

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; Deputy Chief Clerk, Kelly Hughes; Terry Sheffield and Deb Scalia, Employment and Training; Kathy Richards, Domestic Relations Director; Mark Colussy, Planning Director; Nicole Leturgey, Program Specialist Children’s Services; Daily news reporter, Claire Williams; visitors Jim Cassatt, Mark Sather, Scott Walls, Doyland Glatfelter and Harry Rupp.

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 O’Korn and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, abstained) to approve the minutes of the June 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 bills.

There were no additions to the agenda.

Announcements - Commissioner Thomas thanked the residents who attended the listening session at the Appalachian Regional Commission. Huntingdon County was well represented. Through the Commission, there is a lot of money directed into the region and the County.

There was no public comment today.

Solicitor McManamon was not present today.

Terry Sheffield and Deb Scalia, Employment and Training, were present to give an update on the Medical Assistance Transportation Program (MATP). They wanted to make the Commissioners’ aware of their plan of action if the State Budget does not pass. They have funding to get them through June, but August will depend on the budget. The CART vans will continue services so that no residents of Huntingdon County will be without Transportation. Commissioner O’Korn extended thanks from the Board to the providers associated with this program. Commissioner Fluke commended Terry and Deb for doing a good job with the program.

Kathy Richards, Domestic Relations Director was present with the Domestic Relations Cooperative Agreement. The agreement provides monies for the funding of Domestic Relations. It is renewable every five (5) years. Commissioner O’Korn stated that Pete McManamon reviewed the document and saw no reason to hold up signing. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to accept the Domestic Relations Cooperative Agreement. Lobbying Certification Form was then presented for approval. It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes). Disclosure of Lobbying Act was then presented for approval. It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes).

Mark Colussy, Planning Director was present to discuss the Act 13 Legacy Fund. On March 31, 2015, the Commissioners’ opened the application process. Municipalities were then able to apply for up to \$10,000. The Commissioners’ made \$30,000 available to the applicants. On June 2, 2015, the applications were reviewed. Out of 6 applications received, the following are the ones chosen:

Cassville Borough Playground Rehab/Rebuild - \$10,000
Broad Top Borough Storage Addition of the Park Pavilion - \$6,500
Morris Township Lower Trail Surface Rehab - \$6,000
911 National Memorial Trail – \$7,500

Commissioner Fluke asked Mr. Colussy how many people attended the meeting. Mr. Colussy answered with 6 Planning Commission members, 2 staff, 1 or 2 representatives from each municipality and another individual who didn’t represent anyone. Commissioner Fluke then asked how the Lower Trail can be eligible for this grant as it is privately owned. Mark replied that this trail is open to the public at all times and therefore qualifies. Doyland Gladfelter, Smithfield Township Supervisor, stated that he was very upset that Smithfield Township did not get any money from the Act 13 Legacy Fund. Jim Cassat requested the balance of the Act 13 Legacy Fund. After some discussion, Commissioner Thomas said that he would find that info for him. It was moved to table the Act 13 Funding by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (Thomas, no; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes).

Nicole Leturgey, CYS Program Specialist, requested the hiring of Mackenzie Howe, Caseworker effective 7/6/15. Commissioner Thomas motioned, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried. (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, no; Thomas, yes). She also requested the hiring of Danielle Heininger, Caseworker effective 7/13/15. Commissioner Thomas motioned, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried. (Fluke, no; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes).

It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve the Mark R. Minor, MD Agreement.

It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve Kelly J. Hughes attending the 2015 Pennsylvania County Election Officials Conference August 17 through August 20th, 2015.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to approve Bobbi Jo Gearhart attending the 2015 Pennsylvania Tax Claim Bureau Association Fall Conference October 20th through October 23rd, 2015.

There six veteran burial allowances for approval today.

Commissioner Fluke requested to speak. Commissioner O’Korn said that Commissioner Fluke had the chance during Announcements to speak. Commissioner Fluke said this was different. He was granted the floor. Commissioner Fluke then stated that he wanted to make the public aware that we had something come by the Commissioners’ and that Commissioners’ O’Korn and Commissioner Thomas think that it should be kept confidential. It contains the payment of money from the General Fund to an individual. Commissioner Fluke stated that all expenditures from the General Fund need to be approved at the board meetings. Commissioner Fluke wanted to know how he can be restricted by an agreement. He stated that he is disagreeing with the agreement on that basis. When Commissioner O’Korn asked what agreement he was referring to, Commissioner Fluke said “I’m not going to say”. Commissioner Thomas then stated that he also had no idea what agreement was being referred to.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Fluke to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m. Minutes prepared by Kelly J. Hughes, Deputy Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary