

Huntingdon, Pa.
Tuesday January 3, 2012
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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 O’Korn, Fluke and Thomas; Chief Clerk, Michelle Cerett; Solicitor, Peter McManamon; George Germann and Jeff Gill, Daily News; John Hoffstetler, Altoona Mirror; Treasurer, Rich Irvin; Planning Director, Rich Stahl; and visitors Paula O’Korn, Francine Thomas, and Charlie Coleman.

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Solicitor McManamon followed by Prayer led by Solicitor McManamon and Pledge Allegiance to the Flag led by Commissioner Fluke.

The first order of business today was the organization of the Board of Commissioners. Solicitor McManamon entertained a motion for Chair of the Board. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to appoint Commissioner O’Korn as Chair of the Board.

It was moved by Commissioner O’Korn, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to appoint Commissioner Fluke as Vice Chair of the Board.

It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to appoint Commissioner Thomas as Secretary of the Board.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to appoint Peter McManamon as Solicitor of the Board.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to appoint Peter McManamon as Solicitor for CYS.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to appoint Michelle Cerett as Chief Clerk of the Board.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to appoint Ken Tucker as Chief Tax Assessor.

It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to appoint Adam Miller as EMA Director.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to appoint Steve Lane as Veterans Director.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to appoint Richard Irvin as Tax Claim Director.

It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to designate First National bank as the depository for the General Fund.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to designate Community State Bank as the depository for the liquid fuels account for a period of one year. Commissioner Fluke asked that the Treasurer and Chief Clerk review other options for the liquid fuels depository.

It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to appoint Fred Gutshall as Chief Public Defender.

It was moved by Commissioner O’Korn, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to appoint Commissioner Fluke to the Central County Youth Center Board.

It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to appoint Commissioner Thomas to sit on the Shirley Home for the Aged board.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to appoint Commissioner O’Korn to the MHMR Executive board.

It was moved by Commissioner O’Korn, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to appoint Commissioners Fluke and Thomas to the Southern Alleghenies executive board with Commissioner O’Korn serving as the alternate.

It was moved by Commissioner O’Korn, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, no) to appoint Commissioner Thomas to the Conservation and RCD Boards.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to appoint Commissioner O’Korn to the Library Board.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to appoint Commissioner O’Korn to the RSVP board.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to appoint Commissioner O’Korn to the LEPC board.

It was moved by Commissioner O’Korn, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to appoint Commissioner Fluke to the Skills Advisory board.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to the Cooperative Extension board.

It was moved by Commissioner O’Korn, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to appoint Commissioner Thomas for the Economic Infrastructure committee.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to appoint Commissioner O’Korn to the Visitors Bureau board.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to appoint Commissioner O’Korn to the Chamber of Commerce board.

It was moved by Commissioner O’Korn, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, no) to appoint Commissioner Thomas to the Huntingdon County Leadership board.

Commissioner Thomas inquired about an appoint to the Center for Community Action Board. Treasurer Irvin stated that board is in the process of reorganizing. As that process progresses, he will advise if a Commissioner is required to sit on that board.

It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to appoint Commissioner Thomas to the Senior abuse advisory board.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to appoint all three Commissioners to the following boards:

- MHMR
- Area agency on Aging
- 911 policy board
- Salary board
- Prison board
- Retirement board
- Election board
- Records improvement committee
- Assessment appeals board
- Tri County solid waste agency
- HC&I
- PEP
- Department head
- Safety/Security committee
- CJAB
- Prison Task force

Chairman O’Korn opened the meeting to comments from any of the Board members.

Commissioner Thomas took the opportunity to say it is an honor to serve the people of Huntingdon County and that he looks forward to working with Commissioners’ O’Korn and Fluke, the Chief Clerk, the all County employees to move Huntingdon County forward.

Commissioner Fluke stated that he hopes the new Board gets off to a good start and that it is a privilege for him to be able to put four years of his life into working with Commissioners’ O’Korn and Thomas.

Commissioner O’Korn stated that he looks forward to serving as Chair, working with Commissioners’ Fluke and Thomas, the Chief Clerk and the Solicitor. He also stated that that the new Board plans to work closely together.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to set the following regular meeting times.

- Public meeting, each Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. unless otherwise advertised.
- Salary Board, first Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. unless otherwise advertised.
- Prison Board, fourth Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. unless otherwise advertised.

Commissioner O’Korn commented that he would like to discuss changing the time of the public meeting with the other two Commissioners. He further commented that he would like to offer public comment times throughout the meeting.

There were no county burials to be approved today.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas second by Commissioner Fluke and carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:58 a.m. Minutes prepared by Chief Clerk, Michelle Cerett.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Thomas, Secretary

