

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; Solicitor, Pete McManamon; Planning Director, Mark Colussy; Grant Administrator, Maureen Safko; Register and Recorder, Jinny Cooper; Sheriff, Bill Walters; Warden, Duane Black; Daily News Reporter, Zach Myers; and visitors Bill Hoover, Larry Burger, Valerie Burnett, Bruce Pergament, Jim Cassatt.

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 December 9th 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 the bills.

There was one personnel issue to be noted at the end of the meeting.

There were no announcements or public comments today.

Solicitor McManamon made a recommendation to award the 2015 Tax Anticipation Note to Mifflin County Savings Bank. They were the low bidder with an interest rate of .79%. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to award the 2015 TAN to Mifflin County Savings bank at an interest rate of .79%.

First on the agenda today was the consideration of the 2015 proposed budget. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the 2015 budget as advertised. Jim Cassatt inquired about the 90% reimbursement of CYS expenses. Commissioner Thomas stated that there were a lot of new mandates that affected the budget. He also stated there was a lot put in to that budget because if we weren’t prepared for it, we would have to pay 100% of the expense. He finished by saying that just because it’s in the budget, doesn’t mean we will spend all of it.

Mark Colussy, Planning Director and Maureen Safko, Grant Administrator presented three resolutions to be considered as part of the CDBG three year plan. Maureen stated that the application is due on January 3rd, 2015. The three year plan includes \$231,996.00 for the County plan and \$84,900.13 for Smithfield Township. Maureen stated that all the advertising and meetings requirements have been met. After further discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to approve resolution 20-2014 authorizing the application of the CDBG three year plan for Huntingdon County and Smithfield Township as presented.

As part of the CDBG application process, the County is required to set Minority and Women Business Enterprise goals. The goal for the three year plan is 8%, which includes 5% for Minority Businesses and 3% for Women Business Enterprises. Maureen presented a resolution outlining these goals and including a plan to include these businesses in the bidding process. After further discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to adopt resolution 21-2014, thereby setting the goals as presented.

The last resolution presented as part of the three year plan, is a Fair housing resolution. This resolution outlines the goals to prevent discrimination in the access to and financing of housing. Maureen stated that she does at least one new public education activity a year in the County to make residents aware of their Civil rights regarding housing and access to funding for housing. After further discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to adopt resolution 22-2014 as presented.

Mark Colussy discussed the need to complete the Certification of County funds for Agricultural Conservation easement. He stated that the form is due by December 31st but he does not have the final numbers yet. He will be on vacation the next few weeks and recommended the Commissioners consider the approval of the form once the numbers are received. No action was taken at this time.

Mark recommended the re-appointment of three members to the County Planning Commission.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (Fluke, no; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to re-appointment Virginia Gill to the Planning Commission for an additional term beginning January 1, 2015 and ending December 31st, 2019.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to re-appoint Jeremy Crouse to the Planning Commission for an additional term beginning January 1, 2015 and ending December 31st, 2019.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, no; Thomas, yes) to re-appoint Wendy Melius to the Planning Commission for an additional term beginning January 1, 2015 and ending December 31st, 2019.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas with regret, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to accept the resignation of Kristen Croyle, Elections Coordinator/Deputy Chief Clerk effective December 31st, 2014. Commissioner O’Korn stated that Kristen has been here roughly a year and has done a fine job in her two positions.

It was moved by Commissioner O’Korn with regret, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to accept the resignation of Marie McClain, temporary/part-time Mapping Specialist effective December 11th, 2014. Michelle noted that the resignation coincides with the return of Grant Wills, who was off on a Military leave of absence. Commissioner Thomas thanked Marie for filling in while Grant was serving our country.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the amendment to the Purchase of service agreement with Youth Advocate Programs.

Solicitor McManamon presented a resolution to coincide with the approval of the 2015 TAN. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to approve resolution 23-2014.

Commissioner Fluke requested an Executive session to discuss a personnel matter. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas to enter Executive session at 10:19 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:33 a.m. Commissioner O’Korn noted that no action was taken during the Executive session.

There were two county veteran burial allowances approved today.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 10:37 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary