

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; Chief Clerk, Michelle Cerett; Solicitor, Pete McManamon; CYS Administrator, Joyce Zolten; Planning Director, Mark Colussy; Grant Administrator, Maureen Safko; Huntingdon County Executive Director, Jean Collins; Daily News Reporter, Zach Myers; and visitors Jim Cassatt and Bruce Pergament.

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 the minutes of the September 30<sup>th</sup> 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, announcements or items addressed by the Solicitor today.

Jean Collins, Executive Director of Huntingdon House was present to provide clarification on comments Commissioner Fluke made at a recent Town hall meeting held by Senator Eichelberger. She quoted Commissioner Fluke’s comments on repair bills, the lack of services for men and a concern about the use of the programs being abused. She stated that Huntingdon House does not receive any County funding and she has no intention of asking the County for funding. Therefore, the bills he referred to are not paid from County funds. She further clarified that Huntingdon House does offer services for men but the majority of the requests for services are women. Lastly she stated that when victims are fleeing domestic violence, they often need time to move on to their own housing. Commissioner Fluke stated that he appreciates her coming but there are two sides to every story. He feels the public are the ones who get abused by paying for repairs over and over again. Jean stated that repairs are paid for with grant funding. Commissioner Fluke stated that grant money is tax money, whether it’s County, State or Federal.

There was consideration of Resolution 16-2014, which was requested by Area Agency on Aging to allow them to obtain a line of credit in the amount of \$750,000.00. This item was tabled last week until further information could be obtained. Commissioner O’Korn noted that the other two Joinder counties need to take action on the matter as well. It was moved by Commissioner O’Korn to approve resolution 16-2014 allowing AAA to obtain a line of credit from Susquehanna Bank. The motion died for lack of a second. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas to approve Resolution 16-2014 allowing AAA to obtain a line of credit with Hometown Bank. The motion died for lack of a second. Commissioner Thomas stated there would have been a \$600.00 savings to go with Hometown Bank.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, no) to approve the Commissioners attendance at the 2014 CCAP Conference.

Joyce Zolten presented several Purchase of Service agreements for consideration. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the Purchase of Service agreement with Shippensville Project Point of Light for a period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to approve the Purchase of Service agreement with Lynn Kagarise, MS for a period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve the Purchase of Service agreement with McCloskey Counseling for a period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, no; Thomas, yes) to approve the Purchase of Service agreement with Sign Language Specialists of Western PA for a period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

Joyce presented a Consulting agreement with Heather Fisher to be the MDIT Program Coordinator. This is a program recently mandated by the State and a grant has been approved to cover the position. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to approve the Consulting agreement with Heather Fisher as requested.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to acknowledge the termination of Donna Amspacher, Caseworker effective September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Mark Colussy and Maureen Safko presented the CDBG Competitive grant for signature. The amount of the grant is \$500,000.00 and Maureen stated the money must be spent by September 16, 2017. The grant will be used to relocate a section of water and sewer lines along a three block area of Mount Union Borough. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve Contract number C000059250 in the amount of \$500,000.00 as requested. Commissioner Thomas thanked Mark and Maureen for all their work obtaining this grant since it was very competitive.

There were no County Veteran burial allowances approved today.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 10:28 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary