

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; Grant Administrator, Maureen Safko; CYS Administrator, Joyce Zolten; Veterans Affairs Director/Recycling Coordinator, Lou Ann Shontz; United Way Director, Kathy Armelli; Daily News reporter, Kylie Hawn; visitors Bob Seiber, Jim Cassatt, Jamie Fell, and Mike Hannon.

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

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 22nd 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 were no additions to the agenda, announcements, public comments or matters addressed by the Solicitor today.

Commissioner O’Korn thanked Lou Ann Shontz for the service she will be providing to the Veterans. Lou Ann was promoted to Veterans Affairs Director last week. He also noted that it has been decided that Lou Ann will continue as the Recycling Coordinator in addition to her VA Director position. Lou Ann Shontz presented the 904 Performance grant application for consideration today. She stated that in 2014, there were 1,733.81 tons of residential material recycled and 6,512.17 tons of Commercial material recycled. She stated that this slightly increased from 2013 and she also noted that Huntingdon Borough does their own 904 grant so their numbers are not included in her report. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve the 904 grant application as presented. Lou Ann also stated that the Household Hazardous Waste collection this past weekend went very well and was successful.

Mark Colussy and Maureen Safko were present today with several requests. Mark requested to have an Administrative Agreement with Huntingdon Borough on today’s agenda. After speaking with the Borough, he stated that agreement is not ready for consideration and he suggested tabling it until a future meeting. It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to table the Administrative Agreement with Huntingdon Borough until a future meeting.

Mark presented the Planning Commissions transportation project ranking recommendation for consideration. The recommendation has been compiled with the help of Southern Alleghenies, Planning and Development Commission, the Rural Transportation Technical committee and the Rural Transportation Coordinating committee. After review of the recommendation, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to approve the transportation ranking recommendation as approved by the Planning Commission.

Mark and Maureen presented the preliminary 3 year CDBG plan for consideration. The plan covers 2015 through 2017 and includes projects for Wood Township, Mapleton Borough, Mount Union Borough, Marklesburg Borough, and Alexandria Borough. After discussion and review of the projects, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve the preliminary 3 year CDBG plan as presented.

Lastly, Mark presented information on the Administrative Agreement for the Appalachian Regional Commission grant. The grant is for Huntingdon, Blair, Bedford and Fulton Counties to develop a regional 911 emergency system. Huntingdon County is administering the grant funds, therefore Mark thought it best for Blair, Bedford and Fulton to approve the Administrative Agreement before Huntingdon County. Michelle has coordinated the approval with the other three counties and has received their signature pages back. Therefore, Mark presented the agreement for the Huntingdon County Commissioners to consider. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the Administrative Agreement as presented.

Joyce Zolten requested four staff to attend the October PCYA conference in State College. The total cost to the County is \$40.00 and there are no overnight accommodations needed. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to approve the training request as presented.

Kathy Armelli, United Way Director was present today for consideration of a Proclamation honoring United Way Day of Caring, which is September 30th. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to proclaim September 30th, 2015 as the United Way Day of Caring in Huntingdon County. Kathy was presented with a framed copy of the Proclamation.

Due to the permanent appointment of John Cirko to the EMA Director position, it was necessary to consider appointing him to the South Central Mountains Regional Terrorism Task Force. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to appoint John Cirko, Jr. as the County representative on the South Central Mountains Regional Terrorism Task Force

It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O'Korn, yes) to accept the resignation of William Harker, Corrections Officer from the County jail effective October 2nd, 2015.

Michelle requested to move Sarah Helton from part-time, as needed to permanent full time due to Lou Ann Shontz moving to the Veterans Affairs office. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O'Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve Sarah Helton to move to full-time effective September 21st, 2015.

There were two Veteran burial allowances approved today.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 10:54 a.m. Minutes prepared by Michelle L. Cerett, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary