

Huntingdon, PA
Tuesday, April 7, 2009
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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, Hoover, and Kough Pittenger; Scot Gill, Solicitor; Chief Clerk, Cinnamon Bair; Alan Popovich, HP Architects; Richard Stahl, Planning Director; Lou Ann Shontz, Recycling Coordinator; Ken Tucker, Chief Tax Assessor; George Germann, The Daily News; Jeff Gill, Altoona Mirror; and two visitors for the bid opening.

The meeting was called to order at 9:33 a.m. by Chairman Fluke followed by Prayer led by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Commissioner Hoover.

It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger seconded by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to approve the minutes of the March 31 meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Hoover seconded by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried (Fluke, yes; Hoover, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to approve payment of invoices for the week of April 6.

There were no additions to today's meeting.

There was no public comment.

There were no matters addressed by the Solicitor.

First on the agenda was the opening for the mechanical and plumbing bid and electrical bid for the second floor of the Fisher Bailey Building. Alan Popovich the project Architect opened and read the bids out loud for all present. The apparent low bidder was Southern Contractors from Three Springs on both the mechanical and plumbing bid and the electrical bid. Alan will review the bid packets and at the next Commissioner meeting recommend the best bid for each project. Alan explained to the Commissioners that it was necessary to upgrade the second floor first because of the separate hook ups and new regulations. The second floor upon completion will tie into the other parts of the building.

Next, scheduled on the agenda, Richard Stahl, Planning Director; Richard came to the meeting today to recommend the telecommunication bid be awarded to Moorefield Communications. Moorefield will expand the current system and a new system will be installed in the Fisher Bailey Building. The other bidder ECS opted to price a VOIP system. The VOIP system would require all new hardware and the upfront cost is much higher. Commissioner Hoover asked if the VOIP system would be a greater savings in the future. Richard said that the savings comes from a PRI service with the phone company. Richard told the Commissioners that he was in the process of setting up the PRI for the County with another vendor, Grudi Associates. The PRI will also save the County money in conjunction with the proposed system from Moorefield. Commissioner Fluke said he did not see the two systems as "an apple to apple, rather an apple to an orange". Richard explained the RFP went out not specifying a system only the needs the County would require in a phone system. Richard told the Commissioners that the VOIP system has more "bells and whistles" than the IWATSU (current county system), but at this time the County employees do not have a need or may not want to learn a complicated system. Richard also informed the Commissioners that the IWATSU system can in the future be converted to VOIP. Commissioner Kough Pittenger asked if expanding the system would keep the county current with updated phone systems. Richard answered yes. Richard said that the system has optional software he recommends, to allow billing to be broken down by department. Commissioner Fluke asked if this system would last five years with the new technology. Richard said the RFP requested a ten year solution and he was assured by the bidders that these systems would. Commissioner Hoover stated that he could not see buying a ten year system with a forty year line of credit. It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Hoover, no; Kough Pittenger, yes) to award the telecommunication bid to Moorefield Communications in the amount of \$29,915.

Next on the Agenda were Lou Ann Shontz, Recycling Coordinator and Richard Stahl to ask the Commissioners to sign an agreement with Centre County and Clean Ventures, Inc., Baltimore Maryland to provide household hazardous waste collection. The agreement in the amount of \$91,246.39 will be paid half by the household hazardous waste grant and half by The South Central Solid Waste Authority. Commissioner Fluke asked why the change from the Chemsweep program with the Department of Agriculture. Lou Ann said the Chemsweep program was not going to be run in Pennsylvania this year. She said that she thought they plan to run it every other year. Lou Ann said that Fulton County has signed with Centre County, but Bedford County was not, they have another Company and only run their program every other year. It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger seconded by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Fluke, yes; Hoover, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to sign the agreement.

Lou Ann told the Board that she would like to hold an Identity Theft Protection Day. Lou Ann has made tentative arrangements with Burgmeier Hauling to allow citizens to at no charge shred paperwork in a secure environment and not take it to a landfill that could possibly be used to steal personal information. It was moved by Commissioner Hoover seconded by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried (Fluke, yes; Hoover, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to approve Lou Ann having an Identity Theft Protection Day. The date Lou Ann had arranged is May 9, 2009 in the Courthouse parking lot from 8am to 1pm.

Ken Tucker attended the Commissioner meeting to request on behalf of the Mill Creek Volunteer Fire Company to exempt a parcel in Mill Creek Borough. The Fire Department will use the property to have training for its volunteers and other companies in the area. The brick building will not be torn down. Commissioner Kough Pittenger asked if other Fire Companies have done this. Ken said no. Scot asked if the other taxing entities will be notified to be given a chance to appeal the decision. Ken said he will check to see if it is required. In the past he did not think they were not given that opportunity. It was moved by Commissioner Hoover seconded by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried (Kough Pittenger, yes; Fluke, yes; Hoover, yes) to allow exemption for parcel 28-03-18 for the purpose of fire training.

The Commissioners approved payment for 2 Veteran burial allowances, 0 widow/widower burial allowances and 2 bases.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger second by Commissioner Hoover and carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Kough Pittenger, Secretary