

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: Commissioner Fluke, Hoover, Kough Pittenger; County Solicitor, Scot Gill; Deputy Chief Clerk, Sally States; George Germann, The Daily News; Jeff Gill, Altoona Mirror; Treasurer, Richard Irvin; Richard Stahl, Planning Director; William Walters, Sheriff and visitors Attorney Charles Swigart, Charlie Coleman, Willis Sneath and Jim Cassatt.

The meeting was called to order at 9:33 a.m. by Chairman Fluke followed by Prayer led by Deputy Chief Clerk, Sally States and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Commissioner Kough Pittenger.

There were no additions or corrections to the December 22<sup>nd</sup> minutes.

It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger second by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Fluke, yes; Hoover, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to approve the minutes of the December 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Hoover second by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried (Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve payment of invoices for the week of December 28<sup>th</sup>.

There were no additions to today's agenda.

#### Public Comments

Jim Cassatt addressed the board with a formal request for the following:

- 1) The total amount budgeted and the actual amount spent in 2009 for travel and travel related expenses for each Commissioner.
- 2) Total budgeted amount and the actual amount spent in 2009 for the Solicitor.
- 3) Total amount of budgeted income and the actual income in 2009 for the County Planner and his staff.

Charlie Coleman asked the Commissioners to take a good hard look at items in the Budget before approving.

Willis Sneath made what he called a last minute appeal not to add any millage increase for this year.

Attorney Charles Swigart praised the board for addressing the retirement fund issue. He said that past boards did not allocate monies for the retirement fund.

Sheriff William Walters defended the monies spent for Children & Youth. He said he has worked with the agency for several years having between 20 and 30 foster children. Any criticism of Children and Youth is ridiculous.

First on the agenda was the bid opening for the County TRAN Note. The TRAN note is to operate till taxes come in and then paid back at the end of the year.

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| MCSB----                     | 1.85% | 1 <sup>st</sup> National Mifflintown---- | 1.75% |
| Kish Bank----                | 1.61% | Northwest Savings-----                   | 2.35% |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> National---- | 3.14% | F & M Trust (Chambersburg) ---           | 2.48% |

Solicitor Scot Gill recommends Kish Bank.

It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger second by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to accept proposal of the Huntingdon County Tax revenue amount note for \$1,250,000. From Kish Bank.

The 2010 revised Budget with a 3 mil tax increase was brought up for approval. The balanced budget will be \$14,402,562.

With much discussion It was moved by Commissioner Hoover second by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried by a 2 to 1 vote (Fluke, no; Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes) to adopt the 2010 budget of \$14,402,562.

Commissioners asked that the Treasurer, Richard Irvin place the 2010 budget on the internet.

Richard Stahl, Planning Director requested that the Commissioners sign the Administrative Agreement between Juniata College and the County for year 6 to allow the expenditure of all of the Enterprise Zone funds from December 31, 2009 thru December 31, 2010.

It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger second by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes) to sign Administrative Agreement between Juniata College and the County.

Next on the agenda was the request by Richard Stahl for the Commissioners to sign the renewal agreement with the Greater Huntingdon Chamber of Commerce for administrative services in support of the Leadership Program. The Leadership Steering Committee has approved this action and recommends the Commissioners also approve the agreement.

It was moved by Commissioner Hoover second by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried (Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) for the signing of the renewal agreement with the Greater Huntingdon Chamber of Commerce for the Leadership Program.

There were no veteran allowances to be approved.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Fluke second by Commissioner Hoover and carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:51 a.m. Minutes prepared by Deputy Chief Clerk, Sally States.

Respectfully submitted,

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Connie Kough Pittenger, Secretary