

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; Warden, Duane Black; HCBI Director, Amy Wise; EMA Director, Adam Miller; Employment & Training Representatives Terry Sheffield and Deb Scalia; Treasurer, Bobbi Jo Gearhart; Deputy Treasurer, Susan Harry; Daily news reporter, Kylie Hawn; visitors Mark Sather, Jim Cassatt, Mike and Nancy McNamara.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Commissioner O’Korn followed by prayer led by Commissioner O’Korn and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Commissioner Fluke.

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 August 25th 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 a Resolution and a new hire added to the agenda today.

Commissioner O’Korn congratulated Acco Brands for their recent 50th year celebration. He stated that they have been in Alexandria Borough for 50 years and will be celebrating 150 years of existence in a few years.

Jim Cassatt offered public comment this morning regarding on-call pay for County employees. He asked if the on-call pay was the same for all county employees. Michelle stated that they are not the same. Most are negotiated as part of the union contracts and the others are set by salary board. Nancy McNamara offered public comment on the job posting for the EMA Director position. She expressed dissatisfaction because the position was not posted in the Daily News. Michelle stated that all job postings are posted on employee bulletins, on the County website and on the Careerlink website. She also stated that due to cost constraints, ads are rarely placed in the Daily News.

There were no matters addressed by the Solicitor today.

Deb Scalia, Terry Sheffield and Bobbi Jo Gearhart were present today with two requests related to the Medical Assistance Transportation Program (MATP). First was the agreement with the State to continue the program for 2015/2016. Deb stated that the 2015/2016 tentative allocation for Huntingdon County is \$706,410, which represents an increase over last year of \$71,598.00. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve the 2015/2016 MATP Agreement effective July 1st, 2015 as presented. Deb stated that due to the budget impasse, no money has been issued to clients since July and they have laid off one full time staff member. She also stated that CART and over van providers have continued to provide services despite the lack of payment.

Next was the agreement with the County and the Employment & Training agency for the administration of the MATP program for 2015/2016. The allocation to Huntingdon County for the administration of the contract is \$7,800.00 and the remaining \$698,610.00 will be for the services. It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the agreement with Employment & Training for the administration of the MATP Program. Terry Sheffield commented on the effects of the budget impasse as well. He stated that Career link has laid off three staff members and limited programs but he feels they will be able to get by with the line of credit until October. They are also holding bills as much as possible.

Mark Colussy and Maureen Safko presented two requests today. First was the execution of the 2014 CDBG Entitlement contract with DCED for Huntingdon County and Smithfield Township. The total amount of the contract is \$316,909.00. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to sign the contract as presented for a period of August 5th, 2015 through August 4th, 2020.

The second item presented was an agreement with Weatherization, Inc. for the administration of the HOME Grant. The grant has been approved in the amount of \$350,000.00 to do housing rehabilitation to twelve homes in Broad Top Borough. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve the administrative agreement with Weatherization, Inc. as presented effective September 1st, 2015.

Adam Miller, EMA Director presented two grant agreements for consideration. First was the Emergency Management Planning Grant, which pays salaries and benefits for the EMA Director and his staff. The amount of the grant is \$46,383.00 and covers a period of October 1, 2014 through December 31, 2015. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the grant as requested.

The second item presented was the approval of the 2015 State Homeland Security Grant. This grant covers an eight County area and is 100% Federal funded. The amount of the 2015 grant is \$494,056 and is used by all eight counties to purchase a variety of items to be used by law enforcement in the event of an emergency. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to

approve the contract as presented. Commissioner Thomas thanked Adam for his hard work in bringing such grants to the County.

Next on the agenda was consideration of the hiring of an interim EMA Director to serve until a permanent replacement is hired. Adam suggested the hiring of John R. Cirko Jr., who is a current volunteer in the EMA office. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O'Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to hire John R. Cirko Jr., Interim EMA Director effective September 4th, 2015. Commissioner Thomas noted that this is an interim position only and the interview process will be completed for a permanent replacement.

Along with the hiring of John Cirko, Adam suggested delegating him as the County authority on the South Central Mountains Regional Terrorism Task Force Executive Board. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O'Korn and carried (O'Korn, yes; Fluke, no; Thomas, yes) to delegate the authority to John R. Cirko as suggested. It was noted that this is an interim appointment as well and is only in effect until a permanent replacement is selected. Commissioner Fluke expressed concern about the appointment influencing the hiring. Commissioner Thomas stated that the County has to have an EMA Director in place in case of an emergency.

Michelle provided a professional services contract she received from Mission Critical for consideration. Commissioner O'Korn stated that the contract is for shared services in conjunction with the regional agreement with Huntingdon, Blair, Bedford and Fulton counties for the regionalization of 911 infrastructure. The total amount for the region is \$125,000.00 and Huntingdon Counties share is \$35,000.00. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O'Korn, yes) to approve the professional services contract as requested.

Amy Wise, HCBI Executive Director presented information on the Keystone Opportunities Zone. The current designation of the Zone expires December 31st, 2015 and she is requesting to renew it for an additional ten years. She stated that the approval would need to come from the County as well as Shirley Township and Mount Union Area School Board. The Township and the School Board have both approved the ten year renewal. Amy presented resolution 18-2015 for consideration, which outlines the extension to the designation as presented. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; O'Korn, yes; Thomas, yes) to adopt resolution 18-2015 as requested to extend the designation of the KOZ for a period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2026.

Warden Black was present with two personnel requests, which were both approved by the Prison board last week. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (O'Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the promotion of James (Scott) Reynolds from part-time to full-time effective August 23rd, 2015. It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O'Korn, yes) to approve the hiring of Clinton Ripple, Part-time Corrections Officer effective August 31st, 2015.

There were three Veteran burial allowances for approval today.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 10:51 a.m. Minutes prepared by Michelle L. Cerett, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary