

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; Planning Director, Mark Colussy; Center for Community Action Director, Wendy Melius; Daily News reporter, Kylie Hawn; visitors Mark Sather, Jim Cassatt, Jamie Tell, Mike Hannon, Ted Strosser and Mike McNamara.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Commissioner O’Korn followed by prayer led by Commissioner Fluke 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 September 15th 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 was one personnel item added to the agenda today as well as the consideration of fuel oil bids.

Commissioner O’Korn congratulated Savannah Zanic, Huntingdon County Dairy Princess for being named the Pennsylvania Dairy Princess.

There were two personnel matters for consideration today. First was the consideration of the hiring of a permanent EMA Director. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve the hiring of John Cirko, Jr. as the permanent EMA Director effective September 21st, 2015.

It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the hiring of Lou Ann Shontz as the Veterans Affairs Director effective September 21st, 2015. Commissioner Thomas noted that Lou Ann worked in the Veteran Affairs office for 20 years prior to her moving to the Commissioner’s office 7 years ago.

Michelle provided information on the fuel oil bids she received. She noted that no bids were received during the bidding process so she contacted the two vendors that provided bids last year. She received a bid from Alexandria Energy products of \$.24 above rack price. She also received a bid from Bumgardner and Flasher Oil for a cost of \$.18 above rack price or a fixed rate of \$2.40 per gallon. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to approve the contract with Bumgardner and Flasher Oil for a cost of \$.18 above rack cost.

Wendy Melius provided information on the close out of the 2014-2015 Human Services block grant. The grant covers the homeless assistance program, which helps individuals facing homeless situations. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the 2014-2015 human service close out report as presented.

Mark Colussy presented an engineering agreement with Strosser Architecture and Conservation, Inc for the engineering services on the clock tower. Mark noted that the County received a \$50,000.00 grant from PHMC and the grant required a 100% match from the County for a total of \$100,000.00. The agreement is in the amount of \$12,500.00 and will cover the design development, construction documents, bidding and construction administration. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to approve the agreement as presented. Ted Strosser was present and noted that if there are any changes made to the design of the tower, they will be based on historical photographs. Commissioner Fluke noted that the county maintenance crew is willing and able to do some of the work.

There were no Veteran burial allowances for approval today.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 a.m. Minutes prepared by Michelle L. Cerett, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary