

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; Solicitor, Pete McManamon; Register and Recorder, Jinny Cooper; Warden, Duane Black; Lieutenant, Dan Weikert; Andrea Young, Public Affairs Officer for VA Medical Center; Jeanne Byron, RN Administrator for VA Medical Center; Daily News Reporter, Zach Myers; and visitors Brian Young, Ken Tucker, Betty Ruhlman, Mike Hannon, Jim Cassatt and Bruce Pergament.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Commissioner O’Korn followed by prayer led by Commissioner Fluke and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Commissioner Thomas.

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 September 23rd 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, public comments or items addressed by the Solicitor today.

Commissioner Thomas thanked Careerlink for the Veterans Expo held last Thursday. He stated the event was a success with approximately 40 Veterans in attendance along with several vendors. Commissioner O’Korn announced that the Courthouse renovations are completed. The Register and Recorder’s offices have moved back to their renovated offices. Bruce Pergament announced there will be a town hall meeting hosted by John Eichelberger tonight at the Penn Township building.

Andrea Young and Jeanne Byron were present today to inform the Board that the new VA Clinic is now open for business. Jeanne stated they will be providing a wide variety of services including Primary care, lab services and several types of tele-services. There will be an open house and ribbon cutting on October 22nd from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Warden Duane Black and Lieutenant Dan Weikert requested approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with SCI Camp Hill for PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act) reporting services. The service is mandated by the State and SCI Camp Hill has offered to provide the service for State and County facilities at no cost. Lieutenant Weikert explained that if an inmate has a complaint, they will call the PREA hotline, which will in turn begin the investigation process. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve the intergovernmental Agreement with SCI Camp Hill for PREA services. Warden Black thanked Lieutenant Weikert for all his work in implementing the PREA process and agreement.

Jinny Cooper requested approval of a Memorandum of Understanding for the UPI funds. The UPI process begins October 1st and for the remainder of 2014, the UPI revenue will all go to the General fund for cover the cost of the new position. In 2015, the revenue will be split evenly between the General Fund, the Register and Recorder’s office, the Mapping Department and the Tax Assessment office. The portion designated to the General Fund is expected to cover the cost of the position. Jinny explained that while the other funds will be designated to the Departments, they will be used for technology upgrades associated with the UPI process. She also stated that the use of those funds will still be approved by the Board of Commissioners. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the Memorandum of Understanding as presented.

Area Agency on Aging requested adoption of a Resolution allowing them to apply for a line of credit with Susquehanna Bank in the amount of \$750,000.00. Commissioner O’Korn stated this is done annually and must be approved by all three Counties in the joinder. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Fluke to adopt Resolution 16-2014. Motion died for lack of a second. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner O’Korn, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to table the consideration of the Resolution until next week so more information can be obtained.

Commissioner O’Korn asked Michelle to note the names of individuals appointed to the Criminal Justice Advisory Sub-Committee. This Committee was formed earlier in the year and each Commissioner was asked to appoint two people. The following individuals appointed to the Sub-Committee are Curt Steele, Bland Parks, Kevin Fluke, Barry Wright, Kenneth Wilson and Peter Ludwig. Commissioner O’Korn stated that these appointments are effective immediately.

There were four County Veteran burial allowances and installation of one Government headstone approved today.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary