

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; Planning Director, Mark Colussy; Grant Administrator, Maureen Safko; Huntingdon House Director, Jean Collins; Center for Community Action Director, Wendy Melius; Daily News Reporter Zach Myers 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 Thomas and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Commissioner O’Korn.

It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve of the minutes of the May 27th public 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.

There were no additions to the agenda, public comments or items addressed by the Solicitor today.

Commissioner Thomas congratulated Jonathon Harris on receiving his Eagle Scout award recently.

First on the agenda today was Ken Tucker, Chief Tax Assessor. Ken requested a change in the Clean and Green values. Currently, the values being used are from the 1978 assessment. The Department of Agriculture has provided weighted values that Ken feels would be more appropriate to use. Commissioner Thomas feels this change is necessary to abide by State guidelines.

After further discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to use the weighted average of \$43.57 per acre effective with the 2015 tax year.

Ken also recommended that all Agricultural land under Clean and Green be valued as Agricultural use using the old Clean and Green values from 1978. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the request as recommended.

Maureen Safko requested permission to apply for the Emergency Solutions grant on behalf of Huntingdon House. Maureen pointed out that the this grant would be used for operating expenses on two shelters as well as minor ADA compliance improvements to one shelter. The grant amount requested is \$60,000.00 and will be for a two year period. Wendy Melius, Center for Community Action received permission last week to apply for the Emergency Solutions grant to be used for Homeless prevention and Rapid re-housing. Maureen pointed out both amounts would be requested under one grant but would be used for their respective purposes. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (Fluke, no; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to approve the grant application on behalf of Huntingdon House as presented.

Michelle provided a contract with Morefield for consideration. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to table the Morefield contract until the terms can be reviewed.

It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to accept the resignation of Alainea Miller from CYS effective May 30th, 2014.

There were two county veteran burial allowances for approval today.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 10:08 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary