

Huntingdon, PA
Tuesday, May 26, 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; Solicitor, Scot Gill; Chief Clerk, Cinnamon Bair; Richard Stahl, Planning Director; Maureen Safko, Grants Administrator; George Germann, The Daily News; Jeff Gill, Altoona Mirror; and visitors Charlie Coleman and Randy Carper.

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Chairman Fluke followed by Prayer led by Chief Clerk Cinnamon Bair and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Commissioner Kough Pittenger.

It was moved by Commissioner Hoover seconded by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried (Kough Pittenger, yes; Fluke, yes; Hoover, yes) to approve the minutes of the May 12 meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger seconded by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes) to approve payment of invoices for the week of May 25.

There were no additions to today's meeting.

There was no public comment.

No matters addressed by the Solicitor.

First on the agenda was, Richard Stahl, Planning Director. Commissioner Hoover asked Richard if the write in votes from the election could be posted on the web. Richard said he would get the information from Sandy McNeal the Election Coordinator.

Richard asked the Commissioners to approve an EZ revolving loan application for Chris and Jackie Confer to renovate the former DC Goodman Hardware building in Mt Union Borough. The loan in the amount of \$75,000 and will have second lien on the building. It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger seconded by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to approve Resolution 14-2009 for Revolving Loan in the amount of \$75,000 for Chris and Jackie Confer.

Next, Richard Stahl and Maureen Safko presented information to the Board regarding the Huntingdon County Housing Rehabilitation Guidelines. Maureen recommended an amendment to the guidelines to provide for greater efficiency in rehabilitating mobile homes. The amendment will allow purchasing a new/used mobile home that may cost more to renovate than to purchase a newer home that will meet code. Maureen said they had contacted Indiana, Franklin, Adams and Mifflin Counties. Each of these counties had replaced mobile homes rather than renovating them. Commissioner Fluke asked if the purchase of a lot for the mobile home was included. Richard said to qualify for the program the person must own the property the home sits on. It was moved by Commissioner Hoover seconded by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried (Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes) to approve the amendment to the housing rehabilitation guidelines.

It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger seconded by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes) to approve an invoice from Keller Engineers for Engineering Services January thru April 2009 in the amount of \$556.72 to be paid from Liquid Fuels monies.

It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger seconded by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Hoover, yes; Fluke, no; Kough Pittenger, yes) to approve Resolution 15-2009 offering support for the Lower Trail Expansion Feasibility Study Project. The Juniata Clean Water Partnership along with the Consulting firm of Steven Parks and Associates will be conducting the study. The project is the initial step in the expansion of the Lower Trail from Alexandria area to Huntingdon Borough. Commissioner Kough Pittenger noted that in 1995 the Board of Commissioners signed a resolution honoring the Rails to Trails project. Commissioner Fluke said the County must decide how to spend the money that comes from the State to the County; example Growing Greener funds. Commissioner Fluke said that he feels other items need funding before trails. Commissioner Hoover said that is if they request to use County fund sources for this project.

On the recommendation of Children Services Director, Joyce Zolten, it was moved by Commissioner Hoover seconded by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried (Fluke, no; Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes) to approve hiring Christy Fraenza as Caseworker I, to fill the vacant Independent Living Position. Ms. Fraenza will be start when she is available.

It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger seconded by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to approve Maureen Safko to attend training on the CDBG Recovery Act money. The training and costs will be paid by CDBG monies.

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

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger second by Commissioner Hoover and carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 a.m. Minutes prepared by Chief Clerk Cinnamon L. Bair.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Kough Pittenger, Secretary