

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, Fluke; Assistant County Solicitor Peter McManamon, Deputy Chief Clerk, Sally States; District Attorney, George Zanic; Planning Director, Richard Stahl; Jeff Gill, Altoona Mirror; Josh Funk, The Daily News and visitors Charlie Coleman, Jim Cassatt and Bruce Perandt.

The meeting was called to order at 9:36 a.m. by Chairman Kough Pittenger followed by Prayer led by Kough Pittenger and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Deputy Chief Clerk, Sally States.

There were no additions or corrections to the January 26th minutes.

It was moved by Commissioner Hoover second by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve the minutes of the January 26th meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Fluke second by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to approve payment of invoices for the week of February 1, 2010.

There were no additions to today's agenda.
There was no public comment.

Assistant solicitor Peter McManamon asked that there be an executive session after all business was done.

First on the agenda was District Attorney, George Zanic to recommend the hiring of Gregory Eitner as part time Assistant County Detective and Alexa McGraw as part time Administrative Assistant for the Drug Task Force. The positions will be 100% funded out of a Federal Grant and at no cost to the County.

It was moved by Commissioner Hoover second by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes) to approve the hiring of Gregory Eitner as part time County Detective for the Drug Task Force.

It was moved by Commissioner Fluke second by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve Alexa McGraw as part time Administrative Assistant for the Drug Task Force.

It was moved by Commissioner Hoover second by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to approve Lou Ann Shontz, Recycling Coordinator to attend the PROP Conference being held July 27th through July 29th of this year.

It was moved by Commissioner Fluke second by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes) to approve Steve Lane, Veterans Director to attend a State sponsored accreditation refresher course being held March 9th through March 11th of this year.

Next on the agenda was Chris Wysocki, administrator for the Juniata Valley Tri-County Mental Health/Mental Retardation Program. Chris told the Commissioners that the programs mental health services sector expected a 1% cut in State funding from its 90% base. This would mean that Huntingdon County can expect to save 40% on its share of the funds that it pays out for mental health services.

Richard Stahl, Planning Director which spoke of the Guaranteed Energy Saving Act. The Guaranteed Energy Saving Act would allow local government to enlist help of energy performance contracting to make capital improvement projects that help save money and energy costs. The six buildings that would become the focus of the project are Annex I and II, the District Attorneys building, Domestic Relations building, Sheriff building, and the County Jail.

Richard explained that the County is not locked into anything until the approved company starts it technical energy audit.

It was moved by Commissioner Hoover second by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried (Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes) for Richard Stahl, Planning Director to advertise for qualified energy service companies to submit proposals regarding energy saving plans for the 6 County buildings.

It was moved by Commissioner Fluke second by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to accept the resignation of Hope Fry, Secretary, District Court #1 effective February 12, 2010.

The Commissioners approved 1 Veteran allowance of a private headstone, 3 Veterans burial allowances and 1 installation of base for a headstone.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Fluke second by Commissioner Hoover and carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:14 a.m. Minutes prepared by Deputy Chief Clerk, Sally States.

Respectfully submitted,

R. Dean Fluke, Secretary

