

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

SPECIAL MEETING

MARCH 13, 2009

The Cumberland County Board of Commissioners met on Friday, March 13, 2009, 10:00 a.m., Commissioners' Hearing Room, Courthouse, Carlisle, PA. Present were Commissioners Eichelberger, Rovegno and Cross; Joanne Burkhart, Deputy Chief Clerk; Ed Schorpp, Solicitor; Janet Walter, Paralegal; and Kathy Barley, Human Resources.

Chairman Eichelberger called the meeting to order

Roll call was taken: Commissioners Gary Eichelberger, Rick Rovegno and Barbara Cross were present.

Chairman Eichelberger asked if there was any public comment. There was none.

Kathy Barley presented information regarding the Grant for Hildebrandt Day Care Center. The total amount of the grant is \$23,020. \$18,900 will be used to fund equipment, supplies and materials. The balance will be used for educational purposes toward staff retention. Commissioner Rovegno asked if the grant will do anything to reduce the current deficit. Ms. Barley explained that the general fund subsidy will be reduced to approximately \$20,000 this fiscal year. Commissioner Cross asked if this is a matching grant. Ms. Barley stated it is not a matching grant. Funding is provided through the Keystone Stars Program. Commissioner Cross asked for the current tuition rates and how much they have increased. Ms. Barley explained the rates have increased \$15 to \$17 per week with the rate being dependent upon the age of the child. The example given was for the infant room which is \$175 per week for the community or \$160 per week for County employees. Commissioner Cross stated that she is interested in discussing the possibility of an advisory board. She stated that priority needs to be given in addressing County employees on the waiting list. Ms. Barley explained that the new director is addressing this. Commissioner Rovegno moved to approve submission of the Grant for Hildebrandt Day Care Center. Commissioner Cross seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

The Commissioners discussed the creation of a formal grant request process. This would enable the Commissioners to anticipate the long-term impact of the grant on the County budget. Departments requesting grant approval would be required to provide a detailed report of the anticipated use of the grant; a plan of action when the funding decreases; and the amount of money that will be required from the general fund. Documentation would be required at the beginning of the approval process. The Commissioners emphasized their concern for the human impact when the financial streams are exhausted. Positions which were created with the funding and services provided are at risk. As a result a financial strain is added to the general fund. Commissioner Eichelberger stated a desire to create the expectation of a consistent process with result oriented reporting.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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