

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; Shawn Ritchey, Keller Engineers; Planning Director, Richard Stahl; Daily News reporter, Theresa Mull; and visitors Bill Hoover and Bruce Pergament.

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 Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the minutes of the June 5th meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes;) to approve the payment of bills for last week.

There were no additions to the agenda and no public comments today

Commissioner Thomas announced that the United Way recently received a \$7,000.00 grant through Shell Oil to assist residents who suffered damage from the flooding last year.

Shawn Ritchey from Keller Engineers presented the notice to proceed for Keller Engineers construction inspection and consultation services for St. Marys bridge. It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to issue the notice to proceed to Keller Engineers as requested. Shawn also informed the Commissioners that the beam shop drawings for Runks bridge have been returned for revisions. He is hoping to get them back soon so work can resume on that bridge.

Richard Stahl, Planning Director requested approval of a contract with Wade VanLandingham to complete the housing study as part of the comprehensive plan update. The project was advertised and the following three bids were received:

Wade VanLandinghim	\$ 3,800.00
Delta	\$19,100.00
EADS	\$29,376.00

Rich also reviewed all phases of the comprehensive plan and the progress on updating it. Bruce Pergament asked if they would be looking into the effects of Marcellus shale on property values. Bruce stated that he received an email from a realtor stating that he lost a \$400,000.00 sale on a house to a couple in Delaware due to Marcellus shale. The couple read an article in their local newspaper stating that Pennsylvania is in the center of Marcellus shale drilling, therefore they cancelled the sale. Bruce also stated that according to the realtor, he has had a number of people moving out of this area due to the difficulty of selling their property in the future. Rich stated that they have realtors and bankers on the board that would review this.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to accept the resignation of Carrie Irving from CYS effective June 22, 2012.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve a parking lot lease with Stephen and Kathleen Herr for a period of one year, effective June 5th, 2012.

There was one veteran burial allowance and two government headstones for approval today.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 10:09 a.m. Minutes prepared by Chief Clerk, Michelle Cerett.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary