

Huntingdon, PA
Tuesday, August 4, 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; Solicitor, Scot Gill; Chief Clerk, Cinnamon Bair; Chris Wysocki, Administrative Director MH/MR; Brian Wiser, Keller Engineers; Richard Stahl, Planning Director, Maureen Safko, Grants Administrator, and Tori Dixon, Planning Intern; George Germann, The Daily News; and visitor Zach Gordon.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 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 (Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes) to approve the minutes of the July 28 meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Hoover seconded by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried (Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to approve payment of invoices for the week of August 3.

Scot had a document that the Commissioners need to sign to allow ARCOLOR the Owners of the old UNB building in the Borough of Huntingdon to get funding from Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED). The letter allows DCED to become third mortgage holder behind Kish Bank and Huntingdon County. It was moved by Commissioner Hoover seconded by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried (Fluke, yes; Hoover, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to allow DCED to hold a third mortgage in the form of Resolution 24-2009.

Scot Gill asked to have an executive session at the end of the meeting on a potential litigation matter.

There was no public comment.

First on the agenda, was Chris Wysocki. Chris updated the Commissioners on the MH/MR programs. First Chris told the Board that with the State budget not passed. Tri-County MH/MR was not paying any 09/10 fiscal budget year bills. They are paying 08/09 bills with the exception of consolidated funding. Chris said they had not heard if the providers were being paid. The new system with the State does not send the payments to providers through MH/MR. Chris said he would be able to find out next week. Commissioner Kough Pittenger asked if MH/MR had a line of Credit. Chris answered no, but that may be looked into come September. Chris said the ODP Deputy Secretary suggested reducing the allowable number of clients in certain programs. The programs have contracts that would allow the providers to sue the State, so the second suggestion was reduce administrative personnel. Chris said he would keep the Commissioners updated with any news.

Richard Stahl, Maureen Safko, and Tori Dixon from the Planning Department were scheduled next. Richard said that Tori and April Shaffer (an intern in planning) compiled most of the utility bills for nine of the County's buildings. They worked the summer putting together an Energy Analysis on the usage of oil, gas and electric. The two used the Energy Star Portfolio Manager to assist them. PA conservation Works Grants recommends having a benchmark to develop energy conservation plans. Richard mentioned that companies can come in and change the lighting and add timed thermostats, etc. to help a building become more energy efficient. Richard asked Tori to explain the chart. Tori explained that the gross and net square feet of each building was measured and the total cost of electricity, oil, and/or gas where calculated out giving them the cost per sq. ft and the energy star rating.

Maureen told the Board she was working with the engineers at the Shirley Home to complete the application for the PA Conservation Works grant. The application needs to be submitted by August 14, 2009. They have come up with four options to submit and they were working to find which option would be the best one for the home. Maureen went over the projects and the funding they have to help complete the project. Commissioner Kough Pittenger said she was glad to see Smithfield Township felt it was worth helping out with. Richard added the grant must be submitted electronically no paper. Richard said the engineers for the Fisher Bailey Building (FBB) have created a model plan for the building. It was 1800 pages long the engineer is working on a summary to reduce it for grant submission. The grant allows an additional \$30,000 for design costs on top of the \$250,000 grant.

Brian Wiser Bridge Engineer of Keller Engineers was scheduled to meet with the Commissioners to go over information on Runks Bridge #9 and Walnut Grove Bridge #2. First Runks Bridge must get permitting to start work to pit down new decking and to encapsulate the concrete. Walnut Grove needs an agreement with PennDOT to be signed to bid out this fall. The Commissioners asked Brian questions regarding the bridges and other bridges. It was moved by Commissioner Hoover seconded by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried (Kough Pittenger, yes; Fluke, yes; Hoover, yes) to approve

application for permitting the Runks Bridge project.

It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger seconded by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve agreement with PennDOT to bid out the Walnut Grove Bridge project.

The Commissioners did not take action to approve Amy Himes, Caseworker Children Services until they have an effective date of resignation to the Children Services Department.

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

Scot told the Commissioners they would wait to hold an executive session until Peter McManamon is available.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Hoover second by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 a.m. Minutes prepared by Chief Clerk Cinnamon L. Bair.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Kough Pittenger, Secretary