

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; Register and Recorder, Jinny Cooper; Daily news reporter, Kylie Hawn; visitors Mark Sather, Jim Cassatt, and Mike Hannon.

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 September 1st 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 was one new hire and the consideration of fuel oil bids added to the agenda today.

Commissioner Thomas congratulated residents of the Broad Top for the 50th year picnic. Commissioner O’Korn congratulated two State champions from the County. Dave and Deb Jadlocki of Miller Township recently won the State Championship in Horseshoes.

There were no public comments or matters addressed by the Solicitor today.

Mark Colussy and Maureen Safko were present today with a training request. Maureen would like to attend a mandatory CDBG training offered by DCED. The training will be September 21st and 22nd and there is no charge for the training. The only expenses incurred will be travel, meals and one-night lodging, which will be reimbursed through the CDBG administrative costs. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve the training request as presented.

Commissioner O’Korn entertained a motion to consider the hiring of a new Veteran Affairs Director. No motion was made.

Michelle requested the hiring of Sarah Helton, part-time as needed Office Assistant in the Commissioner’s Office. She stated Heather Boonie accepted a full time position outside the County and is available to work on a very limited basis. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the hiring of Sarah Helton with an effective date to be determined.

Michelle also presented information on the 2015 Loss Prevention grant for consideration. The grant is offered through PCoRP in the amount of \$15,000.00 and there is no county match. The grant was submitted previously but one of items was declined. The revised grant application includes replacement of bullet-proof vests for the Sheriff’s office and Probation Department and security cameras for the Commissioner’s Office. There will also be several places that the maintenance department will replace and repair concrete and blacktop around the County buildings. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to approve the grant submission as presented.

Michelle stated that the annual advertising has been completed for fuel oil bids but no bids were received. The current contract is in place until September 14th. Commissioner O’Korn suggested contacting local providers and requesting a price quote. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to authorize Michelle to contact local oil providers for prices.

Jinny Cooper requested approval to hire Sarah Snare to fill the vacancy in her office. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, no; Thomas, yes) to approve the hiring of Sarah Snare, Deputy Register and Recorder effective September 14th, 2015.

Commissioner O’Korn again entertained a motion to consider the hiring of a new Veteran Affairs Director. No motion was made.

There were no Veteran burial allowances for approval today.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 9:59 a.m. Minutes prepared by Michelle L. Cerett, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary