

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; Grant Administrator, Maureen Safko; Planning Director, Mark Colussy; Wendy Melius, Center for Community Action Director; Stacey Tice, Center for Community Action; Sheriff, Bill Walters; Daily News Reporter Zach Myers and visitor Bruce Pergament.

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.

It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve of the minutes of the June 17th 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 personnel item added to the agenda today.

Commissioner Thomas noted that the Courthouse construction is coming along well. Commissioner O’Korn congratulated Paul Geist, Huntingdon Fiberglass. Paul announced yesterday that he recently hired 23 employees for the plant.

Bruce Pergament expressed concern about the recent hiring of an additional employee for the Register and Recorder’s office as well as the UPI position. He stated that with the digitization of records, additional staff should not be needed.

There were no matters addressed by the Solicitor today.

Wendy Melius, Center for Community Action requested signature of the revised Emergency Solutions grant contract. The grant assisted 182 individuals in Huntingdon County. Due to a delay in receiving the contract, there was \$38,000.00 of the grant money which was unspent, which is the reason for the revision. The additional funds are being returned to the State for reallocation to other counties. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve the amendment to contract number C000053462 for the period of October 19, 2012 through August 14, 2014.

Mark Colussy, Planning Director and Maureen Safko, Grant Administrator requested permission to apply for the Emergency Solutions grant. The total amount requested is \$165,000.00 and begins October 1, 2014. Center for Community Action will receive \$100,000.00 for Rapid re-housing and homeless prevention. Huntingdon County will receive \$60,000.00 to assist with renovations and operating expenses at Huntingdon House. The remaining \$5,000.00 will cover the administration fees. After further discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to adopt resolution 11-2014, authorizing Maureen to submit the grant application as requested.

Michelle provided information on a parking lot less with Kathleen Herr of Pine Grove Mills. The lease has been in place for several years and is for the parking lot behind Annex II. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to approve the parking lot lease at an annual cost of \$4,759.23.

It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas with regret to accept the resignation of Thomas Green, Corrections officer effective June 23, 2014.

There were two county veteran burial allowances and lettering of two existing headstones for approval today.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 10:14 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary