

Huntingdon, PA
Tuesday, March 17, 2009
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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 Fluke, Hoover, and Kough Pittenger; Scot Gill, Solicitor; Chief Clerk, Cinnamon Bair; Maureen Safko, Grants Administrator; Richard Stahl, Planning Director; Rebecca Berdar, The Daily News; Jeff Gill, Altoona Mirror and visitors Randy Carper, and Peter Ludwig.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Fluke followed by Prayer led by Commissioner Fluke and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Commissioner Hoover.

It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger seconded by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to approve the minutes of the March 10 meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Hoover seconded by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried (Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes) to approve payment of invoices for the week of March 16.

There was one addition to today's meeting.

There was no public comment at today's meeting.

There were no matters addressed by the Solicitor.

First on the agenda, Richard Stahl met with the Commissioners to request approval to sign landfill disposal agreements as part of the Solid Waste Plan. The Solid Waste Plan provides that County governments assure that waste disposal capacity is available for waste generated within their county for a ten year period. The first three landfills ready to enter into capacity agreements with Bedford, Fulton, and Huntingdon Counties are owned by Interstate Waste Services, Inc. They are: 1) WSI Sandy Run Landfill in Broad Top Township, 2) Mostoller Landfill in Somerset County, and 3) Community Refuse Service in Shippensburg. Commissioner Kough Pittenger said that the Commissioners had gone over the information at the Solid Waste Authority Meeting the day before. Richard told the Commissioners that Huntingdon County sends 23,278 tons (not including recycled products). Commissioner Kough Pittenger said that they had learned that there was no penalty if a landfill was not used. Commissioner Fluke asked if they could charge a fee. Richard Stahl explained that Act 101 did not expressly state a fee allowance. Richard said a court decision denied any fees. Commissioner Fluke asked if the haulers could go to any of the landfills. Richard said they are able to go to any landfill in the agreement. Commissioner Fluke asked if all the agreements would be the same, because other landfill companies will enter agreements at a later date. Richard said they would all be the same.

Commissioner Hoover made a motion to have the County Solicitor and the County's Chief Assessor work to decide which property owned by Penn State University was not completely used for educational purposes. They are then to notify the Penn State University that Huntingdon County would like a payment in lieu of taxes at the same rate paid by the Commonwealth. The property owned by the College is located in Miller, Barree, and Jackson townships and includes a total of approximately 9500 acres. Commissioner Kough Pittenger asked; what is the rate paid by the State? Commissioner Fluke and Commissioner Hoover answered \$1.20 per acre. Commissioner Hoover said that they received information that Centre County is paid by Penn State University. Commissioner Fluke asked if hunting cabins are on the property. Scot Gill, Solicitor said that there are cabins leased on the property. Commissioner Fluke said that would not be educational use. It was moved by Commissioner Hoover seconded by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried (Kough Pittenger, yes; Fluke, yes; Hoover, yes) to approve Scot meeting with Ken Tucker the Chief Assessor and they would begin the process.

It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger seconded by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to reappoint Larry Mutti to the Chair of the Agricultural Land Preservation Board. The Commissioners had been asked to appoint the Chair of this board, but felt the Agricultural Land Preservation Board was better suited to do this. Andy Patterson contacted the Commissioners and notified them that it was a requirement for the Board of Commissioners to appoint the Chair to the Agricultural Land Preservation Board.

The Commissioners approved payment for 2 Veteran burial allowance, 0 widow/widower burial allowances and 0 bases.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Hoover second by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Kough Pittenger, Secretary