how this is going to happen. It did. They kicked it off. The history of the Center was good and bad. It had some shaky history there. There were some executive directors that didn't have the Center's interests at heart. This guy, by the name of Jerry Regan, shows up and sets the world on fire up there for awhile. I joked about earlier, the one thing that I learned about Jerry over the years is that if he calls you and asks you for lunch; take your pocketbook with you, because there is a hand going in your pocket for money. As an Executive Director, that's what Jerry got paid to do and he was very good at it. Jerry also, over the years, got very good at juggling the different pots of money so that we could maximize the benefit of those dollars for the good of the Center. The Center has grown tremendously in Jerry's tenure. There is a Foundation and I think until the day Jerry leaves, the day before, he'll still be trying to make sure his plan is in place so that it gets carried out when he is not even there. I'm sorry to see him leave and go to somewhat of a, I view it as a competitor, but I'm sure he views it as a colleague of the Center. I'm sure you will do very well. I'm sure our paths will cross. I do wish you well. It has been very enjoyable to have you as the Executive Director of the Ned Smith Center over the number of years. This region and

this County, in addition to the Center, have been blessed for you being there and making it what it is.

Mr. Haste read the following Proclamation:

Office of County Commissioner
Dauphin County, Pennsylvania

Proclamation

***We**, the Dauphin County Board of Commissioners, are pleased and proud to honor the visionary and vibrant Jerry Regan, Executive Director of the Ned Smith Center for Nature and Art, for his years of service and to recognize, with both joy and sadness, his richly deserved retirement;*

***Whereas**, this extraordinarily hard-working leader will be deeply missed by those who had the pleasure of working alongside him during his eight years of service at the nationally recognized and rustic Ned Smith Center and to this very grateful County of Dauphin;*

***Whereas**, possessing the highest standards of leadership and personal integrity, Jerry is well-known for his professionalism and resourcefulness as Executive Director, bringing much recognition to the center with a host of major exhibits in the Osewne Gallery—including John James Audubon, David Sibley, and National Geographic photographer Joel Sartore—and with a multi-phase expansion of the center;*

***Whereas**, besides his significant contributions and professional accomplishments, this Pennsylvania native is a committed and caring husband to Janice, proud father of two sons and thoughtful friend to many;*

***Therefore**, we join the 256,000 residents of Dauphin County in congratulating the legendary Jerry Regan on his well-deserved retirement after nearly a decade of outstanding service to the Ned Smith Center for Nature and Art; as he begins a new chapter in his life, we truly wish him enduring success and happiness for the years to come; and, in grateful recognition thereof, we do hereby proudly proclaim September 8, 2010 as “Jerry Regan Day” in Dauphin County.*

(Applause was given.)

Mr. Pries: Jerry, congratulations! It has been a pleasure serving with you in the different capacities over the last several years. I just want to say that you have an outstanding reputation and I, as one Board Member, am honored to be here today to honor you for your service to the County.

Mr. Hartwick: You and I have had a short conversation and I think I’m going to keep my comments brief. The example of a true leader is one who puts a foundation in place to allow an organization to be successful even after you move on. Clearly you have given a significant amount of credibility to the Ned Smith Center. You have expanded the offerings to make it a real regional destination point. It is one for outdoor enthusiasts and folks who want to see art and the outdoors really come alive. You certainly have Ned Smith on your to do list. In large part that is due to your leadership and the ability to bring resources to bring a quality facility. I want to thank you for your leadership and your ability to put a foundation in place that is going to allow Ned Smith to continue to be successful.

Mr. Haste: There is one other thing that struck me as being interesting about Jerry’s ability. When you sit there at the board meetings, you look around the table and you

have a collection of folks that normally would not be at the same table. You'll have some very hardcore outdoorsman and NRA members, as well as some very sophisticated artsy folks. Normally those aren't two constituent groups that break bread together frequently. Jerry has found a way to get all those on the same page, which is unique in itself.

Mr. Regan: Thank you very much! When I started here about 8 years ago, Jeff and George just came into office about 7 years ago. I remember the County was in terrible financial shape. I had worked at Bradford County earlier in my career. So, I took a special interest in seeing how you folks came together, worked as a group and became a model, I think, for how leadership should work in a county. I thank you for all of that support. When I went to talk to Jeff, as I kind of recall the story, of maybe getting involved and helping, he was a little uncertain, but he said that he would do what he can. The Commissioners have been such a great help to making this Center possible. What a lot of people don't realize is that this Center was very close to never happening, because Marie Smith, in her Will, gave us a five-year window of opportunity to break ground or the entire collection was going to Pittsburgh in Carnegie Mellon. Everything we have today, we broke ground just a few months before, in a great part to your ongoing support. Under the term of support, I should also say thank you, I know we do have an application in for an elevator with the casino funding. It's my last plug. That would be an awful nice going away gift. No pressure, but actually it is a great day to let you know that next week we do have a final meeting to do something very special that I'm proud to be part of and that is the permanent gallery, a building wing that will have a permanent gallery and elevator for the Ned Smith story and also a state-of-the-art collection. That should be approved next week to move forward this winter. My last note is that Dauphin County has this mountain ridge that comes through where the birds of prey fly very regularly, so I sense we will have lunch again.

(Applause was given and pictures were taken.)

PERSONNEL

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

Mr. Haste: Did Mark Templeton get a hold of you? I think we are going to try to schedule another test soon.

Ms. Lengle: I thought that was coming soon.

Mr. Haste: Any questions of Kay? (There was none.)

PURCHASE ORDERS

Mr. Baratucci: You should have all received your Packet yesterday. With that you should have received one Blackberry Request. It is for a personal one for Paul Muller in the Public Defender's Office. That would be paid for out of his own funds, the \$50

charge to hook up his personal unit. I want you to consider that for next week. Actually all the items on the Purchase Order Report are there for your review. There are a couple of budget items, which we will fix. Unless you have any questions now, we'll forward both of these things to next week.

Mr. Hartwick: I do have a couple of questions. I just didn't get a chance to get with you before the meeting. Maybe we can clarify it between now and next week, particularly Page 13. I'll give you the items that I was concerned about – Page 3, #1; Page 9 (the purpose), Page 13 and Page 14. It seems like we are getting a lot of Court requests.

Mr. Haste: We get this every year at this time. The Courts go through their process in getting ready for the budget of what items they need for next year. That list becomes their inventory list and any monies that they have left over this year then they start to purchase those. When it is budget time, they have two things. They have a list of items that they know they need for next year and they get a handle on where they may have extra monies this year and they start to put those to use.

Mr. Baratucci: I have been told that is sort of the deal that is there. They have this money and as long as they don't go over their budget they try to purchase things with money that is left this year. Of course, then those requests are not necessary for next year.

Mr. Hartwick: That would reduce their budget even more.

Mr. Haste: This happens.

Mr. Hartwick: The one question that we will talk about is Page 13.

Mr. Baratucci: I can answer that one. They said that he has broken at least three chairs. This is a heavy duty chair that accommodates up to 500 pounds. There is a memo attached to the Requisition. I can share that with you. It is pretty much because they said they need it or they are going to continue buying \$200 or \$300 chairs as they break.

Mr. Hartwick: We'll talk between now and the next meeting.

TRAINING PACKET

Mr. Haste: Training Packet, we need to take a vote on Items #12 and #13.

Mr. Saylor: We need a vote on #3 as well.

It was moved by Mr. Pries and seconded by Mr. Hartwick that the Board approve Items #3, #12 and #13 of the Training Packet.

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

Mr. Hartwick: We may be making some adjustments to Item #9.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT – WILLIAM TULLY, ESQ.

Mr. Tully: There are no changes to the revised draft report. I would be happy to answer any questions you might have. (There was none.)

CHIEF CLERK’S REPORT – CHAD SAYLOR

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

COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS

(There was none.)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Chad Saylor, Chief Clerk

Transcribed by: Richie-Ann Martz