

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; CYS Administrator, Joyce Zolten; Planning Director, Mark Colussy; EMA Director, Adam Miller; CCA Director, Wendy Melius, CCA Grant administrator, Stacey Tice, Smithfield Township supervisor, Doyland Gladfelter; Sustainability club members, Pam Grugan and Samantha Spayd; Daily News Reporter, Garrison Crow and visitors Jane Sheffield, Dennis Hammel, Leslie Lykens, Charlie Coleman, Kevin Fluke, Jim Cassatt and Bruce Pergament.

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 Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the minutes of the October 1st meeting.

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

There was one addition today that will be addressed at the end of the meeting.

Michelle announced that Kristen Croyle will begin her duties as the new Deputy Chief Clerk on October 9th, 2013.

Kevin Fluke offered public comment today and expressed concern over recent action of the Planning Commission. He stated that the special meeting that was held last week was not advertised properly. He also stated that some of the actions taken did not have the required vote count for the motion to be carried. After reviewing the by laws and getting the details on the vote, Solicitor McManamon agreed that one action was not carried properly. Mark Colussy is on the agenda later so the issue will be discussed further at that time.

Leslie Lykens also offered public comment and requested a private meeting with the Commissioners to discuss a concern. Michelle asked Leslie to contact her after the meeting and she would arrange the meeting.

There were no items addressed by the Solicitor today.

Wendy Melius and Stacey Tice from Center for Community action were present to request approval of two documents related to the PHARE grant. They were granted \$125,000.00 for the renovations of the 2nd floor of their building to be used for housing for mental health intellectual disabilities clients, veterans and low income clients. Wendy stated that the 2nd floor has been vacant since the 1950’s and will require extensive renovations. The total cost of the renovations is expected to be between \$350,000.00 and \$380,000.00 and she has additional options for funding to complete the project. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, no) to approve the commitment letter for this project as presented. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, no; Thomas, yes) to approve the project description for the project as presented.

Pam Grugan and Samantha Spayd requested adoption of a proclamation to recognize International Walk To School Day, which is October 9th. Pam also invited the Commissioners to join the students in their walk to Juniata Valley school. It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to adopt the resolution as presented.

Adam Miller presented the EMPG grant in the amount of \$41,780.00. The grant covers salaries and benefits for emergency management personnel and will cover a period of October 1st, 2012 through December 31st, 2013. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve the grant as presented. Adam also announced that he graduated 25 CERT members from local schools. He was very impressed with how well the students did and congratulated them on their accomplishment.

Doyland Gladfelter requested a letter of support from the Commissioners for a grant through the Greenway’s mini grant program for the riverside park. The amount requested is \$4,950.00 and the township will provide an equal match. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried

(O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the letter of support as presented. Doyland also asked the Commissioners to consider the state of our economy when they do the 2014 budget.

Joyce Zolten presented three purchase of service agreements for approval today. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to approve the purchase of service agreement with Attorney Michael Gingrich for a period of July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve the purchase of service agreement with Attorney Christopher Wencker for a period of July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the purchase of service agreement with the Bair Foundation for a period of July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014.

Mark Colussy was present to recommend approval of two projects through the Act 13 legacy fund grant program. Solicitor McManamon addressed the concerns Kevin Fluke raised earlier. He stated that after reviewing the information from the meeting, one of the items did not receive the proper votes to pass. Commissioner O’Korn suggested an executive session to review the details of the grant program. Kevin Fluke stated this is not an appropriate reason for an executive session, therefore it was decided to recess instead. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (Fluke,no; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to recess the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:52 a.m. and Michelle provided everyone with copies of the grant program guidelines. The guidelines state that the Commissioners have final approval of the projects. Commissioner O’Korn asked Solicitor McManamon if it was appropriate for the Commissioners to approve the two projects presented despite the concerns with the voting by the Planning Commission. Solicitor McManamon stated that the Commissioners have the proper authority to act without approval from the Planning Commission but he feels it is best to follow the process as outlined in the program, which states that the Planning Commission approve the projects prior to final approval by the Commissioners. Therefore, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve the project for Mount Union Borough in the amount of \$10,000.00. Commissioner Thomas stated that all three Commissioners have approved documents in the past supporting Greenways open spaces and recreation. He further stated these projects are part of the comprehensive plan, which is approved by the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Thomas also pointed out that all the projects requested under the Act 13 legacy funds meet the requirements of the comprehensive plan. Commissioner Fluke disagreed and stated he never approved a blank check. He further stated that the Act 13 money can be saved for future use. Commissioner Thomas pointed out that the money being used for this grant program is only one year of Marcellus Shale money.

During the quarterly Area Agency on Aging meeting yesterday, Alan Smith requested each county adopt a resolution granting the AAA permission to approve \$750,000.00 line of credit loan with Susquehanna Bank for a period of November 25, 2013 through November 24, 2014. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (O’Korn,yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to adopt resolution 19-2013 approving the line of credit as requested.

There was one county veteran burial allowance approved today.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Fluke to adjourn the meeting at 11:17 a.m. Minutes prepared by Chief Clerk, Michelle Cerett.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary