



DAUPHIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WORKSHOP MEETING

SEPTEMBER 9, 2009

10:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Chad Saylor, Chief Clerk; Marie E. Rebeck, Controller; Janis Creason, Treasurer; William Tully, Esq., Solicitor; J. Scott Burford, Deputy Chief Clerk; Randy Baratucci, Director of Purchasing; Kay Lingle, Personnel; Dave Schreiber, Personnel; Melissa Wion, Personnel; Peter Vriens, Human Services Director; Daniel Eisenhauer, Director of MH/MR; Diane McNaughton, Commissioners' Office; Steve Howe, Director of Tax Assessment; Amy Richards, Commissioners' Office; Mike Potteiger, Director of Adult Probation; John Goshert, Director of CID; Todd Johnson, CID; Brenda Hoffer, Commissioners' Office; Jena Wolgemuth, Commissioners' Office and Richie-Ann Martz, Assistant Chief Clerk

GUESTS PRESENT

Dan Leppo, Candace Stowell, Phil Harper, David Bogdanovic, Emily Opilo, Dorothy Boyanowski and Evelyn Hunt

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Haste, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 10:11 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 series 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. Presentation by Chief David Bogdanovic of Swatara Township Police Department

1. Award to CID Detective Todd Johnson for his work in Drug Law Enforcement in the Township

Chief Bogdanovic: I would like to thank the Commissioners for making some time for me to present this Certificate of Recognition to Todd Johnson. It is an achievement award. The recipient is recognized as a result of the following incident. On May 14th, our Swatara Officers received information that a Philadelphia resident was staying at the Howard Johnson's and was supplying the Harrisburg area with illegal drugs. Detective Johnson of the Dauphin County Drug Task Force assisted with the investigation, which resulted in an arrest being made and the seizure of half a kilo of cocaine and \$2,240 in cash. We would like to recognize him and present him with this Certificate.

(Applause was given.)

Mr. Johnson: I would like to thank Swatara very much. They are very cooperative with the effort on narcotics trafficking. They call us quite a bit. We work together rather well and this is a result of that, just not only for Swatara, but this happens County-wide. Sometimes you hear about it and sometimes you don't because of where it leads. This time it was a one person and done deal. It worked out well. Thanks!

(Applause was given.)

Mr. Haste: I would like to thank Todd and Chief as well. Being the oversight Commissioner at the jail and each one of us in our own capacity sees the harm that is brought to us every single day by the drug trafficking. Drugs are out there. Far too many times we hear the story that it is someone from outside the area coming in and poisoning our own youth and individuals live in the communities now. I wish there was some way that we could educate our own residents and citizens to say no to all of that. That sounds easier said than done. I also know that there is too much money to be made on the streets for some people to turn away from it. The more we can do to deter this the more we get cooperation from cross agencies I think the better off we all are. I just want to say thank you for doing what you can to keep our neighborhoods safe.

Mr. Hartwick: Chief Bogdanovic has always been a person who has been involved in our local efforts, not just a police officer, but also as somebody who recognizes people for good work. In this case, I'm happy to say that you are my Chief now. I would always beat my chest to be proud from Steelton, but as a Swatara Township resident, every time that I've contacted the Department you have been extremely responsive. I know that trying to work along with our County agency and the professionalism that has been brought through Chief Goshert's work, his ability to gain information and hire, quite frankly, some competent law enforcement agents who have been able to go out and really make a dent and provide that back-up support, investigatory help that sometimes local law enforcement need in order to close the case. That confidence that I know our local police forces have in CID with their ability to get that job done well is evident here. I just want to thank you for taking the time to come here and acknowledge that cooperative relationship and Todd thank you very much for your service.

Mr. DiFrancesco: Again, just to echo what has already been said. One of the most impressive things that I have seen through my time as a Township Commissioner, actually Borough Council up through; has been the interagency interaction that takes place here in this community. I think that we are known as a community that sends a very strong message that if you want to come here and set up shop doing illegal activities, we are going to hunt you down. I think, to a large degree, your efforts can be seen in obviously the direct busts that are made. But, I think it can also be seen by the fact that communities all around us have a far greater issue with a lot of drug trade/gang trade and stuff that is going on. I think it has a lot to do with the fact that we have a lot of very committed people who work across agency lines and send a strong message to the outside that this probably isn't a good area to set up shop. With all the corridors that come through here, there is a lot of transportation that comes through that you would think this would be a good area to come in and set up shop, but the bottom line is you hear stories going on and communities all around us that are far greater than what is going on here. I think that is a testimony to all of your efforts. We have a great law enforcement community in this area. They cooperate and work together well. It goes on to the policy leaders in the area that allow individual officers to be assigned to regional activities and so forth. It is very impressive. Our law enforcement community does a great job. So, today we get to say thank you very much and honor you, but we

are also honoring all of your colleagues as well, because our law enforcement community is top notch. Thank you all for the job that you do.

(Pictures were taken.)

B. Phil Harper, City Solicitor; Candace Stowell, Deputy Director for Planning and Dan Leppo, Director of Building and Housing Development – City of Harrisburg

1. LERTA with the City of Harrisburg

Mr. Leppo: I'm Dan Leppo, Director of the City of Harrisburg's Department of Building and Housing Development. Why I'm before you today is about our tax abatement program, which the City, County and School District began in 1980. Recently, the City Solicitor, Bill Harper, and the Department's Deputy Director for Planning Candace Stowell and I met with Steve Howe and the County's tax attorneys to review the program. One of the things that we have with this is right now we are doing a ten year tax abatement where it is graduated in to 100%, 10% each year. We realize, of course, that we were working under LERTA, the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assessment, but what's really at play here also are the improvements of deteriorating real property or areas tax exemption law (IDRPA). What we need to be able to do during the next year and what we intend to do is clarify what has to be done and reset schedules appropriately. During all of this we discovered while the City approved their Tax Abatement Law to expire at the end of 2010, the County in 2004 as you approved it did the usual five years and it ends this year. What we would respectfully request is that you consider doing a one year extension so that we can work through these issues and then again present the uniform law for consideration by all three taxing bodies for consideration. We do have the usual report that you get at the end of each term. Of course, we had it on our schedule to do in August of next year. We will get that to you next week so you have that and can be aware of what has happened during the last five years. Again, we just really request that you resolve that your law can be extended for one year to coincide with the City's expiration date.

Mr. Haste: Bill, there's no difficulty with us doing that is there?

Mr. Saylor: The information that I provided you came from Carl Wass that basically said this is kind of a short term way to address this issue so we can all get caught up and all on the same time lines.

Mr. Haste: I just wanted to make sure Bill was okay with that.

Mr. Tully: Never second guess Carl.

Mr. Hartwick: One of the concerns that I've had was our ability to get these things, get information and requests, particularly as it relates to budgetary items or items before the time that they expire, as it relates to our relationship with the City. We are always

attempting to try to do this after; I guess the City Council acted on this four months after it expired. If we can just try to plan more appropriately with our department to handle this before they expire and try to get everyone on the same page and I know that is extremely challenging. We are willing to handle this in a timely fashion and address it. If we have issues with it we should know it before it comes up. It would be a whole lot easier and more professional if we try to get it done before they expire rather than after the fact.

Mr. Leppo: I agree wholeheartedly.

Mr. Haste: I'm sure if you could, you would.

Mr. Hartwick: I understand.

Mr. Haste: Are there any other questions?

Mr. DiFrancesco: Just to say that this is an important program to the City. There's a lot of great redevelopment going on in the City. This is probably one of the best ways to entice people to come back to the urban centers and also entice redevelopment of good housing stock. If you look in the City right now; there's some real success cases going on where entire neighborhoods are being transformed into really beautiful properties. It is a good program and we have to make sure that we keep it strong.

Mr. Haste: Someone will have a Resolution for us for next week?

Mr. Saylor: Hearing no objection it will appear on the Agenda next week for approval.

C. Mike Potteiger, Director of Adult Probation

1. Air Card Updates

Mr. Haste: We are going to have a discussion about air cards. Why do you feel you need them? There was a question about after they are done what sort of analysis you are going to do to see that the officers are more efficient. We wanted to hear your plan for the air cards.

Mr. Potteiger: Last October, I met with Mr. Guenther and the Court in reference to looking at purchasing air cards for the field officers in my office. The number one goal of my office is the protection of the community. I feel that the best way to do that is to actually supervise the individuals in the field. The best way that the Court and I've looked at that was to get air cards to take a test case over the course of the year, about 20 air cards to see the difference between those individuals who have air cards compared to those individuals who do not have air cards. Over the course of the last six to seven months, our Office has been working with Mr. Guenther's Office in reference to implementing that program over the course of the year. So far, as of today, we have had 20 air cards for officers in the City and some officers in the outside

jurisdictions in the County. I've looked at some statistical information over the past month. In reference to that I have seen a 40% increase and furthermore compared to those officers who had air cards to those who have not. I'm looking at the protection at that type of level that if they are not in the office to do their paperwork to do the time consuming things that they normally do in the office, they are actually doing more time work in the field. Where that helps management wise is that when an incident occurs in the field we have time to enter the data right then and there. If I get a call, or management gets a call, I can get real time data and answer any kind of questions, because they enter that information real time. That benefits my office greatly. We looked at the cost factors in working with Mr. Guenther and Verizon, it is basically almost a wash compared to our bill with Nextel for just our cell phones and we were able to secure a contract with Verizon to add an additional 50 air card lines along with our cell phones basically at a wash. So financially it was a no-brainer for the Courts to look at this and see that the savings would be positive compared to a negative aspect. We had a timeframe over the course of the year of implementing new air cards every three months by 15 to the entire field of POs in my office. This is the time that we are requesting for an additional 15. In December I will be requesting the last 15 air cards to fulfill my complement of field POs to have air card access.

Mr. DiFrancesco: Basically what you are saying, again just to clarify, is because of the air cards you are seeing a 40% increase in probation officers being out and doing visits and supervising those on probation as opposed to coming back into the office and doing paperwork. There is more intense supervision basically because of the air cards.

Mr. Potteiger: That is correct. The advantage is that we have been working with IT. Everything that we need is right there on our laptops. We have now gone to On Base so all of our court documents and information is on the laptops. They have been able to put everything real time on my probation officers laptops. They have all the information and it is readily accessible to them 24 hours a day 7 days a week, which is a huge bonus for me because, if they were to get a call about one of their clients after hours, they now can take their personal laptop and look up the information and make a decision right away.

Mr. Haste: Next year you are going to come in and say you don't need as much office space?

Mr. Potteiger: That is correct.

Mr. DiFrancesco: Did you hear that. That was a defined specific answer.

Mr. Hartwick: That answers my question. What we are asking from everybody is to define how other parts of the operation are going to be more efficient or how we are going to reduce County costs to offset the cost of the air cards. If we can see a direct offset, a lot of these are more human service oriented so you might see some efficiency that could be proven, but you know the statistics may never show what is going to

happen. If we see a direct reduction in office space that would be equal to or greater than the cost of the air cards that is an easy decision to make.

Mr. DiFrancesco: And 40% increase in supervision is a percentage that I can find impressive.

D. J. Scott Burford, Deputy Chief Clerk

1. Presentation on a Long Term Care Voluntary Benefit Option

Mr. Burford: I'm here this morning to give you a brief update on some of the efforts of the Voluntary Employee Benefit Committee. As you know the Committee is made up of a representative from various departments throughout the County. They are basically charged with enriching opportunities for the staff to get involved and participate in, in terms of benefits and that sort of thing. Over the past several weeks, they submitted an RFQ out to different providers of long term care insurance. They felt that was a desire of the staff here at Dauphin County. As a result, they received six quotes and they narrowed that field down to three. The reason I'm here this morning is to request approval to move forward to make that an offering as a voluntary employee benefit. It would come at no cost to the County. It is all paid for by the staff directly to the carrier. The Personnel Department would make these benefits payroll deductible to make it easier for the staff. We are walking into open enrollment so this would be an opportunity to go ahead and unveil this opportunity during that time so staff could sign up, if the Board is so inclined.

Mr. Haste: The employees will have three choices.

Mr. Burford: Yes, three choices. Each carrier has different programs and offerings. The Benefit Committee decided to make a wide array of options available.

Commissioners were in agreement.

Mr. Burford: I would also like to give you a brief note on one of the items for action. It is proposed settlement for Abbott Laboratories.

Mr. Haste: Item A.

Mr. Burford: Yes, this is part of a larger class action suit. We are part, of course, Highmark Pharmacy Plan and this particular laboratory was found that they had engaged in some questionable wrong doings and as a result Dauphin County has an opportunity to recover \$10,000. With your approval today we can go ahead and file that paperwork and get that submitted and get our name on the list so we can move forward. The period of time we are talking about is 2002 through 2009.

E. Mike Yohe, Director of Budget & Finance

1. Line of Credit

Mr. Yohe: I was asked to give an update on a potential Line of Credit that we have been working on with M&T Bank in the event the State Budget impasse continues and our agencies want to pay the providers. M&T, the last several weeks, has been working on this. It has taken a little while to set up, but my understanding is that it is going to vote of senior committee today. Papers will be available for signature later on this afternoon or tomorrow morning if we go that route. Where we are at right now is they have just been going through all their approval process and we about to the end of that stage. The amount of the Line of Credit would be \$15.5 million. It would have an interest rate of about 4.8%. It would be available to any of the human service agencies that would need it, whichever ones we approve to tap into this. There are two fees that will be associated with it. One is the origination fee of about \$1,000 and the other will be some legal fees up to \$800. Those are the two fees. Where it is right now I was asked to get working on it. It is just at the point now where they are getting ready, if they approve it today, which there is no reason to think they won't, we will have some papers to sign.

Mr. Haste: What made up the \$15.5 million?

Mr. Yohe: It started out as just a Line of Credit with MH/MR, which was their estimate of approximately what they would need from July through December. After I talked to Marcus Hite, rather than set up one for each we can get this one set up and save those fees and then any one of them can tap into this. We'll have to account for the interest and apply it to those that draw down the money. This will save us some money and it is timing issue as well.

Mr. Haste: The bulk of this is for MH/MR?

Mr. Yohe: The \$15.5 million I think was pretty much for MH/MR, but they won't need all of that up front.

Mr. Haste: Their funding stream is such that any interest cost associated with this Line of Credit can be reimbursed. What about the set up fees and legal fees?

Mr. Yohe: We didn't get that far, but I would assume that would fall into the same category. Again, prorated to whichever agencies would use it.

Mr. DiFrancesco: I have some questions that I would like the departments to address. Peter and Dan, can you come forward? The last time we were together I mentioned about where are we in evaluating the best case scenarios? I mentioned about how we don't know what the worst case scenario is and that is a fear for everybody, but we do happen to know that it's not going to get any sweeter than the best case scenario that is sitting out there. I don't think this question applies as much to mental health as it does to maybe some other ones like Drug & Alcohol who was under the chopping block to really take a hard hit from the State. Do we know any more about where we are and

since we are into the current fiscal year many other counties, obviously you read the news across the Commonwealth, many other counties are taking drastic steps, cutting back hours, laying off people and so forth that doesn't seem to be hitting Dauphin County quite as hard for a number of reasons. Have we done the financial analysis that we are able to do at this point, because we know that it is not going to get any rosier than the best case scenario and we know also that because we are already into the fiscal year that we are spending money that may not be there? We have to be proactive, because we don't want to take the hit completely at the end where things become very real. We kind of know proactively what is going to happen, again, under the best case scenario. As we start to spend money now on obligations that are really the State's to spend, I know we are going to be incurring expenses that we are not going to get back from them. I just want to know where we stand.

Mr. Vriens: Our Drug & Alcohol Director is aware of the different scenarios that are the potential cuts and is in communication with the different providers, as well as the categorical agencies that will be receiving funds through them and allowing them to understand the best and the worst case scenarios so that they can already begin to work within those and provide services accordingly so there won't be the drastic cuts at the end of the fiscal year.

Mr. Hartwick: We said all along that the challenge here is going to be when we finally get the numbers, we are going to have to take those final numbers minus the interest payments, which are reimbursable by the State out of the direct allocation, and whatever amount of money that we have to deal with we are going to have to go through a budget again. We are going to have to reallocate during that time to whatever we believe is the best case scenario to be able to continue to provide services without adding any additional County general fund dollars through the end of the year.

Mr. DiFrancesco: I just want to make sure again that we keep pushing to be as proactive as we can, because if we know the best case scenario means we can start taking steps today and not wait for final budget passage then that's what I'm advocating. Again, it is not going to get rosier than the best case scenario for each of the categoricals. So, if you look at them right now and pick and choose from the different budgets what the best case scenario is we should already start to make decisions based on that fact. If Drug and Alcohol is going to take a major hit... We don't know what the worst case is going to be. I don't want to lay people off based on worst case, because I think it is going to be a compromised bill. What we do know is that it is not going to get better than the best case that is out there. Even the best case that is out there in some of these scenarios is not real rosy. That is what I'm saying. That is where I'm asking you to be proactive at this point and take steps that if you know for a fact that there is going to be a drastic State budget impact on a department then we need to know what decisions we need to make now and not hold off until we actually get a physical budget because by that time we would have already spent a ton of money that we knew was never going to come any way.

Mr. Vriens: The categoricals are giving regular updates to the providers as well so they are constantly aware of where things stand.

Mr. Hartwick: As you know Mental Health has been cut \$2 million, Drug & Alcohol has already been cut \$450,000, the potential in the Senate Bill for Children & Youth is only to be cut an additional \$10 million across the State. We are working along with those figures as it relates to what the actual communication is and we are not going to spend anything more than we have already been cut. We are probably going to have to go deeper based upon the final budget numbers and we are not going to spend any more money than we have to in order to keep the most essential services open until that final budget is passed.

Mr. Haste: I would rather do that now to be as conservative as you can because we know the winter months are tougher on the demand for services. That way we have somewhat of a cushion to deal with whatever the uptake is at that point in time.

Mr. Eisenhower: Again, we have been told what the floor is meaning the minimum cuts for Mental Health and Mental Retardation. For the Mental Health program we have already reduced provider contracts, effective July 1, 2009 by a total of \$450,000. We are prepared and making arrangements for a reduced funding amount. I guess my other concern is that right now providers that are relying solely on mental health and mental retardation base funds are also on a line of credit and that is an allowable expense to the program.

Mr. Haste: They are twice.

Mr. Eisenhower: From an administrative management point of view, it is actually more efficient for us to get a line of credit and pay providers timely than the other way around rather than to incur a hundred separate interest rate expenses. Again, I can just assure you that we will manage our cash flow judiciously. We are here in September and we haven't borrowed a penny.

Mr. Haste: But you are close to the point where you need to?

Mr. Eisenhower: Yes. Again, our intention is not to borrow the maximum amount of funds. Our intention is to work with providers to identify the minimum amount of funds required to sustain operations.

Mr. Haste: You are only going to borrow as you need?

Mr. Eisenhower: Correct.

Mr. Haste: Where are we with the Drug & Alcohol final budget settlement from last year?

Mr. Vriens: We are almost there. We are down to one last issue that needs to be resolved. Fred Lighty and I spoke with BDAP yesterday and indicated that we need to resolve that because that is the last piece. Terry Metulavich is working on their block grant right now and would not do anything else until that was finished. So, probably the end of this week or next week, we'll be able to resolve that last issue.

Mr. Hartwick: We got it down from \$330,000 to \$26,000 right now. That is going to be determined on whether or not it is reimbursable expenses for this transition costs or direct costs.

Mr. Haste: Those are dollars you should see fairly soon after the settlement?

Mr. Vriens: That will free up the money that is owed the County as well.

Mr. DiFrancesco: We are struggling right now with the issue of the homeless population which has taken camp around our complex. The County's position all along has been there is probably no better place for the homeless to be than right here in contact with our people on a daily basis. The challenge becomes when the facilities are not equipped to handle it. For a long time we had been working with a port-a-potty out there to have at least some bathroom services and that has been pulled for a number of reasons that I understand from the Company's standpoint in what they were dealing with. The challenge is that we have some serious health issues now that are popping up around our complex. This is an issue that I really need to turn to you all and say how do we address it, because again I don't think there is a desire by anybody to move homeless people out of this area, but when there becomes a public health issue we have to re-evaluate, because this is a very serious matter. I'm going to be looking at input from all of you. I know that your staff has had contact with these people, which is a good thing. I would rather have them visibly under our care than invisible out there not knowing what issues they are dealing with or having to go out and find them. At the same time we have a serious issue without the proper facilities being there obviously just about any place becomes a restroom environment and we can't have that. That has to be addressed. I have to look to the professionals and say give me an answer to let me know what we can do.

Mr. Saylor: I would like you to vote to authorize the Line of Credit?

It was moved by Mr. Hartwick and seconded by Mr. DiFrancesco that the Board authorize the Line of Credit with M&T Bank, not to exceed \$15.5 million.

Discussion:

Mr. DiFrancesco: I need to make absolutely certain that we are not taking on, through this Line of Credit any obligations that are the States to fund. Again, I know you have been very careful about spending the money and making sure. To date, I believe everything is being handled. I want to make absolutely certain

that there is a vote of this Board before any policy changes take place where general fund has to subsidize or other obligations like these loans have to subsidize operations.

Mr. Yohe: Yes.

Mr. Hartwick: We have all been clear about that.

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

Mr. Haste: I think what we should do is plan in our Fall General Fund Budget process that we revisit all these line items. We've already done your budget. I think that is the appropriate time no matter what happens to revisit everything.

Mr. Saylor: Just for the record, when you say Fall you are referring to our budget hearings, which will take place the second week in November.

PERSONNEL

Ms. Lengle: Do you have any questions on the Personnel Packet? (There was none.)

PURCHASE ORDERS

Mr. Baratucci: You should have all received your Packet yesterday. It is light this week. There is only one over budget that we will address. Do you have any questions on it? (There was none.)

Since Mike made a presentation on the air cards earlier, do you want to approve the Remote Access items that we were holding for a couple weeks?

It was moved by Mr. DiFrancesco and seconded by Mr. Hartwick that the Board approve the purchase of 15 air cards out of the Supervision Fees for Adult Probation; motion carried.

TRAINING PACKET

Mr. Haste: Is there anything on the Training Packet Chad?

Mr. Saylor: Yes, I'm told we need to approve #5 and #6.

It was moved by Mr. Hartwick and seconded by Mr. DiFrancesco that the Board approve #5 and #6 of the Training Packet; motion carried.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- A. Proposed Settlement among Abbott Laboratories, Fournier Industrie et Sante, and Laboratories Fournier, S.A. and various consumers and third party payers, including Highmark, in connection with payments made for the prescription medication TriCor and other prescription drugs containing Fenofibrate. Dauphin County's group utilization claim amount is \$10,400.40. **(***A VOTE IS REQUESTED 9/9/09***)**
- B. Adjustment to HP Financial Lease. Schedules #103120000013A and #103120000013B. Contract adjusts the financial lease payment schedule for the telephone system upgrades as approved June 10, 2009. **(***A VOTE IS REQUESTED 9/9/09***)**
- C. Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Grant Agreement between Dauphin County and HUD for the distribution of HPRP funds to Dauphin County. **(***A VOTE IS REQUESTED 9/9/09***)**
- D. Ratification of the CDBG-R Grant Award, Grant Number B-09-UY-42-0009 Agreement in the amount of \$406,027 between Dauphin County and HUD. **(***A VOTE IS REQUESTED 9/9/09***)**

Mr. Haste: We have four items for discussion and a vote today. The first one Scott already spoke about with Abbott Laboratories. The other is a HP Lease adjustment. We also have the two HUD related agreements. Are there any questions on any of these? (There was none.)

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – WILLIAM TULLY, ESQ.

Mr. Tully: I have nothing to add to the Report, but happy to answer any questions. (There was none.)

CHIEF CLERK'S REPORT – CHAD SAYLOR

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

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Mr. Hartwick: I just want to remind everyone that our Dauphin County Jazz Festival is this weekend at Fort Hunter Park. This year we have some new acts. It will be a great time and I hope to see all of you at the Jazz Festival.

Mr. Haste: It will be Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. DiFrancesco: The only concern I'll raise, again, is that we have all been monitoring the Capitol View Complex issue and obviously there are a lot of eyes on that and a lot of investigations are being done, but I continue to be contacted by the contractors who literally are on the verge of losing their family businesses because of the lack of payments going out. I believe that we need to take a more proactive step to make sure that for all the economic investment money that we put into this area to preserve and protect jobs we've got the real threat right now of contracting companies who did their work and completed their work have a legal justification to be paid and their companies are going to fail because they have \$1 million of outstanding accounts receivables sitting out there based on the investigations and so forth that are going on with this process. This is a bad issue. We all lost because of what I'll refer to as criminal activity whether it bears out to be criminal activity or not. I guess the investigation will show. We really have to take a look at some of these companies, because we can't afford to lose these jobs, especially if they are companies that otherwise have solid foundations and will continue to serve this area's needs for a long time in the future. I just believe that if we take time to spend money growing jobs in this area through economic development programs, we should spend an equal amount of time trying to make sure that every remedy happens that we can get these contractors paid to protect their businesses. I realize it is a more complicated issue. There is a lot of gray area with how money is being tied up. At the end of the day services were provided and some of these companies should not fail. They should be paid if in fact the money is there. We've all taken a loss and I don't think we should risk these jobs when they did their work. Just my comment and I will continue to look into this and hopefully there are some avenues that we can do to get some issues resolved. We can't afford to lose some of these companies.

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 at this time?

Ms. Boyanowski: I am a representative for the Metropolitan Singles Club. Ms. Boyanowski asked questions regarding the Rutherford House. Her club has dances and they want to rent the Rutherford House, but are not allowed. The person in charge at the Rutherford House does not want to rent the facility. She would like to know if there are any policies and the reason they can't use the facility. Most of the citizens, that come to the dances, are age 60 and above. The Commissioners indicated that they will look into the matter and will get back to her.

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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