

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; Brian Wiser, Keller Engineers; Mark Colussy, Planning Director; and visitors Bruce Pergament, Jim Cassatt, and Daily News Reporter, Garrison Crow.

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 Thomas.

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 June 4th 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 for the last two week.

There were no additions to the agenda today

Commissioner O’Korn congratulated all the recent graduates, and wished them luck during these challenging times. He also offered congratulations to Keller Engineers on a recent award they received.

Bruce Pergament presented a letter Penn Township received from DEP regarding asbestos removal requirements.

Brian Wiser, Keller Engineers was present with several requests. First was a service proposal for Keller Engineers to prepare a plan to replace the timber guiderails on St. Marys bridge. The County bridge crew will complete the work, if approved by Penn DOT. Brian noted that the timber guiderail is not standard and Penn DOT may reject the proposal. However, it is being suggested due to the historic nature of the bridge. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve the service contract as presented.

Brian also addressed two priority one maintenance issues that were discovered during recent bridge inspections. Two of the county bridges have cracks in the beams and being a priority one maintenance issue, Penn DOT requires the issue to be addressed within 6 months. Brian prepared estimates to repair both bridges along with service proposals for Keller Engineers to coordinate the process. The first bridge discussed was county bridge 10, which is Aughwick Mills. The estimated cost to repair the beams is \$40,000 to \$60,000 and the estimated cost of Keller Engineers services is \$7,160.00. Commissioner Thomas asked if Act 13 funds could be used for these projects. Brian stated that these items were not on the TIP list so they do not qualify for Act 13 funds. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the service contract with Keller Engineers to repair the Aughwick Mills bridge. Brian estimates receiving approval by the end of July and the work to be completed by the end of August. The seconde bridge discussed was county bridge 11, which is the Beavertown bridge. The estimated cost of repairs on that bridge is \$30,000 to \$50,000 with Keller Engineers cost of \$7,135. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to approve the service contract with Keller Engineers for the repairs on Beavertown bridge. Commissioner O’Korn noted that each agreement required only one signature. Commissioner O’Korn complimented Brian and Keller Engineers for all their work and support on maintaining county bridge. Brian commented that the bridge crew does a good job and our bridges are a joy to inspect compared to other counties.

Mark Colussy, Planning Director presented three items today. First was an administrative agreement with the County and HCBI to administer the EZ loan program. Mark noted that the \$50,000.00 administrative fee for the grant is no longer being paid by the state and will now be paid from the fund itself. He further stated that the fund is doing well and the fee will be paid from the interest, not the principal. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve the administrative agreement effective July 1, 2013 for a period of one year.

Mark presented a revised contract with DCED for the EZ loan. He stated that due to staff turnover, there was a reduction in administrative costs for year 9 of the program. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner

Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the revision to contract # CZ000050822 between the County and DCED.

Mark presented the grant contract with PHMC to update the County heritage plan. Mark suggested tabling this approval of the contract until a contractor is put in place. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to table the contract as requested.

It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve the annual parking lot lease with Stephen and Kathleen Herr of Pine Grove Mills. The total annual cost of the lease is \$4,633.25.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, no; Thomas, yes) for Commissioners O’Korn and Thomas to attend the CCAP conference August 5th through August 7th, 2013 in Erie PA. The cost of the conference is \$350.00 each and the hotel costs are \$174.00 per person. Commissioner Fluke stated he feels one person should go and bring information back to the others. Commissioner Thomas pointed out that the conferences are very beneficial and information is provided in breakout sessions. Commissioner O’Korn commented on the benefit of the conferences as well and stated he feels they are very beneficial to the County.

There were seven county veteran burial allowances, lettering of a headstone and installation of a base for approval today.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 10:59 a.m. Minutes prepared by Chief Clerk, Michelle Cerett.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary