

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; Planning Director, Richard Stahl; Grant Administrator, Maureen Safko; Veterans Director, Steve Lane; Daily News reporter, Theresa Mull; Altoona Mirror reporter, John Hoffstetler; visitors Bruce Pergament, and Jim Cassatt.

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.

There were no additions or corrections to the May 8th minutes.

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 May 8th meeting.

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

There was one addition to the agenda today. The Military order of the Cooties are holding their annual rally in Huntingdon County this year. They asked that a proclamation be passed in support of their work. They will be holding various events later in the week, including a ceremony the Commissioners will participate in. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to adopt a proclamation in support of the Military order of the Cooties.

Solicitor McManamon had no items to address today.

Jim Cassatt informed the Commissioners that stray cats are doing damage to insulation around the cooling units at the Domestic Relations building. Commissioner O’Korn stated he will have the maintenance department check in to it.

Richard Stahl and Maureen Safko were present for final approval of the CBDG three year plan. The plan was presented two weeks ago and required meetings have been held. Being that they received no suggested changes, they are asking for final approval of the plan and permission to submit the plan to DCED. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the three year plan and adopt resolution 3-2012, which authorizes the filing of the plan.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to accept the resignation of Jeremiah Kanagy from the probation office effective May 18th, 2012.

Andy Patterson from the Conservation District requested the appointment of two board members as well as the appointment of the Chairman of the Ag land preservation board. Both appointments will fill unexpired terms and will expire of December 31st, 2014. Commissioner Fluke has concerns about one of the appointees because the person is an employee of the Conservation District. He feels this is a conflict of interest. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes, Fluke, no) to appoint Ryan Senft to the Ag land preservation board.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to appoint Ann Kyper Reynolds to the Ag land preservation board.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (Fluke, no; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to appoint Mark Brown as Chairman of the Ag land preservation board. Commissioner Fluke commented that he feels this is a conflict as well because Mr. Brown received support from the Ag land preservation. Commissioner Thomas commented that all farmers are eligible for this program, however there are very strict guidelines to qualify. He also stated that the program may struggle over the next two years due to budget cuts. Commissioner O’Korn stated that he had concerns as well and met with Andy Patterson. After meeting with him, he feels confident that there are no conflicts of interest with the board.

There were five veteran burials for approved today.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Fluke to adjourn the meeting at 10:04 a.m.
Minutes prepared by Chief Clerk, Michelle Cerett.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary