

The regular weekly meeting of the Huntingdon County Commissioners was held on the above date and time in the Commissioners meeting room with the following being present: Commissioners O’Korn, Fluke and Thomas; Solicitor, Peter McManamon; Chief Clerk, Michelle Cerett; Keller Engineers Rep, Brian Wisner; HCBI Rep, Paul Post; Daily News Reporter, Garrison Crow and visitors Bruce Pergament and Jim Cassatt.

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

It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the minutes of the August 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to approve the payment of bills for the last two week.

Commissioner Thomas announced that the County will be receiving a dividend payment from PCOMP in the amount of \$21,843.00. This is the first year they have issued dividends. The refund is related to the decreased Workers comp cost.

Jim Cassatt asked if the County was still working with Penn State to receive payment in lieu of taxes. Pete stated that the individuals he was working with at Penn State have all since left but he will follow up.

There were no additions to the agenda today or matters addressed by the Solicitor.

Paul Post presented information for the Commissioner to consider for the former FCI building in Mount Union. Paul would like to put the FCI property in the KOZ program, which is a 10 year tax abatement program that would run from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2023. FCI has agreed to pay the taxes on the building until it is sold. This will allow a new owner to take full advantage of the tax abatement. The Commissioners will review the information Paul presented and consider their decision at a future meeting. Paul stated that the Borough and the School district would need to approve the request as well.

Brian Wisner, Keller Engineers requested approval of two necessary documents to continue work on the Aughwick Mills bridge. The first item was the permit registration to complete the barrier work. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve the permit registration form for the Aughwick Mills bridge as presented. The second document was a cumulative impact project screening form for Bridge #10 as well. Brian stated that there are no impacts related to the work because it is all structural work. It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the impact form as requested.

Brian requested permission to proceed with the bidding process for the St. Marys FGM project. Brian stated that the engineering fees total \$14,507.00, of which \$3,257 will be paid by Growing greener II, \$8,000.00 will be paid by a grant from the Foundation of PA Water sheds and the remaining \$3,250.00 is the County match and will be paid by liquid fuels. The cost of the work to be completed is \$71,743.00, which is covered 100% by the grant. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to grant Keller Engineers permission to begin the bidding process for the project. Brian estimates work to begin in late September and be completed by the end of November.

There were four county veteran burial allowances and lettering of one headstone approved today.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Fluke to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 a.m. Minutes prepared by Chief Clerk, Michelle Cerett.

Respectfully submitted,

---

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary