

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 Hoover, and Kough Pittenger; Chief Clerk, Michelle Cerett, Solicitor, Peter McManamon; Commissioner Elect, Jeff Thomas; Brian Young, Mapping Director; Rich Irvin, Treasurer; George Germann, Daily News; John Hoffstetler, Altoona Mirror, and visitors Charlie Coleman, Deb Hoover, Bruce Pergament, Susan Hartman, Larry Burger, Dan Nead, and Jim Cassatt.

The Meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Commissioner Hoover followed by Prayer led by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Commissioner Hoover.

There were no additions or corrections to the December 20th minutes.

It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger, second by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Hoover, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to approve the minutes of the December 20th meeting.

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

There were no additions to the agenda today.

Commissioner Hoover informed the public that the Prison board meeting scheduled for 1:30 today is cancelled. He also shared an email from Tammy McKnight expressing gratitude for the awarding of the Runk Bridge project.

Susan Hartman, Democratic committee Chair expressed a token of appreciation to Commissioners Hoover and Kough Pittenger for their service.

Commissioner Kough Pittenger expressed sadness that this her last meeting as Commissioner but that it has been a wonderful four years. She acknowledged the staff of the County and the hard work that they do for the County. She also stated it has been a priveledge to work with Commissioners Hoover and Fluke as well as to serve the citizens of Huntingdon County.

Commissioner Hoover reviewed his four years as Commissioner. He commented on the issues he faced, which included the IT issues; his concerns with the renovation of the Elks building; and his concern regarding the capacity of the County jail. Commissioner Hoover stated that his worst time as Commissioner was in 2009 when he was accused by a fellow Commissioner of making decisions on the Elks building for his own personal benefit. Lastly he commented that he felt the hiring of Michelle as Chief Clerk was one of best decisions he made during his time in office.

Michelle informed everyone that Commissioner Fluke is recovering at home from his recent surgery. She also thanked Commissioners Hoover and Kough Pittenger for giving her the opportunity to serve as their Chief Clerk.

Bruce Pergament offered thanks to Commissioners Hoover and Kough Pittenger for their service.

There were no items addressed by the Solicitor.

First on the agenda was the opening of bids for the Tax anticipation note. The bid results are as follows:

Kish Bank	Interest rate 1.6%	.25% on interest bearing account
Juniata Valley Bank	Interest rate 3.25%	no bid on interest bearing account
Community State	Interest rate 1.38%	no bid on interest bearing account
FNB of Mifflintown	Interest rate 1.33%	.75% on interest bearing account
Clearfield Bank	Interest rate 1.43%	.75% on interest bearing account
FNB of PA	Interest rate 1.72%	PLIGIT + .4% on interest bearing account

Treasurer Irvin will review the bids and make a recommendation by the end of the meeting.

Brian Young, Mapping Director was present to request approval of two documents. First was an amendment to an agreement with L. R. Kimball & Associates for maintenance on the GIS software. It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger, seconded by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Hoover, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to approve the amendment to the Kimball contract.

Brian also had an addressing service agreement between the County and Huntingdon Borough for approval. It was moved by Commissioner Hoover, seconded by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried (Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes) to approve the addressing service agreement as requested.

Michelle has been working for some time on revising the personnel policy. The policy is complete with the exception of two small changes she has asked Felice Associates to make. They include clarification of the longevity language and additional information added to the dress policy. It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger, seconded by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Hoover, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to approve the personnel policy with those two changes.

Commissioner Hoover informed everyone that Act 108 was passed on December 15, 2011. The act grants Commissioners the option to abolish Jury Commissioners as long as it is done in a non-election year. He stated that the new board of Commissioners would need to make that decision.

It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger, seconded by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes) to grant the 2012 tax anticipation note to First National Bank of Mifflintown

It was moved by Commissioner Hoover, seconded by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried (Hoover, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to adopt resolution 22-2011 granting permission to proceed with the TAN process.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger, seconded by Commissioner Hoover and carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:09 a.m. Minutes prepared by Chief Clerk, Michelle Cerett.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Thomas, Secretary
(On behalf of Connie Kough Pittenger, Former Secretary)