

Huntingdon, PA
Tuesday, February 17, 2009
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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 Fluke, Hoover, and Kough Pittenger; Scot Gill, Solicitor; Chief Clerk, Cinnamon Bair; Alan Popovich and Claudia Albertin, HP Architects; Richard Stahl, Planning Director; George Germann, The Daily News and visitor G. Michael McDavid, Regional Director Cooperative Extension.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Fluke followed by Prayer led by Commissioner Fluke and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Commissioner Hoover.

It was moved by Commissioner Hoover seconded by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried (Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes) to approve the minutes of the February 10 meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger seconded by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to approve payment of invoices for the week of February 16.

There was one addition to today's meeting to approve Lou Ann Shontz to attend the 19th annual PROP conference, in Scranton, PA.

Public Comment, Mr. G. Michael McDavid, introduced himself as the Regional Director of Cooperative Extension he has been in the position for 7 months. He gave the Commissioners a brief description of his job, he is currently working on Marcellas Shale setting up planning conferences, etc., he is part of the Natural Gas Task Force and works with the 4H program, and other educational programs. Mr. McDavid said if the Commissioners need anything to contact him through Stan McKee at the Huntingdon Cooperative Extension Office.

First scheduled on the agenda was Asbestos Abatement Bid Openings. Alan Popovich, Architect and Claudia Albertin, Project Manager for the Elks/Courthouse renovations were present. Alan opened the 6 bids presented and read the bid dollar amounts to the audience the total base bid amounts ranged from \$39,297 to \$157,300 (which was totaled wrong by the company on the bid sheet as \$147,700). Alan will meet with his consultant to review the bids and come back to a meeting to recommend to the Commissioners a winning bid.

Last scheduled on the agenda was Richard Stahl, Planning Director. Rich requested that the Commissioners apply \$2000 budgeted general fund money to the Arts Council. The Huntingdon Arts Council has budgeted \$500 to Fellowship projects; \$500 to Literature; \$1,000 to Arts in Education; \$2,000 to Concerts; and \$662 toward Administration. The Arts Council has had their funding cut and the State is moving Councils use funding other than the Local Government grant which is being phased out. It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger seconded by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes) to approve \$2000.00 general fund money to support the Arts Council.

It was moved by Commissioner Hoover seconded by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried (Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes) to approve Steve Lane, Veteran Affairs Director to attend the Annual State Veterans Association Conference in Williamsport, PA on June 22nd through June 26th. The total cost is \$ 626.00.

It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger seconded by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to approve Lou Ann Shontz to attend the 19th annual PROP conference, in Scranton, PA on July 28th through July 31st. Attending with Lou Ann will be Regina Miller, Bedford County and Greg Reineke, Fulton County. The total cost for the three will be \$1,668 to be paid from the South Central Solid Waste Agency account. Fifty percent of the total will be reimbursed by the DEP Recycling Coordinators Grant (903).

There were no veteran burials to be approved.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger second by Commissioner Hoover and carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Kough Pittenger, Secretary