

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; CYS Administrator, Joyce Zolten; EMA Administrative Assistant, Jennifer Kann; Daily News Reporter, Zach Myers; and visitors Mike Hannon, 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 Fluke and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Commissioner Thomas.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas to approve the minutes of the October 14th meeting. The motion died for lack of a second. Commissioner Fluke expressed concern with the minutes stating that two weeks ago, when Jean Collins from Huntingdon County was present and addressed concerns about comment he made at another meeting, the recorder of the minutes used 128 words. The following week when Bruce Pergament made comments countering Jeans statistics, the recorder of the minutes used 13 words and Huntingdon House was not mentioned. He feels that is a biased opinion and he doesn’t feel that should be brought to the minutes of the County Commissioners. After further discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, no) to table the approval of the October 14th minutes pending corrections. Commissioner Thomas commented that he feels the minutes are correct. Michelle offered comment stating that the comments made last week were not supported by factual information from a specific source, therefore she doesn’t consider them to be part of the official minutes of the Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Thomas stated that Bruce’s comments from last week’s meeting were his own opinion of what abuse is. He further stated that Bruce’s comments indicated abuse could be as much as screaming at someone or being smacked around by a frat boy and he considers that abuse. Bruce rebutted stating that he doesn’t disagree with that, he was saying it could be a one-time thing and for 60 years, it doesn’t occur again.

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 were no additions to the agenda today.

Commissioner O’Korn commented on a Daily news article related to volunteer fire fighters. He asked people to consider becoming a volunteer and referred them to the website, which is www.becomeavolunteerfighter.org. He also passed along information from Adam Miller regarding the Ebola virus. Adam stated that a significant amount of preparatory activity, planning and inter-agency communication is occurring and they are being pro-active should a case develop in the area. He encouraged companies, agencies and families to review their preparedness plan for this and other emergencies.

Bruce Pergament offered public comment to clarify information from last week. Commissioner Thomas stated that Bruce’s comments conflict what he said last week. With the comments that he made, he indicated he was against helping domestic abuse victims. Bruce stated that he was misunderstood and he is not against helping victims of domestic abuse.

Solicitor McManamon has a resolution for consideration, which he will do at the end of the meeting.

First on the agenda today was Joyce Zolten, CYS Administrator with consideration of two Purchase of Service agreements and a hiring request. 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 Huntingdon County Child and Adult Development for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

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 Arrow Child and Family Ministries for a period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to approve the hiring of Ellen Hess, Social Service Aide effective October 27th, 2014.

Jennifer Kann presented the 2014/2015 Hazardous Materials Response fund grant for approval. The grant is for a period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve the Hazardous Materials Response grant in the amount of \$9,228.00 as requested.

Solicitor McManamon presented resolution 16-2014 for consideration. The resolution is to authorize and direct issuance of the general obligation note in the amount of \$700,000.00. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve resolution 16-2014 as presented.

There were six County Veteran burial allowances and installation of two headstones approved today.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary