

Huntingdon, Pa.  
Tuesday December 7, 2010  
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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 Kough Pittenger, Hoover, and Fluke; Chief Clerk, Michelle Cerett; Solicitor, Peter McManamon; Rich Stahl, Planning Director; Maureen Safko, Grants Administrator; Jeff Gill, Altoona Mirror; George Germann, The Daily News; and visitors Travis Rogers, Travis Cramer, Bruce Pergament; Jim and Joan Cassatt.

The meeting was called to order at 9:33 a.m. by Chairman Kough Pittenger followed by Prayer led by Michelle Cerett and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Commissioner Hoover.

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 November 30<sup>th</sup> 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 was one addition to the agenda today.

There was no public comment on the agenda today.

General comment was offered by Travis Cramer. Mr. Cramer asked a question regarding a payment made to RBA in the amount of \$14,050.00. It was his understanding that any item over \$10,000 was required to be placed out for bid. Commissioner Hoover responded by stating that RBA provides a professional service, which does not have to go through the bidding process. Solicitor McManamon also added that we were contracted with RBA at the time.

Solicitor McManamon has a Resolution to be signed by the Commissioners. The Resolution is required in order to maintain the tax rate at 27 mills. It will be signed at the end of the meeting.

The addition to the agenda was the approval of the CDBG contract. The allotted amount for Fiscal year 2010 is \$399,218.00. It was moved by Commissioner Hoover, seconded by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried (Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes) to approve the CDBG contract for Fiscal year 2010.

Next on the agenda was the awarding of the contract for County Engineering services. This process is required due to two projects that are receiving Federal funding. The County advertised a Statement of Interest and the decision is made based on qualifications, not dollar amount. After some discussion regarding the process, it was moved by Commissioner Hoover, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes) to award the County Engineering contract to Keller Engineers.

The addition from the Solicitor was addressed next. The Solicitor requested signature on Resolution #25-2010 granting him permission to petition the Court and ask for permission to maintain the tax rate at 27 mills. Taxes were increased last year from 24 mills to 27 mills, however, the Commissioners must petition the Courts every year that the tax rate remains above 25 mills. It was moved by Commissioner Hoover, seconded by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried (Hoover, yes; Fluke, no; Kough Pittenger, yes) to approve Resolution #25-2010.

The last item on the agenda was an action to accept the resignation of Heather Pearson from the Tax Assesment office. It was moved by Commissioner Hoover, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes) to accept Heather Pearson's resignation effective December 13, 2010.

Commissioners approved 1 Private Headstone, 7 Veteran Burials and the installation of 4 bases for Headstones.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Hoover second by Commissioner Fluke and carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:32 a.m. Minutes prepared by Chief Clerk, Michelle Cerett.

Respectfully submitted,

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R. Dean Fluke, Secretary