

Huntingdon, Pa.
Tuesday May 10, 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, Fluke and Kough Pittenger; Chief Clerk, Michelle Cerett; Solicitor, Peter McManamon; Chris Wysocki, MHMR Administrator; Maureen Safko, Grant Administrator; George German; Daily News; and visitors Bruce Pergament, Ron Fortney, Charlie Coleman, Randy Carper, Jim and Joan Cassatt.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Hoover 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 May 3rd minutes.

It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to approve the minutes of the May 3rd meeting.

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

There were no additions to the agenda today.

Joan Cassatt offered comment today on an easement that was signed at the April 19th meeting. The easement was between the County and the Borough for work to be done on two County properties. Joan understood the conditions of the easement to state that there would be no cost to the County. She recently attended a public meeting where the Borough informed property owners that they would have a financial obligation for the work being completed. Joan is concerned that the County may experience unexpected cost related to the work on the two county properties. Solicitor McManamon stated that the documents the County signed were easements and did not contain any information regarding cost. The easement stated that there would be no cost to the County for restoration of the sidewalks, etc but did not address cost for the lines or hook- up fees. Solicitor McManamon will follow up with Larry Newtown, who is the Borough attorney and report back at the next meeting on the status of this issue.

Solicitor McManamon informed the Commissioners that a meeting has been scheduled with Penn State to discuss in lieu of tax payment. The meeting will be June 20th but no time has been set yet.

Chris Wysocki was present today to provide the Commissioners with a quarterly update. Chris asked the Commissioners to confirm the current census numbers for Huntingdon County. According to the US Census Bureau, the County census is 45,913 and the Commissioners agreed that number is accurate. These numbers will slightly decrease the amount of funding that the County will receive in MHMR funding. Chris stated that things are going well fiscally for MHMR. They are not anticipating adding any new services; however, there is continued growth on the mental health side related to recovery oriented services.

Maureen Safko presented the Commissioners with a request to approve a CDBG grant application in the amount of \$500,000 to assist Porter Township residents with the installation sewer laterals and tap fees. Maureen expects the cost to residents to be reduced by \$2.7 million dollar grant that was awarded last week. In that case, these CDBG funds would be re-allocated to other projects. The process requires the adoption of resolution #4-2011. It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes) to adopt resolution #4-2011 approving the CDBG application in the amount of \$500,000 to assist Porter Township residents with sewer laterals and tap fees.

The Commissioners received a request from Adam Miller to sign the HMRF Grant application in the amount of \$20,613.88. The grant is based on actual County usage for 2010. It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, second by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried (Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to approve the HMRF grant application in the amount of \$20,613.88

The Commissioners received a change order request to move a wall in the DJ reception area of the Bailey building. It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried (Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, no) to approve change order #GC-20 in the amount of \$1,273.37 for the Bailey building.

It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve Steve Lanes attendance at the Veterans Affairs conference June 20-24, 2011.

The Commissioners approved the installation of one private headstone and three bases for headstones. They also approved six County burial allowances.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:41 a.m. Minutes prepared by Chief Clerk, Michelle Cerett.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Kough Pittenger, Secretary