

Huntingdon, Pa.
Tuesday, September 7th, 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 Kough Pittenger, Hoover, and Fluke; Chief Clerk, Michelle Cerett; Solicitor, Peter McManamon; George Germann, The Daily News; Jeff Gill, Altoona Mirror; Planning Director, Richard Stahl; Brian Wisner, Keller Engineers; George Mills, Bridge Foreman; and visitors, Ken and Mildred Rockwell, Deb Barefoot, Travis Cramer, Bruce Pergament; Charlie Coleman and Christ Hoover.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Kough Pittenger followed by Prayer led by Commissioner Hoover and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Commissioner Fluke.

There were no additions or corrections to the August 31st 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 August 31st meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Fluke second by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Hoover, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve payment of invoices for the week of September 6th.

There were no additions to the agenda today.

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Solicitor McManamon has the agreement from Rhodes construction for the Commissioners to sign. This is for the construction of the handicapped ramp at the Sheriff's office. The bid was awarded to Rhodes construction at the August 3rd meeting. The agreement will be signed at the end of the meeting. Construction will begin as soon as possible.

First on the agenda was the signature of Resolution 17-2010. The resolution approved a \$50,000,000 bond issue by the York County Industrial Authority for the purpose of constructing 21 additional units at Westminster Woods. There was discussion involving the potential of this expansion causing increased traffic at the intersection of Cold Springs road and Petersburg Pike. Deb Beckman assured the Commissioners that this would not be an issue because the increased traffic would be directed through the Westminster Woods property. It was moved by Commissioner Hoover, second by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes) to approve resolution 17-2010.

The next item on the agenda was a request from Kay Coons for Coleen Scott to transfer from DJ Coylers office to the Prothonotarys office. This will fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Patti Nichol. It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, second by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve the lateral transfer of Coleen Scott effective September 20th, 2010.

Brian Wisner from Keller Engineers provided an update on several County bridge projects. The Walnut Grove Bridge construction will be advertised this week and Let on September 30th. The construction is scheduled to be completed in October or November of 2011. The bridge was originally build in 1946 as a one lane bridge and is being expanded to a two lane bridge. In order to continue with the construction, Brian requested the Commissioners signature on the Right of Way plan for the bridge. It was moved by Commissioner Hoover, second by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to approve the Right of Way plan for the Walnut Grove Bridge project.

It was also noted that the transfer of these Right of Ways will be re-visited once construction is complete. A decision will be made at that time on whether to retain the Right of Ways or turn them over to Springfield Township.

Brian discussed two projects involving the St. Mary's covered bridge. The first being the DEP Growing Greener II project, which is in the permit stage. This is a stream maintenance project to control stream flow and eliminate erosion. The other project is rehabilitation of the bridge itself. The County was recently approved for a \$328,900 grant through Penn DOT's Transportation Enhancement Program (TEP) and Hometown Streets and Safe Routes to Schools (HSSRS) program for rehabilitation of the covered bridge. In order for the project to move forward, the Commissioners took action to accept the grant funding. It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, second by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes) to accept the \$328,900 grant from Penn DOT.

The last project Brian provided an update on was the Runk bridge project. The DEP waterway permit is completed and the drawing will be complete within three weeks. With the approval of the drawings, the project can proceed. It is Brian's hope that the job will be advertised by the end of September. Work is expected to begin in October and will take approximately 60 days to complete.

Brian also discussed bridge inspections. Currently, bridge inspections are required every two years. Penn DOT is now requiring inspections every year for bridges that have a posted weight limit. This will include approximately one half of the County bridges.

The last item on this week's agenda was the opening of bids for fuel oil. There was an RFP advertised requesting bids for 18,000 to 20,000 gallons of No. 2 fuel oil to be delivered to various County buildings between September 15, 2010 and September 15, 2011.

The County received two bids, one from Martin Oil and the other from Alexandria Energy Products. The bids received were:

Martin Oil:	Current OPIS average cost plus .30 cents per gallon
Alexandria Energy Products:	Current Rack price plus .27 cents per gallon

The Commissioners need clarification that the OPIS price and the Rack price are the same thing prior to awarding the bid. Commissioner Kough Pittenger asked Michelle Cerett to clarify this information and present it to the Commissioners. Once clarification is received, the bid will be awarded.

The Commissioners approved payment of the lettering on 1 headstone and 1 burial allowance.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Hoover second by Commissioner Fluke and carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 a.m. Minutes prepared by Chief Clerk, Michelle Cerett.

Respectfully submitted,

R. Dean Fluke, Secretary