

Huntingdon, Pa.
Tuesday, January 26, 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 Hoover, Fluke; Assistant County Solicitor Peter McManamon, Deputy Chief Clerk, Sally States; George Germann, The Daily News; Jeff Gill, Altoona Mirror; Richard Stahl, Planning Director; Amy Sheaffer, Director of Business Development, HCBI; Janet Hanks, Register & Recorder; Attorney Charles Swigart; Maureen Safko, Grants Administrator; Lou Ann Shontz, Recycling Coordinator and visitors Courtney Gill, Student, Charter School, Charlie Coleman, Mary Jamison, District Justice #4, Jim Cassatt, Randy Carper and Ruth Carper.

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m. by Vice Chairman Hoover followed by Prayer led by Deputy Chief Clerk, Sally States and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Commissioner Fluke.

There were no additions or corrections to the January 19th minutes.

It was moved by Commissioner Fluke second by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve the minutes of the January 19th meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Hoover second by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Hoover, yes) to approve payment of invoices for the week of January 19th.

Addition to today's agenda.

Commissioner Hoover stated the County Commissioners are reviewing properties owned by the Pennsylvania State University located in Huntingdon County to determine whether the properties are subject to real estate taxes or a payment in lieu of taxes. The Commissioners are also reviewing the payment in lieu of taxes which the County receives from the Commonwealth and the Federal government for federally and State owned property for comparison.

Public comment was made by Courtney Gill, student, Charter School. Courtney addressed the board and visitors on the situation surrounding the County's Children and youth Department. Courtney relayed her story of being in foster care and of her involvement with the IL program with Children and Youth. At this time she asked the Commissioners to allow the department to fill all the positions at Children and Youth so that young people like herself can continue to make strides and to become success stories.

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

First on the agenda was Amy Sheaffer, Director of Business Development, HCBI which outlined to the board the Recovery Zone Bonds that will assist businesses in the county. The Commissioners will take action on the initiative at a later date.

It was moved by Commissioner Fluke second by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes) to appoint Ruth S. Reinhart to the Children Services Advisory Board.

It was moved by Commissioner Fluke second by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Fluke, yes; Hoover, yes) to approve an updated Huntingdon County Municipal Waste Management plan as suggested by County Planning Director, Richard Stahl.

The Commissioners responded to questions from Register and Recorder, Janet Hanks and her solicitor, Charles Swigart, concerning the status of the commissioners' new office in the Bailey Building. Commissioner Fluke said things will start to move soon and that the move could take place at the end of March.

Attorney Swigart cautioned the commissioners if they were buying surplus furniture and told of what Mutual Benefit went through when they did and found out it was just as cheap to buy new.

Next Maureen Safko County grants administrator recommended Raystown Contracting/Fox Homes for the award of bid for the Shirley Home windows. A major portion of the funding is being provided by a one-time only federal stimulus grant.

It was moved by Commissioner Fluke second by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes) to award the bid for the Shirley Homes window to Raystown Contracting/Fox Homes.

Recycling Coordinator, Lou Ann Shontz requested that the county enter into an agreement with the Centre County Solid Waste Authority to seek proposals for this year's hazardous waste collection. Collection is targeted for Saturday, September 18th.

It was moved by Commissioner Hoover second by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Hoover, yes) to enter into an agreement with Centre County Solid Waste Authority for this year's hazardous waste collection proposals.

It was moved by Commissioner Fluke second by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes) to accept the retirement of Mary Ruth Feather, Clerk, Prothonotarys Office, effective January 29, 2010. Mary Ruth has worked for the Prothonotarys office for 13 years.

The Commissioners approved payment of 1 Veteran lettering of a headstone, 8 Veteran burial allowances and 1 Veteran installation of a 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 11:26 a.m. Minutes prepared by Deputy Chief Clerk, Sally States.

Respectfully submitted,

R. Dean Fluke, Secretary