

Huntingdon, Pa.  
Tuesday, March 27, 2012  
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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 O’Korn and Fluke; Chief Clerk, Michelle Cerett; Solicitor, Peter McManamon; Daily News reporter, Teresa Mull; Altoona Mirror reporter, John Hoffstetler; Lori Sheffield, Elections Coordinator; Joyce Zolten, CYS Director; Warden, Duane Black; visitors Bruce Pergament, Jim Cassatt, and Charlie Coleman.

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.

There were no additions or corrections to the March 20<sup>th</sup> minutes.

It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve the minutes of the March 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (Fluke, yes; O’Korn, yes;) to approve payment of invoices for the last two weeks.

There were no additions to the agenda today.

Commissioner O’Korn reminded the public that a public hearing and special public meeting are being held tomorrow, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 and 2:30 respectfully. The topics will be consideration of the Marcellus Shale impact fee.

There were no items addressed by the Solicitor today.

Lori Sheffield provided deadlines for the upcoming primary and information regarding the newly approved voter ID bill. The deadline to register to vote for the primary recently passed. The deadline to apply for an absentee ballot is April 17<sup>th</sup>. Voted ballots must be returned by 5:00 p.m. on April 20<sup>th</sup>. The voter ID bill does not go into effect until the November election. Voters may vote a provisional ballot if they have no idea but they must provide ID at the Elections office within 6 days in order for their vote to be counted. Photo ID will be provided free of charge by Penn DOT with the completion of the proper affidavit. Absentee voters will be required to supply the last four digits of their drivers license number on the application. State and County ID is appropriate as long as there is an expiration date listed. Military personnel are exempt from the ID law.

Joyce Zolten was present to request a promotion and a new hire. It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to promote Sarah Shaner to Resource coordinator effective March 26, 2012.

It was moved by Commissioner O’Korn to hire Rachelle Hohman as Caseworker effective April 16, 2012. The motion died for lack of a second.

Warden Black requested approval of the jail basement to be used as a central booking station. The new policy has been approved by CJAIB and requires approval of the County, the Judge and the State yet. Implementation of the new policy will allow arresting officers to bring criminals directly to the jail for booking instead of taking them to various MDJ offices. Upon arrival, they will be finger printed and detained until a video arraignment is arranged. The Warden stated their will be a \$300.00 booking fee added to the costs for the criminal, which will allow this program to run at no cost to the County. Upon approval from Commissioners, the Warden will request approval of a court order from the Judge to start charging the fee. If enough income is not generated to get the program started, the booking fee will be refunded to the criminal. It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (Fluke, yes; O’Korn, yes) to approve the use of the basement jail for this program as long as there is no cost to the County.

It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to appoint the following people to the Citizens Advisory Board:

Chester Grissinger  
Robert Wargo  
Margaret Foster  
Gerald Foster  
Luella Coons  
Imogene Blatt  
Augusta Wargo

It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (O’Korn yes; Fluke, yes) to approve the contract with Fred Gutshall and Jennifer Habel to serve as Public Defender and Assistant Public Defender.

It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (Fluke, yes; O’Korn, yes) to approve the lighting revision change order for the Bailey building in the amount of \$1,543.52. This change will address the night time lighting at the Bailey building.

There were no county burial allowance for approval today.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Fluke to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m. Minutes prepared by Chief Clerk, Michelle Cerett.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary