CHAPTER 10

ALL OTHER COUNTYWIDE ISSUES

INTRODUCTION

As part of the Community Issues Survey process, individuals taking the survey were offered an opportunity to offer or suggest an issue(s) to replace any of the issues that were selectable. The top five vote receiving issues were provided with their own individual chapters to research and analyze what the county has endured and continues to experience with respect to the issue. While attention could carry well beyond these five, the choice to limit the overall volume to analyze was more to do with timing and the need to focus energy, momentum and thought into correcting what matters first.

The remaining issues were left in two groupings. The first were those included remaining survey-selectable issues. The next group included other suggested issues.

LISTING OF ALL OTHER COUNTYWIDE SURVEY-SELECTABLE ISSUES

Issue 11  Creating a county library system
Issue 12  Substance abuse prevention
Issue 13  Improved police service and better coverage
Issue 14  Park and recreation facilities/recreational needs
Issue 15  Assisted living facilities for aging population
Issue 16  Access and availability of healthcare services
Issue 17  Affordable housing (for low income/elderly people)
Issue 18  Abandoned housing/properties
Issue 19  Improved communication between local government
Issue 20  EMS (Emergency Medical Services)
Issue 21  River/waterway improvements (Susquehanna, Juniata, Shermans Creek)
Issue 22  Other infrastructure, such as water and sewer
Issue 23  Municipal financial assistance with state and federal mandates, sharing of municipal resources (911, websites, phone…) community relations
Connectivity (1)

Issue 24   Tourism ("agritainment")
Issue 25   Abuse shelters
Issue 26   Traffic safety for children
Issue 27   Reduce prison cost
Issue 28   Food bank services

OTHER OFFERED/ SUGGESTED ISSUES

Issue 1   Need for new housing developments (3), pedestrian friendly sidewalks
Issue 2   Child protective services (7)
Issue 3   Amish transportation related
Issue 4   Strategic community planning
Issue 5   Training and staffing of CYS (5)
Issue 6   Alcohol and substance abuse treatment
Issue 7   Money leaving the county (2)
Issue 8   Traffic management/safety
Issue 9   Need for dog parks
Issue 10  Need for bike paths
Issue 11  Elimination of core school programs
Issue 12  Property upkeep (2)
Issue 13  Increased dialogue between municipalities and schools
Issue 14  Lack of codes and code enforcement
Issue 15  Need for a YMCA
Issue 16  Support for mental health agency
Issue 17  Lack of mentoring programs for youth
Issue 18  Lack of programs for teens
Issue 19  Consolidation of EMS
Issue 20  Funding for fire protection
Issue 21  Stray animal population and services (3)
Issue 22  Support for the arts
Issue 23  Property rights
Issue 24  Animal shelters
Issue 25  Increase tax base without burdening homeowners
Issue 26  Wellness beyond medical model

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

The purpose of providing this list was to make certain these additional thoughts provided during the survey process were not lost in the midst of this plan’s development. As a result these areas of concern will be at hand for the next revisit to this process.