

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; Tax Assessor, Ken Tucker; Planning Director, Richard Stahl; District Attorney, George Zanic; Abate representative, George Conrad; Daily News reporter, Theresa Mull; Altoona Mirror reporter, John Hoffstetler; and visitors Bruce Pergament, and Jim Cassatt.

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.

There were no additions or corrections to the April 17th minutes.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the minutes of the April 17th meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to approve the payment of bills for the last two weeks.

There was one addition to the agenda today which will be addressed at the end of the meeting.

Commissioner O’Korn had three announcements to make. The lighting revisions at the Bailey building are complete. The amount of lighting in the building after hours is now reduced. There is a dedication of the Esther L. Meloy childrens reading room May 5th at 10:00 a.m. at the Library. Thursday, May 3rd is National Day of Prayer. There will be events all day long in front of the Courthouse.

Bruce Pergament stated he was proud to represent the people of Penn Township at last nights public hearing.

George Conrad, ABATE representative was present to request adoption of a proclamation for Motorcycle Safety awareness month. ABATE will be distributing 15,000 signs acrossed the state as well as visiting schools and senior centers to provide education. It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to proclaim May, 2012 as Motorcycle Safety awareness month.

George Zanic was present with two personnel requests. Alexa McGraw has asked to resign her full time position as Administrative Assistant but to retain her part-time status.

It was moved by Commissioner O’Korn, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the transfer of Alexa McGraw from full time to part-time as long as ARD funds are available.

It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to approve Angela Robinson as full time Administrative Assistant effective May 2nd, 2012. This will fill the opening left by Alexa McGraw.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve a five year lease with the Episcopal church for parking spaces. The lease is retroactive to August, 2011 and will expire in August, 2015.

Ken Tucker asked for approval to hire Keri Scott, Field Data collector effective May 2nd, 2012.

The position has been open for about a year and Ken has been doing the additional work. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (Fluke, no; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to approve the hiring of Keri Scott as requested.

Richard Stahl, Planning Director was present with several requests.

First was the presentation of new CDBG applications along with the Planning Commissions recommendations for award. Upon approval of the preliminary approval of the plan, a public meeting will be held to receive comment on the proposed use of funds. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to approve the preliminary three year plan for the CDBG funds.

Rich presented a change order for the Bailey elevator in the amount of \$1,789.59. This is to install the control software on the first floor elevator rather than the ground floor, as was in the plans. This change is being made at the recommendation of the elevator company due to code requirements. The Commissioners all feel that the County should not have to pay for this change since it was an error in the elevator specs. They have already requested a meeting with the architect and the contractor to discuss this. Therefore, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to table this item until after the meeting with the architect and the contractor.

There were four quotes received for the remainder of the paving that needs done at the Bailey building. Quotes received were:

New Enterprise Stone and Lime	\$11,212.25
Duey Paving	\$13,500.00
Grannas Brothers Contracting, Inc.	\$14,750.00
Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc.	\$14,151.16

After discussion and review of the quotes, it was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes;) to award the paving contract to New Enterprise Stone and Lime.

Rich had also requested quotes for energy efficient lighting changes for the Courthouse and County jail. Quotes received were:

D C Goodman & Sons, Inc	\$43,375.00	121 fixtures
Thomas Electric	\$36,245.00	147 fixtures
Tony Marino	\$35,800.00	149 fixtures
Southern Contractors	\$31,026.00	144 fixtures

This work is being done through a grant of \$8,000.00 with a County match of \$8,000.00.

Due to the fact that not all work can be completed for the allotted amount, Commissioner O’Korn asked that Rich get clarification that minimizing the number of fixtures will not change the per-fixture cost. It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and moved (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to award the contract to Southern Contractors pending a meeting with the contractor to specify which work will be completed. The contract is not to exceed \$16,000.00.

Wen Brooke Contractors submitted their first recommendation for payment for work being done on Runk’s bridge. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve the payment request in the amount of \$129,329.68.

Last on the agenda was the consideration of a change to the predetermined ratio. All the advertising has been done and a public hearing was held last evening to hear resident concerns.

It was moved by Commissioner Fluke to change the predetermined ratio to 60%. The motion died for lack of a second. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, no; Thomas, yes) to adopt ordinance 2-2012, changing the predetermined ratio to 80% for tax year 2013. Commissioner Thomas stated that he understands Commissioner Flukes concerns and reason for making the change to 60%. However, he does not agree with the 60% due to the cost involved to make the change.

There was one private headstone, one Government headstone and two County burial allowances for approval today.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Fluke to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 a.m. Minutes prepared by Chief Clerk, Michelle Cerett.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary