

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; CYS Administrator, Joyce Zolten; CYS Fiscal tech, Susan Ross; Chief Tax Assessor, Ken Tucker; JVBDS, Chris Wysocki; Mayor, Dee Brown; Lieutenant, Dan Weikert; Daily news reporter, Claire Williams; visitors Jim Cassatt, Jim Davis, Debbie Keppler, Scott Walls and Mark Sather.

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 July 28th 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 two additions and two county burial allowances added to the agenda today.

Commissioner Thomas congratulated the Huntingdon County Fair Board and the Agricultural Association for celebrating 125 years of County Fair in Huntingdon County.

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

First on the agenda today was a proclamation for Huntingdon County Fair week, which was added to the agenda today. This year marks 125 years of the Huntingdon County Fair. Upon reading of the Proclamation, it was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to proclaim the week of August 9th through August 16th as Huntingdon County Fair week. Jim Davis and Deb Keppler from the Fair Board were present to receive the Proclamation.

CYS Administrator, Joyce Zolten was present today with four requests. First was the approval of two Purchase of Service agreements. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, no; Thomas, yes) to approve the Purchase of Service agreement with Cradles to Crayons for a period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

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 Kids Peace for a period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve the hiring of Jennifer Sunderland, Caseworker effective August 17th, 2015.

It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to accept the resignation of Tara Harlos, Caseworker effective August 7th, 2015.

Lieutenant Dan Weikert was present today with two personnel requests. It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to accept the recommendation of the Prison Board for the hiring of Dalson Heinrich, Corrections Officer effective August 12th, 2015.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to accept the recommendation of the Prison Board for the hiring of Natalie Keys, LPN on an as needed basis.

Chief Tax Assessor, Ken Tucker was present today to request two employees attendance at the Certified Public Evaluator course in September and October, 2015. Ken noted that the classes are being held in Centre County this year, which will save the County a significant amount of money in hotel and travels costs. He noted that Brandy Moore’s training would be paid from the UPI funds and Melissa Bousum’s training would be paid from the Clean and Green Administrative funds. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve Brandy Moore and Melissa Bousum to attend the CPE classes as requested.

Michelle stated that she received a letter from Steve Lane yesterday stating that he plans to retire in September. She suggested adding it to the agenda so she can begin the hiring process. It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to approve the retirement, with regret, of Steve Lane, Veterans Affairs Director. Commissioner O’Korn noted that Steve has worked for the county for 27 years and thanked him for his many years of service.

Chris Wysocki was present today with his quarterly update. Chris stated that he feels the agency can maintain services through the end of August with the ongoing budget impasse. He currently has 204 individuals receiving Intellectual Disabilities services, 250 individuals receiving Mental Health services and 52 individuals receiving Early Intervention services.

There were two Veteran burial allowances for approval today.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 10:18 a.m.
Minutes prepared by Michelle L. Cerett, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary