

Huntingdon, Pa.
Tuesday, March 26, 2013
9:30 a.m.
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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, Peter McManamon; Ed Silveti, SAPDC Director; Jim Jones, Central County Youth Director; Joyce Zolten, CYS Administrator; Mark Colussy, Planning Director; Maureen Safko, Grant Administrator; Daily news reporter Garrison Crow; visitors Bruce Pergament, and Charlie Coleman.

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 was led by Commissioner O’Korn.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes;) to approve the minutes of the March 12th public 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 the bills.

There were no additions to the agenda today.

Commissioner Thomas announced that he attended the Shade Gap Fire Company annual banquet this past weekend. He offered his thanks to the Fire Company for a very nice event. Commissioner O’Korn stated that a flood zone meeting will be held this evening at 7:00 p.m. preceded by a town hall meeting hosted by Senator Eichelberger at 6:00 p.m. Both events will be held in the Bailey building ballroom. He also announced that the 911 center will be hosting an open house on April 20th from Noon to 3:00 p.m. Lastly, Commissioner O’Korn congratulated Westminster Woods on their recent national honor.

Bruce Pergament asked if the Commissioners have considered passing a resolution in support of Senator Eichelberger’s bill 505. Commissioner O’Korn stated that it is not being considered at this time.

Solitor McManamon had two items to be addressed today, both related to the Huntingdon County General Authority. The General Authority recently approved applying for a loan for Juniata College in the amount of \$8.5 million to build a new dormitory and out buildings. The loan is through M&T bank with a 20 year term. Solicitor McManamon asked for a resolution to be passed in support of the loan. In addition, the General Authority passed a resolution to file articles of amendment to their Incorporation in order to extend their existence for an additional 50 years. Currently, the Authority has five years left on the terms of their existence. Their reason for requesting the extension is due to the 20 year loan approved for Juniata College.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, no) to approve resolution 2013-4 approving an amendment to the articles of Incorporation of the Huntingdon County General Authority. Commissioner Fluke expressed concerns about the County being held responsible for the loan approved by the General Authority. Commissioner Thomas stated that he has confirmed that the loan through the General Authority will not effect the borrowing base of the County. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, no; Thomas, yes) to adopt resolution 2013-5 approving the financing by the Huntingdon County General Authority loan for Juniata College.

Adam Miller advertised a request for proposals for a company to assist in the updating of the Hazardous Mitigation plan. The following bids were received and opened at today’s meeting:

Delta Development Group of Mechanicsburg PA , bid not to exceed \$38,625.00
H2O partners of Austin TX , bid of \$100,000.00
Tetra Tec of Newark DE, bid of \$37,000.00
URS, Inc of Germantown MD, bid of \$29,500.00

Adam will review the content of the bids and make his recommendation at a future meeting.

Ed Silveti provided an update on funding for the Route 22 project. The project is to change 59.8 miles of Route 22 that runs through Huntingdon County to four lane highway. Ed stated that while there are problems funding such a huge project, the possibility for the expansion is still on the table. Ed stated that there are several other sections of Highway expansions that are also being considered. Ed stated that Southern

Alleghenies will continue to support all projects and provide the Commissioners with updates as they become available. Commissioners Thomas and O’Korn thanked Ed for providing the update.

Mark Colussy requested approval for Maureen Safko and Rose Rahman to attend the 2013 Community Development and Housing Practitioners annual conference on April 10th and 11th. The cost of the conference is \$115.00 per person and will be paid from the CDBG administrative funds. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to approve the conference attendance as requested.

Joyce Zolten was present with several requests today. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, no) to approve a purchase of service agreement with Adelphoi Village for a period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, no; Thomas, yes) to approve a purchase of service agreement with Kids Peace for a period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (Fluke, no; O’Korn, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the appointment of Erlene Jordan to the CYS Advisory Board.

Jim Jones, Central Counties Youth center was present today to request approval of the 2013 contract between the Center and the County. Jim noted that there is an increase this year of approximately \$3100.00, which is related to increased salaries and the additional cost of operating the center. Jim stated that the cost increase was approved by the Board of Directors of the Center. Commissioner O’Korn stated that he did not receive notice of the increase during the budget process and noted that the County budget is approximately \$5,000.00 less than the contracted amount. Additionally, Commissioner O’Korn stated that the budget shortfall will not effect the appropriation made to the Center. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve the contract as presented.

There were three county 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 Cerett, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary