

Huntingdon, Pa.
Tuesday, December 13, 2011
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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 and Kough Pittenger; Chief Clerk, Michelle Cerett, Solicitor, Peter McManamon; George Germann, Daily News; John Hoffstetler, Altoona Mirror; Brian Wiser, Keller Engineers; EMA Director, Adam Miller; Recycling Coordinator, Lou Ann Shontz; Planning Director, Richard Stahl; Commissioner Elect, Jeff Thomas; Register and Recorder elect, Ginny Cooper and visitors Charlie Coleman, Greg Quinn, Bruce Pergament, Jim and Joan Cassatt.

The Meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m. by Commissioner Hoover followed by Prayer led by Commissioner Fluke and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Commissioner Hoover.

There were no additions or corrections to the December 6th minutes.

It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger, second by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to approve the minutes of the December 6th meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger, second by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes) to approve the minutes of the November 22nd budget hearing.

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

There were no additions to the agenda today.

Commissioner Hoover updated the public on several issues. Steve Jackson asked questions a few weeks ago about the Bailey building and Michelle was able to get answers to those questions. The wall Mr. Jackson had inquired about was not water proofed. The sign that he mentioned was a borough sign, not a county sign. The borough was down last week and moved it so it is no longer in the way of the dock. Commissioner Hoover informed the public that we were notified recently that our DPW reimbursements were going to be delayed a few months. Michelle made contact with local representative offices, who in turn made contact with the State. The money, which totaled nearly \$500,000.00, is expected to be received in early January.

Jim Cassatt asked Solicitor McManamon about the status of the Penn State in lieu of taxes money. Pete responded that he is still working on gathering information that Penn State requested.

There were no items to be addressed by the Solicitor today.

Adam Miller was first on the agenda to inform the Commissioners that he was approved for a Qlikview grant in the amount of \$9,750.00. Adam will be receiving a server and 5 user licenses. This software can possibly be expanded to assist the court system and the 911 center. It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to accept the Qlikview grant.

Adam also informed the Commissioners that four properties were approved for hazard mitigation grant funding. This funding comes through FEMA and is used to buy our homes that are in flooding areas. This is the first time Huntingdon County has had homes approved. The total amount of funding approved is \$390,348.00.

Two bids were received for a 1989 box truck that Michelle had advertised. Glenn Cohenour bid an amount of \$1,125.03 and Value Auto salvage offered a bid of \$1,250.00. There was question regarding the year of the truck. Michelle will clarify information and notify the successful bidder.

Lou Ann Shontz and Rich Stahl were present to present the 904 recycling grant application. Lou Ann stated that funding for the recycling grant will be cut roughly 40%. It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried (Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes) to apply for the 904 grant on behalf of the South Central Counties solid waste agency.

Brian Wiser from Keller Engineers was present to review the bids for Runk bridge that were received last week. The bids came in approximately \$200,000.00 higher than expected. For that reason, Brian suggests tabling the awarding of the bid until he can review liquid fuels fund availability with Michelle.

It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve the hiring of Jeremiah Kenagy in the probation office effective December 27, 2011.

It was moved by Commissioner Hoover, seconded by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried (Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to adopt resolution 21-2011. The resolution acknowledges the acceptance of act 106, which became effective November 23rd. Act 106 permit counties to purchase blanket bonds for several row offices instead of individual bonds. Ginny Cooper asked if they newly elected officials would be notified when their bonds were put in place. Commissioner Kough Pittenger confirmed that they would be notified. Ginny also asked about the borough and school district bonds. Michelle will check with CCAP and contact Ginny with an answer.

It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes) to approve reimbursement #16-2011 for Walnut Grove bridge in the amount \$493.19. This is the final reimbursement request for this project.

There was one county Veteran's burial allowance approved today.

Commissioner Fluke requested executive session at 10:45 a.m. The session ended at 11:12 a.m. with no action being needed.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Fluke, second by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:13 a.m. Minutes prepared by Chief Clerk, Michelle Cerett.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Kough Pittenger, Secretary