



DAUPHIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WORKSHOP MEETING

OCTOBER 5, 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. Rebuck, Controller; William Tully, Esq., Solicitor; Kay Lenge, Human Resources; Randy Baratucci, Director of Purchasing; Fred Lighty, Esq., Human Services Director's Office; Steve Libhart, Director of EMA; Leila Brown, Solicitor's Office; Gary Serhan, Deputy Controller; Carl Dickson, Director of Parks & Recreation; Amy Richards, Press Secretary; Brenda Hoffer, Commissioners' Office and Julie Mackey, Commissioners' Office

GUESTS PRESENT

Gene Stilp, Mike Krempasky and Joe Mesoros

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Haste, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 10:07 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 several sets of meeting minutes that we'll take up at next week's 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?

Mr. Stilp: I know you folks personally. I see you out there in the community. Last year I came before you and asked you to do away with the Ordinance #3-2010 that dealt with the possible pay increases through next January, the cost of living increase. I also suggested a 10% cut last year. It's hard for me to admit when I'm wrong, but sometimes I have to admit when I'm wrong. This legislation should be overturned and there should be no cost of living increase. I think now that there should be a 20% cut in the salaries for the commissioners next year. I would like you folks to, before it starts in January, overturn Ordinance #3-2010 and consider a 20% cut. Thank you very much!

Mr. Haste: Is there anyone else that would like to address the Board at this time?
(There was none.)

DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS/GUESTS

**A. Carl Dickson, Parks & Recreation
Mike Krempasky and Joe Mesoros, Capital Area Greenbelt Association**

1. Proposed Spring Creek Trail

Mr. Dickson: Today, I want to introduce you to Mike Krempasky and Joe Mesoros from the Capital Area Greenbelt. They are going to do a short presentation about a proposed trail along Spring Creek.

Mr. Krempasky: Commissioners, we want to thank you for this opportunity to come before you again and give you a briefing on a proposal that one of our members has come up with. We think it is an excellent idea to take advantage of Spring Creek and the Five Senses Garden and build a nature trail at Spring Creek. Today, we are going to briefly give you some background on the trail and its design. We are going to talk about the amenities that we think the trail can capitalize on; and some of the users or nearby facilities that would benefit from the trail. Finally if you have any questions, we'll take those and hopefully we can answer them.

Generally we are proposing to build a hiking path. This would be a footpath, a very narrow path that is approximately 450 feet in length. There would be no bridges or infrastructure involved. We intend to cite the trail so it would be easy for families, youth and adults to use. This would be built and maintained by our volunteers at no cost to the County. We believe it complements and protects Spring Creek. Again, if you are familiar with the Appalachian Trail, which is a single track hiking trail that's generally what we are proposing. The big green star is where this would be located on the seven acre property that the County has designated as the Greenbelt. With that overview I would like to turn this over to Joe Mosoros, he is the Treasurer of the Greenbelt Association. He is the lead on overseeing this project.

Mr. Mosoros: The star at the bottom of the picture is where the Five Senses Garden is. There is a short existing path just from people walking back. Our plan on the path is no improvements, just remove debris. It would follow the stream up and come out behind Faulkner and there is an area there called "Dock Woods". It is a bunch of pine trees planted that was in honor of Myra Dock years ago. That connects through the entrance to the Greenbelt from Paxton Street. We don't want any maintenance. We have plenty of maintenance. We want to make it as easy as we can on everybody. There is one area right about where it says Capital Area that the slope is high where we will have to go up and above. But, we don't plan on any cat walks or excavation at all. Trout Unlimited went through and put up a bunch of structures to build a trout fishery. There is quite a bit of wild brown trout in there now. They walked through and they gave us the blessing on it. This is one of the structures that Trout Unlimited built. They go through yearly and count the fish. It is increasing.

The Five Senses Garden was started by Shirley and Sid Disend. Back in the early 1990's it was a dump, not an official dump, but where everybody threw their trash. They cleaned it up and have been maintaining it. Sid died a few years ago. Shirley is 86 and she is there virtually every day, weather permitting, from 9:00 to 12:00. With the help of the Work Release folks, they pretty much maintain the whole garden. There is a picture of Tom, who is a resident of Bistline and he would ride up and down the trail in his wheelchair picking up trash. He has since been released. He is from Steelton.

Mr. Haste: So, it is basically just putting in an earth path?

Mr. Krempasky: Correct. That's what it is. It would take advantage of these amenities there and for the people that go to the Five Senses Garden it would give them a chance to walk along the stream.

Mr. Haste: There were some beavers that decided to take up residency in the spring, but they have since left.

Mr. Krempasky: There is a story behind the beavers.

Mr. Mesoros: I would go down in the morning and everything would be fine. I would go the next morning and there would be two big Willow Trees down. We lost five trees

before we finally decided that we had to trap it. It was a single bank Beaver. It weighed 30 pounds. It was a big boy. We put the pictures out. So far we had two weddings this year. Pinnacle Hospice every year, they have a butterfly release the last Sunday in June. Just recently we had another Hospice in there that went in and planted some flowers for us. Highmark sent a group to help us out. We do get a lot of help from the community, in addition to the Dauphin County Work Release people.

Mr. Haste: Bill, what do we need to do?

Mr. Tully: Since it is not any construction or improvement, it is simply a path; I don't think there is anything that is required.

Mr. Haste: Unless I hear otherwise, you have our blessings.

Mr. Krempasky: We also want to thank you for all the support of the Juvenile Probation staff. I think they are down there today.

Mr. Mesoros: We work with the Probation group every Wednesday. I guess they are doing community service and they help us out quite a bit.

Mr. Hartwick: Thanks for all your efforts.

B. Steve Libhart, Director of EMA

1. Discussion on Motorola Solutions Proposal for the Derry Site Replacement Equipment (Listed as Item B under Items for Discussion)

Mr. Libhart: As each of you are aware during the flooding events that transpired in the aftermath of Tropical Storm Lee there was widespread flooding and damage throughout Dauphin County. One of the County's specific assets that was all but destroyed in that flooding event was the communications equipment that is used to power the County 400 megahertz system throughout the area of Derry Township, which caused a complete failure of availability of the system first responders throughout the Township. As you know, we currently have a site on wheels that was delivered by FEMA through an EMAC request during the flooding, which is giving us 95 to 96% of the capabilities we had before the destruction of the permanent equipment, however, that site on wheels has limited availability through mid-December. As a result, we are moving forward to replace the site. The proposal that we have here is basically for all the Motorola and associated equipment that is, for a lack of a better description, the brains of that antenna site. The antenna and the antenna tower itself were not destroyed, nor were any of the connectivities that run from the tower to this equipment beneath ground. Luckily they were encapsulated in conduit that was water tight and proved to hold true during the flooding and receding of the water. The only thing that was taken out was everything housed within the Derry Township Municipal Building. That floor that it was located on flooded to the ceiling of every available space on that level. That was a

result of the Swatara Creek flooding to more than double what the previous high was on record. That site, as it existed prior to the destruction, was specifically chosen because of the topography in Derry Township and the availability to place it there at little to no cost in excess of what the equipment itself cost. Our recommendation right now, after consulting with insurance and risk professionals, is to place the equipment back into the room that it came out of with some accommodations made to raise it off the floor. Risk Management places the probability of that room flooding again at .005%. As a result, even though we have contemplated building a platform externally raised an additional five to seven feet off the ground cost wise, I don't know that it is a value based benefit to proceed that way. The total contract value of this particular contract right now is \$434,717. There is an additional amount of roughly \$23,000 that is the responsibility of Derry Township for some specific equipment that they piggybacked on our contract for. They have been made aware of that. I am planning to meet with officials from Derry Township following this meeting this morning to bring them into the loop as far as the timeframe for implementing the solution and what they can expect over the next three to six months as we replace permanently everything needed to restore full capability of the system. Subject to your questions, I would respectfully ask for an approval of this document so we can get it moving. Time is somewhat of the essence, because of the timeframe that we have with return of the site on wheels, which isn't necessarily under our control. If there is another event somewhere else in this part of the country, it could very well be that PEMA directs that site on wheels to another location although we do have somewhat of an understanding that they will give us at least 15 days notice if that would transpire, but it's operational availability right now is scheduled to end in mid-December.

Mr. Haste: What is the timeframe?

Mr. Libhart: Our timeframe to get the equipment and at least have it housed temporarily in a box capable of powering the system, we can have that done right at the time the site on wheels will leave, which would represent no interruptions to communications. If there is a problem with any of the equipment, if an additional failure occurs somewhere along the timeline that's why I'm meeting with Derry Township to let them know that in a perfect world we can have this done, but if something beyond our control or unforeseen occurs you may want to have a contingency plan in place to ensure you have some kind of communications available.

Mr. Haste: If we approve this today, how long will it take to be completed?

Mr. Libhart: It will be 45 days until the equipment is here, configured and staged ready to go. We've already make arrangements to have a temporary shelter delivered that has the rack system that we need to place on there. The only thing we won't have is a generator back-up, just because there is no way to facilitate that in a temporary housing unit. From there we would move the equipment from this temporary storage back into the room once it is available to go.

Mr. Haste: Do you know when Derry is going to have the improvements made?

Mr. Libhart: That's what I'm going to ascertain from them. Derry isn't really doing the improvements. That is part of our insurance coverage for that particular room. They do have it already cleared out of all the water and everything else. We are in the process now of stripping it down to the bare walls and reinstalling everything that was lost in the flood per our insurance adjuster. We can probably have that portion done while we are awaiting delivery of this.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Ms. Lengle: There is nothing needing action today. If you have any questions, you can let me know between now and next week.

Mr. Hartwick: Are we going to see a correlating elimination of a position in the Work Release area?

Ms. Lengle: This interim fill position will be eliminated in December when the duties cease.

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

PURCHASE ORDERS

Mr. Baratucci: There is nothing out of the ordinary in the Purchase Order Packet other than budget adjustments that we'll need to make for next week. If you have any questions, I'll try to answer them now, otherwise, we'll get it cleaned up and get you a report for next week for approval. (There was none.)

TRAINING PACKET

Ms. Evans: Yes, number 5, which are at no cost to the County, but due to the date of the training, I'm asking for a vote.

It was moved by Mr. Hartwick and seconded by Mr. Pries that the Board approve Item #5 in 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. Bethany Christian Services of Central PA
 2. Boy's and Girl's Club of Central Pennsylvania, Inc.
 3. Wesley Spectrum Services
 4. Adelphoi Village, Inc.
 5. YWCA of Greater Harrisburg (2010/2011)

6. Easter Seals Interpreting Services
7. PA Counseling Services
8. Valley Youth House
9. YWCA of Greater Harrisburg (2011/2012)
10. Pinnacle Health Hospital – Women’s & Children’s Services
11. Mikayla’s Place Child Development Center
12. Franklin, Christian
13. Brown, Balinger (Connect Synergy)

B. Motorola Solutions Proposal for the Derry Site Replacement equipment. (*****A Vote is Requested 10/5/11*****)

Mr. Haste: We have Items for Discussion that are listed on the Agenda. We have Item B, which Steve just spoke about.

It was moved by Mr. Pries and seconded by Mr. Hartwick that the Board approve Item B, listed above under Items for Discussion.

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

SOLICITOR’S REPORT – WILLIAM TULLY, ESQ.

Mr. Tully: You have the revised draft report. There are no further questions. I would be happy to answer any questions you might have.

Mr. Hartwick: I want to get with Fred on Item #21; it is the Responsible Fatherhood Grant.

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

Ms. Evans: Dauphin County is continuing under the Declaration of Local Emergency.

I also wanted to note that we had our annual Wellness Fair last Friday. We had more than 37 informational booths set up and more than 400 employees were able to learn about weight loss, reflexology, wellness and nutrition programs. This Fair is part of our County’s mission to encourage employees to make healthy choices and reduce healthcare costs.

COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS

Mr. Haste: I’m meeting with Berks and Lancaster County on Friday to discuss Act 22, which are the funding changes for medical coverage at the jail. We’re going to try to figure out how that is going to be implemented.

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.)

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