

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 McManamon; Planning Director, Mark Colussy; EMA Director, John Cirko, Jr; CYS Administrator, Joyce Zolten; Daily News reporter, Kylie Hawn; and visitors Jim Cassatt, Scott Walls, Mike Hannon and Mark Sather.

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

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the minutes of the December 22<sup>nd</sup> public meeting.

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

There was one resignation and one burial allowance added to the agenda today.

There were no announcements today.

Jim Cassatt offered public comment on the budget that was adopted last week.

Solicitor McManamon thanked Commissioners O’Korn and Fluke for the professionalism that past four years. He stated he has enjoyed working with them and wished them the best of luck.

First on the agenda today was Joyce Zolten, CYS Administrator with three personnel requests. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes, Fluke, yes) to approve the hiring of Emili Dixon, Caseworker effective January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the hiring of Erik Ondrejik, Caseworker effective January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to accept the resignation of Susan Ross, Fiscal Assistant at CYS effective January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016. Joyce wished Commissioners O’Korn and Fluke the best and said it has been a pleasure working with them.

EMA Director, John Cirko was present today with a request to approve an Independent Contractor Services agreement with the Susquehanna River Basin for the installation and maintenance of a Tri-County digital flood warning system. The cost of the project is not to exceed \$115,000.00 and is funded through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve the agreement with the Susquehanna River Basin for a period of December 1, 2015 through May 31, 2017.

Mark Colussy presented a resolution for consideration related to the 911 Memorial Trail that is being constructed in honor of victims from the 9/11/01 terrorist attack. The Trail will be a total of 1,300 miles and will connect all the sites involved in the 9/11 attacks. The Trail will travel through the center of Huntingdon County and Mark is asking for a resolution to support the project. Commissioner Fluke asked if the trail was a want or a need. Commissioner O’Korn stated he feels it is important to honor those who died in the attacks. Commissioner Thomas agreed and stated that should be the main goal of the trail. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, no; Thomas, yes) to adopt resolution 29-2015 in support of the 911 Memorial Trail.

Mark stated he has worked with multiple boards of Commissioners in different counties and he is proud of the things this board has accomplished. He thanked Commissioners O’Korn and Fluke and wished them well.

There was one Veteran burial allowance for approval today.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 10:06 a.m. Minutes prepared by Michelle L. Cerett, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary