

Huntingdon, PA
Tuesday, December 15, 2009
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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 Fluke, Hoover and Kough Pittenger; County Solicitor, Scot Gill; Chief Clerk, Cinnamon Bair; Richard Stahl, Planning Director; Maureen Safko, Grants Administrator; George Germann, The Daily News; Jeff Gill, Altoona Mirror; and visitors Randy Carper, Charlie Coleman, Jim and Joan Cassatt, and Willis Sneath.

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

It was moved by Commissioner Hoover seconded by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried (Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes) to approve the minutes of the December 8 meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger seconded by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Kough Pittenger, yes; Fluke, yes; Hoover, yes) to approve payment of invoices for the week of December 14.

There was one addition to today's meeting.

James Cassatt and his wife Joan Cassatt addressed the Commissioners regarding the tax increase and the finances of the County. The Commissioners addressed their questions and listened to their concerns on fixed income taxpayers getting a 3mil tax increase. Randy Carper asked if the retirement system had a specific number the County needed to pay toward the annual required contribution. Commissioner Hoover answered yes. The Hay Group provides the figures. Commissioner Fluke said that if it was necessary he would pay the total and lay-off employees rather than fill vacant positions. Joan Cassatt asked why the positions need filled if they are not filled now. Commissioner Kough Pittenger addressed the need to fill the positions because employees are working overtime and double the case loads.

The Solicitor, Scot Gill asked the Commissioners to ratify resolution 30-2009 to petition the court regarding the tax increase. It was moved by Commissioner Hoover seconded by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried (Fluke, yes; Hoover, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to ratify resolution 30-2009.

Scheduled first on the agenda was Maureen Safko and Richard Stahl they went over three items. First Maureen asked the Commissioners to shift funds under the 2008 CDBG contract moving \$30,000 from Penn Twp sewer inflow and infiltration project to Penn Twp housing rehabilitation activity. This would help low income residents to get much needed new lines from their homes to the sewer lines. Commissioner Fluke asked several questions about the CDBG money paying for the carelessness of residents' installation of the original pipes. Richard and Maureen explained how the system differs from other systems, using current septic tanks along with the new system. Commissioner Kough Pittenger pointed out that the Commissioners had previously approved the project. A public hearing was held and no one appeared nor sent written comment. All the money is staying in Penn Twp. Maureen confirmed all was correct. It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger seconded by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Kough Pittenger, yes; Fluke, yes; Hoover, yes) to approve Resolution 31-2009.

Secondly Maureen proposed a change order between Huntingdon County and the engineer at the Shirley Home window design project to The Michael L. Norris & Associates, Inc. together with Jacoby and Trexler for design, bid phase and construction management not to exceed \$11,000. Commissioner Hoover asked where the money will come from. Maureen said they will modify the cost of the windows, maybe using a lower grade of windows. Commissioner Hoover felt it would be better to buy the high grade but not replace every window. Remaining windows can be replaced in the future. Maureen said that would all be considered. Commissioner Fluke also agreed with Commissioner Hoover regarding the quality of the windows. It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger seconded by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Fluke, yes; Hoover, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to approve the change order.

Last Richard presented the changes to the county website. The website will be transferred from DSF to Sharepoint software. Richard said the change needed to be made by early January 2010. The county would have had an employee work months to recreate the site with minimal training. Juniata College provided several students as a project. The students also offered to train the county in Sharepoint. Richard said they would not have the website if not for the students. Commissioner Kough Pittenger asked Richard to write a letter commending the students. Richard went over the changes and will go over the technical changes with the Department Heads. Richard asked the Commissioners sign an agreement with CCAP for the website and a service level agreement for one year. It was moved by Commissioner Hoover seconded by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried (Hoover, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes; Fluke, yes) to sign the agreements with CCAP for one year.

The Commissioners were asked to sign Resolution 32-2009 approving a line of credit for the Area Agency on Aging in the amount of \$750,000. It was moved by Commissioner Hoover seconded by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried (Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes) to approve the resolution.

It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger seconded by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Fluke, yes; Hoover, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to reappoint Tammy Querry McKnight, and Robert Hatala term to the Huntingdon County Library Board.

It was moved by Commissioner Hoover seconded by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried (Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes) to reappoint Michael Kippan to the Juniata Valley Tri-County MHMR Program advisory Board.

It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger seconded by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes) to appoint Todd Snyder and Janice Dick to the Children and Youth Advisory Council.

It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger seconded by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Kough Pittenger, yes; Fluke, yes; Hoover, yes) to ratify resolution 02A-2009 changing the authority from Corporal Stevens to Commissioner Fluke to the DUI task force grant.

It was moved by Commissioner Hoover seconded by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried (Fluke, yes; Hoover, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to accept the resignation of Joe Ferry, corrections officer, effective December 26, 2009.

It was moved by Commissioner Fluke seconded by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried (Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes) to accept the resignation of Cinnamon Bair, Chief Clerk, effective January 1, 2010.

The Commissioners approved payment for 0 Veteran burial allowances, 0 widow/widower burial and 0 bases.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger second by Commissioner Hoover and carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:07 a.m. Minutes prepared by Chief Clerk, Cinnamon L. Bair.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Kough Pittenger, Secretary