

Huntingdon, Pa.
Tuesday April 23, 2013
9:30 a.m.
16-2013

The regular weekly meeting of the Huntingdon County Commissioners was held on the above date and time in the Commissioners meeting room with the following being present: Commissioners O’Korn, Fluke and Thomas; Solicitor, Peter McManamon; Chief Clerk, Michelle Cerett; Andy Patterson, Conservation Director; Steve Lane, Veterans Director; Chris Wysocki, JVBDS Administrator; Daily news reporter Garrison Crow; visitors Bruce Pergament, and Jim Cassatt.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Commissioner O’Korn followed by prayer led by Commissioner O’Korn and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Commissioner Fluke.

It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes;) to approve the minutes of the April 16th public meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to approve the payment of the bills.

There were no additions to the agenda, no items addressed by the Solicitor and no public comments today.

Commissioner Thomas announced that there is a House Hunt program this evening in the Bailey ballroom. It is sponsored by the Planning Commissioner and Caroline Morgan, intern. Information will be provided for first time home buyers.

Andy Patterson was present with several updates today. He announced that the Keep Huntingdon County beautiful clean up day was very successful with 2.3 tons of waste, 600 pounds of recyclable metal and 250 tires from ten different sites. The Conservation office received the Community Service award from the Chamber of Commerce for their work on the County wetlands. The agency was awarded \$750,000.00 in growing greener II money that will be used for Ag projects. Lastly, he announced that the Shoups Run water shed association recently received the Governors award of excellence for the project at Miller run. This is the second time they have received this award, the first time being in 2003. Commissioners O’Korn and Thomas offered their congratulations to Andy for all his recent accomplishments.

Steve Lane, Veterans Director was present to provide clarification on the Veteran burial services available through the County. Steve reviewed the four services that are available to war-time veterans only and the amount the County reimburses toward these services. The services and reimbursements are \$75.00 towards the burial cost, lettering of a military headstone or personal headstone and \$40.00 towards a personal headstone. Military war-time veterans are eligible for 2 of the 4 services and the widow of the veteran is eligible for one service. Steve stated that in the past 5 years, they have provided these services to 367 war-time veterans and widows. Lastly, Steve stated these services and fees are outlined by the County code.

Chris Wysocki, JVBDS Administrator provided his quarterly update to the Board. Chris stated that they are currently interviewing for the Fiscal Clerk position that will be vacant in June. He said the agency is doing well financially and he is pleased with their progress. Chris stated there are currently 290 adults receiving their mental health services, 291 receiving intellectual disability services and 44 children receiving services. Chris expressed concern about their website being hacked and stated it is currently shut down until further notice. They will be developing a new site effective July 1 and will be looking for a provider to administer the site. Commissioner O’Korn suggested Mark Colussy may be able to assist with that and suggested Chris talk with him.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve reimbursement request 1-2013 for NBIS bridge inspections. Commissioner Fluke expressed concerns about the increase in cost. He stated the cost last year was \$17,000 and this year the cost has increased to \$32,000.00. Commissioner Thomas explained that Penn DOT is now requiring bridges with weight limits to be inspected annually instead of every two years. He also pointed out that the request in question is for the County to receive reimbursement from PennDOT for the services.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to accept the retirement of Barry Kurtz, Custodian effective May 24th, 2013.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 10:33 a.m.
Minutes prepared by Michelle Cerett, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary