

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; Chief Clerk, Michelle Cerett; Police Chief, Rufus Breneman; Planning Director, Mark Colussy; EMA Director, Adam Miller; Chief Tax Assessor, Ken Tucker; CYS Administrator, Joyce Zolten; CYS Fiscal Staff Claudia Conrad, Shawna Clark and Richard Putt; Daily news reporter Claire Williams; and visitors Jim Cassatt, Mark Sather and Bruce Pergament.

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 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 March 17th 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 bills.

There was one personnel item added to the agenda today, which will be presented at the end of the meeting.

Commissioner O’Korn thanked everyone who was involved in the recent Champ Dance Marathon and Pride Telethon. He also congratulated the Huntingdon County Library, Stone Town Gallery & Café, D&F Reality, and Standing Stone Coffee Company for receiving awards at the recent Planning Commissioner annual meeting.

There were no public comments today or items addressed by the Solicitor.

Adam Miller was present today to request the approval of two plans and their subsequent resolutions. First was the Hazardous Mitigation Plan. He stated that the plan is updated every few years and identifies hazards to the general public and outlines the procedure for handling them. The plan is also offered to each Municipality for their adoption as well. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve the adoption of Resolution 6-2015, thereby approving the Hazardous Mitigation Plan as presented.

Next was the consideration of the Emergency Operations Plan. This plan outlines how all levels of Government will act in a crisis situation. The plan is updated every few years and includes input from various municipalities. The plan is also offered to each Municipality for their adoption as well. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to adopt resolution 7-2015, thereby approving the Emergency Operations Plan as presented. Commissioner Thomas thanked Adam for all his work on the plans. Adam thanked all those involved in providing feedback and assisting with the completion of the plan.

Adam also announced that the County has renewed the certification with the National Weather Service for the Storm Ready Program. The Storm Ready Program is a voluntary compliance program showing that your community is prepared in the event of severe weather events. The certification is valid until February of 2018.

Kelly Hughes, Election Coordinator requested approval to move the Cassville Borough polling place from the Lions Club building to the Trough Creek Valley Fire hall. Commissioner O’Korn asked if all the requirements for the move have been met, Kelly stated they have been. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to move the Cassville Borough Polling place as requested effective with the May 19, 2015 Election.

In conjunction with the Polling Place change, Kelly requested approval of the lease with the Trough Creek Valley Fire hall. Kelly stated the lease is valid until one of the parties gives 90 day notice of cancellation. The cost of the lease per election will be \$40.00. It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve the lease as presented.

Mark Colussy requested approval of the 2015 Act 13 mini grant program. Mark stated that the County began the program in 2013 and it has been successful. The grant program includes allocation of \$5,000.00 to Ag Land Preservation as well as offering up to \$30,000.00 to Municipalities in the form of mini grants. The limit per Municipality is \$10,000.00 and the money must be used for Environmental or recreational projects. Grant applications will be received by and reviewed by the Planning Commission prior to being submitted to the Commissioners for approval. Commissioner Thomas noted that these grants may be used by Municipalities as their match for the DCNR C2P2 grant. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the 2015 Act 13 mini grant program as presented.

Ken Tucker, Chief Tax Assessor requested permission to attend his annual conference on April 29th through May 1st, 2015. The cost of the conference is \$450.00 and Ken has appropriately budgeted for it. It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to approve the conference attendance as requested.

Joyce Zolten, CYS Administrator requested approval of three Purchase of Service agreements. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve the Purchase of Service agreement with Pathways Adolescent Center for a period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the Purchase of Service agreement with CRC Health Group dba White Deer Run for a period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to approve the Purchase of Service agreement with Center County Youth Services Bureau for a period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

Joyce recognized her Fiscal staff for the 100% compliance on their recent audit for 2014 and 2015. The staff honored where Claudia Conrad, Fiscal Supervisor; Shawna Clark, Fiscal Tech; and Richard Putt, Fiscal Assistant. Joyce thanked them all for their excellence, dedication and hard work. She will honor them all with a plaque at a later time.

Police Chief Rufus Brenneman was present today to request approval of a Joint CAD Resolution for the inter-governmental agreement. The inter-governmental agreement will create redundancy and allow each county to operate their 911 functions from another center in the event of a major disaster. The resolution is the final step in the process and also allows the joinder counties to apply for a grant to assist with the cost of the equipment replacement. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to adopt resolution 8-2015 thereby joining Bedford, Blair and Fulton counties in applying for a grant through the Appalachian Regional Commission for the upgrade of computer added dispatch equipment. In conjunction with that, it was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve a Commitment letter to the ARC showing the Counties intent to commit \$155,840.00 to the Regional Emergency Communications Network Enhancements Program.

Huntingdon County has agreed to submit their grant application to the ARC on behalf of the Joinder. Therefore, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to approve the ARC Grant application in the amount of \$175,000.00. If the grant is awarded, Huntingdon County will receive \$75,000.00, Bedford County will receive \$75,000.00 and Blair County will receive \$25,000.00. Chief Brenneman stated that Fulton County will contract with Bedford County for 911 services, therefore they will receive no money. Blair County will receive a reduced amount due to some of their equipment being replaced already.

Chief Brenneman reminded the Commissioners of the 911 presentation taking place today at the 911 center and invited all to attend.

Commissioner O’Korn stated he was notified by Curt Steele that he is no longer able to serve on the CJAB sub-committee. Therefore, he has appointed John Cook to replace Curt Steele. Commissioner Fluke commented that he and Commissioner Thomas only appointed two members and Commissioner O’Korn should not be permitted to appoint a third member. Commissioner O’Korn stated it was a replacement appointment, not an additional one.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to appoint Nancy McNamara to the Citizens Advisory Board effective March, 2015.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to accept the resignation of Valerie Love, part-time Clerk Typist effective March 23, 2015.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to approve the termination Todd Walker, Bridge Crew effective March 13, 2015.

There were no veteran burial allowances for approval today.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Fluke to adjourn the meeting at 11:11 a.m. Minutes prepared by Michelle Cerett, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary