

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; Solicitor, Peter McManamon; Chief Clerk, Michelle Cerett; Planning Director, Richard Stahl; Visitors Bureau Director, Matt Price; Register and Recorder, Ginny Cooper; Daily News reporter, Theresa Mull; Altoona Mirror reporter, John Hoffstetler; 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 Fluke and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Commissioner Thomas.

There were no additions or corrections to the April 30th special hearing or the May 1st regular meeting 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 30th special hearing.

It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to approve the minutes of the May 1st meeting.

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

There were no additions to the agenda today.

Solicitor McManamon thanked the Commissioners and County employees for the cards and support during the recent passing of his mother in law.

Solicitor McManamon provided an update on a contract dispute as well as a new contract for signature. In 2011, Janet Hanks requested approval of a contract with Landex for new software. After using the software, she said it didn’t meet her needs and returned to using the old software. Solicitor McManamon has been in contact with Landex to resolve the contract dispute. After negotiation, Landex agreed to accept \$18,000.00 as a final payment instead of the initial \$28,000.00 that was in the contract. This portion of the contract was for ongoing support, which will now not be needed. The remainder of the contract has been paid and the County will retain ownership of the software. It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the final payment of \$18,000.00 to Landex. With the resolution of this issue, Ginny Cooper requested an upgrade and renewal of the Infocon contract. The cost of the upgrade is \$4,000.00 and will provide 14 licenses for the software. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to approve the infocon contract and upgrade.

Matt Price, Visitors Bureau Director provided an update on Tourism. He informed the Commissioners that the most recent audit completed by CPA showed no deficiencies. Matt also thanked the Commissioners and Treasurer Irvin for their assistance in collecting outstanding hotel excise taxes. The Visitors Bureau has been operating in the red for the past three years. With the money that was collected, they are now caught up. Matt presented the 2012 visitors guide, which is published annually. He also presented several reports on tourism, including the annual report from DCED. The Visitors center had over 24,000 visitors in 2011, hosted 20 bus tours and 18 school field trips. Matt also reported that more than \$144,000,000.00 was spent on tourism in Huntingdon County in 2010.

Rich Stahl presented a change order for the Bailey building elevator as well as an update on two other change orders. The change order was to delete the electric strike locks and store room function trims. Standard locks will be placed instead. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve change order 18 as presented. There were two changes orders approved several weeks ago on a time and material basis. That work is complete and Rich informed the Commissioners of the actual cost. The first one was to install wood framing for floors on the 1st and 2nd floors. The time and materials cost for this change order was \$11,253.88. The second change was to demolish and install a second floor addition. Initially, the contractor thought he would be able to save the existing second floor corridor but it was too damaged. It was demolished and rebuilt at a cost of \$14,067.82.

With these two changes, the total cost of the elevator is \$24,734.86 more than originally proposed. The Commissioners met recently with the contractor and the architect regarding a water issue in the elevator pit. The architect recommended assessment by a hydrogeologist to determine the source of the water. Rich received a quote of \$360.00 to complete the assessment. It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, no) to approve the assessment at a cost of \$360.00.

At the recommendation of the Solicitor, the Commissioners decided to table the approval of the contract with Dr. Minor until a change is made to the terms of his malpractice insurance. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to table this contract until the language is revised.

Andy Patterson requested appointment of two board members to the Ag land preservation board as well as appointment of the Chairman for that board. He was unable to attend the meeting this morning so Commissioner O’Korn suggested tabling this item as well. It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to table the Ag land appointments until Andy Patterson is able to be present for discussion.

There were no veteran burials for approval today.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Fluke to adjourn the meeting at 10:32 a.m. Minutes prepared by Chief Clerk, Michelle Cerett.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary