

Huntingdon, Pa.
Tuesday, March 30, 2010
12-10

The regular weekly meeting of the Huntingdon County Commissioners was held on the above date in the Commissioners Meeting Room with the following being present: Commissioners Kough Pittenger, Hoover, and Fluke; Chief Clerk, Michelle Cerett; Solicitor, Peter McManamon; Deputy Chief Clerk, Sally States; George Germann, The Daily News; Jeff Gill, Altoona Mirror; Richard Stahl, Planning Director; Maureen Safko, Grant Administrator; Brian Young, Mapping Director; Adam Miller, Emergency Management Director; Brian Wisner, Keller Engineers; George Mills, Bridge foreman; Sarah Worley, Juniata College; Bruce Pergament, and Jim Cassett.

The meeting was called to order at 9:28 a.m. by Chairman Kough Pittenger followed by Prayer led by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Chief Clerk, Michelle Cerett.

There were no additions or corrections to the March 16th minutes.

It was moved by Commissioner Hoover second by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve the minutes of the March 16th meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Fluke second by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes) to approve payment of invoices for the weeks of March 15th and March 22nd.

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Solicitor McManamon provided an update on the following; He is still waiting on information from Ken Tucker for the Penn State letter. Once he receives that information, that letter will be completed. Pete also stated that the Centre County jail contract is completed. He is in the process of reviewing the RBA contract.

The first item on today's agenda was a request by Brian Young, Mapping Director to amend the current contract with Robert Kimball & Associates. The name changed to LR Kimball, The wording was revised slightly and the scope of services is defined more clearly. It was moved by Commissioner Hoover second by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to approve the amendment to this contract.

The second item on the list was a request from Adam Miller, Emergency Management Director for appointment to the South Central Mountains Regional Task Force (SCMRTF). This task force is combined of Huntingdon, Bedford, Centre, Blair, Fulton, Juniata, Mifflin, and Snyder counties and will address all types of disasters within these counties. The previous agreement only addressed issues with counter terrorism. It was moved by Commissioner Hoover second by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes) to sign the South Central Mountains Mutual aid and inter-governmental cooperative agreement in addition to the memorandum of agreement between Bedford, Blair, Centre, Fulton, Huntingdon, Juniata, Mifflin, and Snyder counties on behalf of the South Central Mountain Regional Counter-terrorism Task Force and the Private Industry Task Force. Also in that motion, Commissioner Hoover appointed Adam Miller, Director of EMA as county representative to the SCMRTF.

The third item on today's agenda was a request by Richard Stahl, Planning Director and Maureen Safko, Grant Administrator to sign an agreement with Scot Gill to provide legal services for the Neighborhood Stabilization program. These properties are located in the Mapleton and Mount Union areas. Legal services are needed to complete deed searches and transfer properties so the Neighborhood Stabilization program can move forward. It was moved by Commissioner Fluke second by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes) to approve the agreement with Scot Gill for these services.

Richard Stahl made further comment that there would be a meeting on the solid waste program. The meeting is to answer questions the municipalities may have about the program. The meeting will be held at the Extension office on Thursday April 1st, 2010 at 7:30.

Brian Wiser, Keller Engineers; and George Mills, Bridge foreman were next on the agenda requesting signature on several documents related to the Walnut Grove Bridge Project. Brian presented the Request to proceed, DEP Permit application, and reimbursement request for signatures. Motion was made by Commissioner Hoover second by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to make application to DEP for general permit approval of the Walnut Grove bridge project. Next, motion was made by Commissioner Fluke second by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes) to proceed with the final design of the Walnut Grove bridge project. Lastly, motion was made by Commissioner Hoover second by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes) to request reimbursement of the Walnut Grove bridge project in the amount of \$19,283.90.

Brian Wiser also informed the Commissioners that the public officials and plan display meeting will be held on April 29th from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. Brian has asked for permission to hold the meeting at the Walnut Grove Church.

Brian provided a copy of the Environmental clearance for the Walnut Grove bridge project. He also stated that the right of way acquisition plan has been prepared and will be approved shortly by PennDot. Once PennDot has approved the plan, they will contact Pete McManamon, county Solicitor, to move forward with the acquisition.

It was moved by Commissioner Hoover second by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes, Kough Pittenger, yes) to approve for Steve Lane, Director of Veterans Affairs to attend the PA State Association of County Directors of Veterans Affairs conference June 21st to June 25th 2010 in Reading, PA

It was moved by Commissioner Fluke second by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve Greg Garthe to attend the 2010 PA State GIS conference May 11th and 12th, 2010 in Johnstown, PA

It was moved by Commissioner Fluke second by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve Richard Stahl and Maureen Safko to attend the 2010 Community Development and Housing Practitioners Annual conference on April 12th and 13th, 2010 in State College, PA

The Commissioners approved payment of 1 private headstone, 5 burial allowances and the installation of a base for 1 headstone.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Hoover second by Commissioner Fluke and carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:43 a.m. Minutes prepared by Chief Clerk, Michelle Cerett.

Respectfully submitted,

R. Dean Fluke, Secretary