

**First Friday Noontime Forum Series**  
**“Continuing the Growth and Prosperity of Downtown Lancaster”**

**Highlights – January, 2011**

**ASK THE COMMISSIONERS**  
**County Commissioners Scott Martin, Dennis Stuckey and Craig Lehman**

- Priorities for 2011—Debt service, 2012 Budget, Holding the line on property taxes, and capital projects.
- There has been no decision by the County on the role they will play as it relates to Pennsylvania’s Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) for the Chesapeake Bay.
- The County’s municipal waste authority will not be expanding its services to build a regional anaerobic digester. Private industry has taken the lead and will take full advantage of the opportunity.
- The County may afford other municipal governments the opportunity to utilize the County’s IT strength—discussions are occurring with the LIMC. There may be other opportunities.
- The Economic Plan will not be rubber-stamped—It is a work in process. The prior Board of Commissioners hired the consultant during the 2007 Boom. Some participants in the process were not happy with the outcome. The Executive Committee will continue to meet.
- There are joint financial implications if Lancaster City enters Act 47. There would be a ripple effect to adjoining municipalities. There needs to State reform to address the needs of third-class cities.
- System improvements to the prison system are critical. New programs addressing root causes of crime are decreasing the number of inmates. The Central Booking System is working efficiently.