

Huntingdon, Pa.
Tuesday March 1, 2011
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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 Fluke and Kough Pittenger; Chief Clerk, Michelle Cerett; Solicitor, Peter McManamon; Ken Tucker, Chief Tax Assessor; George German, Daily News; and visitors Bruce Pergament, Jen Clark, Willis Sneath, Aaron Martin, Charlie Coleman, Jim and Joan Cassatt.

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m. by Vice Chairman Fluke followed by Prayer led by Michelle Cerett and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Commissioner Fluke.

There were no additions or corrections to the February 22nd minutes.

It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to approve the minutes of the February 22nd meeting.

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

There were no additions to the agenda today.

There were no public comments today.

There were no items to be addressed by the Solicitor today.

First on the agenda today was Ken Tucker, Chief Tax Assessor. Ken presented two tax exemption requests to the Commissioners for approval. The first one is from the Salvation Army for the property recently purchased from a church. At this time, all three buildings on this property are exempt but the request is being made due to the name of ownership. The house that is included is currently exempt, however Ken is recommending adding it back to the tax rolls because Parish halls are no longer exempt under case law. The new owners intend to remove the house and use the space for storage. At that time, Ken will recommend exempt status for that parcel. It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to continue exempt status for parcel #21-03-03.6 and 21-03-04 and to remove exempt status for parcel #21-03-07.

The second property is owned by the Community center. They are in the process of tearing down the house and the property will be used as an access point to a building next door which is in use by the Community center. It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Kough Pittenger, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve exempt status for parcel #18-03-70.

Ken also provided the Commissioners with an update on anticipated tax revenue. Ken recently completed printing 28,079 tax bills and noted that there are 1,190 properties in tax exempt status. Face real estate taxes for the County are \$7,700,052.24 and County Face per capita equals \$122,525.00 for total Face taxes of \$7,822,577.24

It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to appoint Lorri Shideler to the Huntingdon County Visitors Bureau for a term of three years.

It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Kough Pittenger, yes; Fluke, yes) to re-appoint Raymond Morningstar and Scott Brown to the Ag Land Preservation Board for a term of three years.

It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to appoint Chris Shook to the Ag Land Preservation Board for a term of three years.

It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried (Kough Pittenger, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve family medical leave for Peggy Wilson until March 24, 2011.

The Commissioners were presented with a request to approve the SAVIN (state automated victim information and notification system) contract for 2011. The SAVIN program notifies victims and families of inmates of their release from prison, changes in address, etc. The cost to the County is \$388.50 per year and is partially reimbursed through PCCD. It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to approve the renewal of the SAVIN contract.

It was noted for the public that the salary board scheduled for 1:30 today has been cancelled.

The Commissioners approved one veteran burial allowance.

Willis Sneath asked for an update on the status of the tax exemption for the Penn State properties. Solicitor McManamon stated that he has been in contact with them to set up a meeting.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:24 a.m. Minutes prepared by Chief Clerk, Michelle Cerett.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Kough Pittenger, Secretary