

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 Kough Pittenger, Hoover, and Fluke; Chief Clerk, Michelle Cerett; Solicitor, Peter McManamon; Treasurer, Rich Irvin; Fiscal Supervisor, Sherri Rogers; Planning Director, Rich Stahl; Jeff Gill, Altoona Mirror; George Germann, The Daily News; Army Corp Ranger, Jeff Krause; and visitors Kelly Kroecker, Jen Stahl, Charlie Coleman, Bruce Pergament; Jim and Joan Cassatt.

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

There were no additions or corrections to the December 14th minutes.

It was moved by Commissioner Hoover seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve the minutes of the December 14th meeting.

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

There were no additions to the agenda today.

There was no public comment on the agenda today.

There was no general comment today.

Solicitor McManamon had nothing to address today.

Jeff Krause from the Army Corp of Engineers was present to provide an update on Pennsylvania Conservation Corp Programs. Jeff also requested the Commissioners support of the Pennsylvania Conservation Corp Application, as they have done in the past. The Board asked the Solicitor to review the application prior to signatures. It will be presented at a future meeting for signature.

Next on the agenda was the adoption of the 2011 budget. The budget was presented November 23rd and has been on display for the required 20 days. Commissioner Hoover questioned Commissioner Fluke on a comment that was made at the budget hearing last week. The Commissioners were required to petition the Court System to keep the tax rate at 27 mills. Commissioner Fluke stated at the hearing that it has been proven that the County does not need to charge 27 mills of taxes. Commissioner Hoover asked for clarification on that proof. Commissioner Fluke stated that he was sure if there had been more thought put into expenses that the County could reduce the millage rate to 25. Commissioner Hoover asked him to explain further and reveal those reductions prior to the adoption of the budget. Commissioner Fluke stated that he felt Human Services could be reduced, which would reduce the overall expenses of the County. Commissioner Fluke stated that the Human Services programs were increased 10-15 years ago with money made available from the sale of the County Nursing Home. He stated that we no longer have the money to operate those programs, therefore, they should be cut. Jim Cassatt questioned the Board on the \$164,000 that PEMA will be returning in January. Commissioner Kough Pittenger stated that will not impact this budget because that money will go into the 911 fund, not the General Fund.

It was moved by Commissioner Hoover, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes) to approve the 2011 budget as presented at the public budget hearing.

The Commissioners discussed two proposals for IT services for the County. The service was put out for bid over the summer with 10 proposals being received. The bids ranged in price from approximately \$70,000 to \$214,000 per year. After consideration and review, all bids were rejected due to cost. Two companies then contacted the County with counter proposals, which were reviewed by the Board. RBA associates proposed a yearly fixed fee of \$99,918 and PC Works proposed various options, the highest being \$108,600 per year. Commissioner Fluke

remarked that he felt the IT issue was not reviewed adequately. Commissioner Kough Pittenger reminded him that we have spent several months reviewing IT services. Over the past few weeks, the Commissioners have met with both RBA and PC Works to review their proposal and get answers to questions. When questioned by Jim Cassatt about IT expenses in past years, Commissioner Kough Pittenger stated that the County paid \$167,000 for IT services in 2008. This was due to “out of scope services” that were charged by the IT vendor. She also stated that selecting an IT provider is much more involved than simply looking at the dollar figure. The County had a contract in previous years that was in the \$70,000 per year range but ended up costing \$167,000 one year due to out of scope work. Commissioner Kough Pittenger stated that both the RBA proposal and the PC Works proposal were good and the decision would be difficult. It was moved by Commissioner Hoover, seconded by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried (Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes; Fluke, no) to award the contract to RBA Associates of State College for a period of two years.

It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to designate Keller Engineers as the County Engineer for 2011.

It was moved by Commissioner Hoover, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes) to approve the County Service Level agreement with CCAP for the Sharepoint Website program for 2011.

The Commissioners had no veteran allowances to be signed today.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Hoover second by Commissioner Fluke and carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:54 a.m. Minutes prepared by Chief Clerk, Michelle Cerett.

Respectfully submitted,

R. Dean Fluke, Secretary