

Huntingdon, Pa.
Tuesday, October 25, 2011
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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 Hoover and Kough Pittenger; Chief Clerk, Michelle Cerett; Solicitor, Peter McManamon; George Germann, Daily News; Chris Wysocki, MHMR Administrator; Richard Stahl, Planning Director; and visitors Aaron Martin, Jeff Thomas, Bruce Pergament, Gary O'Korn, John Hoffstetler, Charlie Coleman, Jim & Joan Cassatt.

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

There were no additions or corrections to the October 18th minutes.

It was moved by Commissioner Hoover, seconded by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried (Hoover, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to approve the minutes of the October 18th meeting.

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

There were no additions to today's agenda but one item was tabled until next week. HCBI requested to table an EZ loan application due to not receiving the appraisal.

George Germann asked about the removal of a new section of sidewalk at the Bailey building. Michelle stated it was removed because it was the wrong elevation and will be replaced at no cost. Jim Cassatt asked if there was security in place for the Bailey building. Commissioner Hoover stated that there are no plans for security but there is a separate entrance for the DJ's office as well as holding cells in place for prisoners.

Commissioner Hoover asked Michelle to provide a report on the records project that PHMC has been assisting with. Michelle said to date, maintenance has shredded 10.5 tons or 20,971 pounds of old records. PHMC also provide a layout recommendation for the new records storage room at the Bailey building. They reviewed the retention schedule with each department, made recommendations on box type and provided information on microfilm.

There were no matters from the Solicitor.

Chris Wysocki was present today to present his quarterly update. Chris stated that MHMR is finishing up with 2010/2011 fiscal year bills. He also stated they expect to receive a 6% decrease in funding for mental retardation services. Chris also feels the Skills program will sustain a cut in funding, which will impact that program tremendously. This will impact many residents of Huntingdon County. Chris also stated that he anticipates a reduction in early intervention services.

Richard Stahl was present today with several items. He asked the Commissioners to pass resolution 18-2011 in support of renewing the Growing Greener II program. Huntingdon County has benefitted greatly from this program in the past. The program is used to improve parks, stream, soil erosion prevention and various other projects. Huntingdon County has received over \$9 million in Growing Greener funds over the past several years. Several surrounding Counties are supporting the renewal of the Growing Greener funds.

It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger, seconded by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Hoover, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to adopt resolution 18-2011 in support of renewing the Growing Greener II program.

Rich also requested revision of the TIP recommendations. The previous submission contained a bridge in Cass Township, which was already on the list. Rich has revised the recommendations and put a Jackson Township bridge on the list instead. It was moved by Commissioner Hoover,

seconded by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried (Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes) to approve the revised TIP recommendations for the County.

Rich provided the Commissioners with a copy of the Citizens survey that was completed last year. As part of the next phase, the Planning Commission is hosting a workshop on November 9th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The survey will be reviewed and discussing the goals.

It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger, seconded by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Hoover, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to approve the purchase of service agreement with CYS and attorney Thomas Hooper.

It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger, seconded by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes) to approve reimbursement request 13 for Walnut Grove bridge.

Commissioner Hoover expressed the Boards condolences to the family of Fred Morgan. Fred was a Corrections officer at the County jail for 19 years and passed away on October 22, 2011.

There were two county burial allowances and one base installation approved today.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger seconded by Commissioner Hoover and carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:32 a.m. Minutes prepared by Chief Clerk, Michelle Cerett.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Kough Pittenger, Secretary