

Huntingdon, PA
Tuesday, June 30, 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 and Hoover; Solicitor, Scot Gill; Chief Clerk, Cinnamon Bair; Richard Stahl, Planning Director; Maureen Safko, Grants Administrator; Susanne House; JCEL and Bess Englehardt, JCEL Intern; George Germann, The Daily News; and no visitors.

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m. by Chairman Fluke followed by Prayer led by Commissioner Hoover and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Commissioner Kough Pittenger.

It was moved by Commissioner Hoover seconded by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried (Kough Pittenger, yes; Fluke, yes; Hoover, yes) to approve the minutes of the June 23 meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger seconded by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Fluke, yes; Hoover, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to approve payment of invoices for the week of June 29.

There were no additions to today's meeting.

There was no public comment.

There were no matters addressed by the Solicitor.

First on the agenda, was Richard Stahl and Susanne House, JCEL, Director of Business Outreach. Rich and Susanne were joined by the JCEL summer intern, Bess Englehardt. Rich said they were coming to the Commissioners for approval to sign an Enterprise Zone Revolving Loan for Jamie and Nicole Glennys. The Glennys' are owners of Beyond Expectations, 623 Washington Street. The loan will be in the amount of \$34,000, total project cost \$159,069 for acquisition of the property and renovations. The County will be 3rd lien holder. The loan is a ten year loan and a \$34,000 life insurance policy will also be collateral. Commissioner Fluke asked if being 3rd on the lien was going to be the norm. Susanne said this application was approved twice, but the first time they applied the Revolving Loan did not have the funding available. Scot Gill said the fund is replenished when previous loans are paid off otherwise they cannot fund a loan. Commissioner Kough Pittenger asked Susanne about the information provided about the business. The data suggested \$38,824 in sweat equity, what does that mean. Susanne said the owners have put labor into the business equaling this amount. Commissioner Fluke asked if any of the loans are behind. Susanne answered not at this time. It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger seconded by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes) to approve Resolution 20-2009 Revolving Loan in the amount of \$34,000 to the Glennys.

Richard brought up the discussion about the State budget not funding the revolving loans.

The Commissioners said there were many things brought to their attention that the state budget may be cutting.

Rich stayed and was joined by Maureen Safko, Grants Administrator to discuss the Shirley Home for the Aged. Maureen and the home Administrator, Valerie Thomas have been working to get funding to renovate the home. Rich and Maureen provided a memo to the Commissioners detailing the money needed to apply for CDBG monies and PA Conservation Works monies, the grants require local matches. The first phase needed to be complete is the design phase. A match of \$20,000 is needed to get the funding. Maureen said she found out that CDBG money could be used toward the engineering design contract. Maureen told the Board she proposed paying for the \$36,200 fee with \$7,000 from the Shirley Home, \$10,000 from County General Fund, and \$19,200 from CDBG funds. Commissioner Kough Pittenger said that the Shirley Home Board had a special meeting and Valerie Thomas was going to go to the bank to get a \$10,000 line of credit to match toward the grants. Maureen said the additional money could be used.

Commissioner Fluke asked what the match was. Maureen answered it was still 25%.

Maureen included a chart that showed the cost of the project and how the funding could be spent. She told the Board that if all the funding comes through the General Fund will only pay for \$10,000. But a total of \$21,632 may be needed if all the funding is not received. Commissioner Hoover added that would be a lot of tax money toward each resident at the home. Commissioner Kough Pittenger said that previously Boards had taken other projects off the three year CDBG plan to help the Shirley Home. It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger seconded by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes) to approve a contract with Michael L. Norris & Associates, Inc. for HVAC and Kitchen design in the amount of \$36,200.

On recommendation, of Richard Irvin, Treasurer hiring full time temporary help for doe licenses. Betty Wallace and Lois Jean Green will start July 16, 2009 and work through mid September, 2009. It was moved by Commissioner Hoover seconded by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried (Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes) to hire Betty and Lois. Salaries will be approved at Salary Board, July 7, 2009.

Resolution 19-2009 was presented to the Commissioners to approve for the DUI Task Force Grant 2010. Officer Chris Stevens will apply for the grant in the amount of \$ 29,224. It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger seconded by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to approve the 2010 DUI Task Force Grant application.

George Zanic, District Attorney entered the meeting. He came to ask the Board to approve his appointment of Greg Jackson as Assistant District Attorney to fill the vacancy of retiring Assistant District Attorney Edson Crafts III. Scot Gill said that the Commissioners did not have to approve the appointment, but the salary would need to be approved by the Salary Board. The next Salary Board meeting was scheduled to meet July 7, 2009 at 1:30pm. George Zanic said he would propose an annual salary at \$32,500 and no rent payment because he had space in his building for Greg. Commissioner Fluke asked if George was adding costs. George answered no he was saving the County money. Greg's salary would be less than Mr. Crafts and the County would not need to pay rent to Mr. Jackson. Commissioner Fluke asked what George would want at the beginning of the year. Scot added that the Salary Board would need to approve any change in salary. Commissioner Hoover asked if the Assistant D.A. goes full time would that give them the opportunity for a Drug Court? George said if grant money is available. George added his opinion was that they need to go to jail. Commissioner Hoover said that he heard it takes longer to put them in jail than it does to plea bargain. George answered that he has over 1000 cases total. He said he does not know how busy the office was before he was there. Commissioner Fluke asked that if you throw a lot of people in jail the crime reduces. George said he did not know the statistics. He said his job was to enforce crime laws. Commissioner Fluke said his concern was Huntingdon County Judicial system has a lot to do with Children and Youth. Dad and Mom turn their kids over to the County and go out on the town. George said he would have to get the law makers to change the laws. George Germann asked about cases that Greg Jackson had as a defense attorney and is now switching sides. George Zanic answered that he wanted to give Greg time to let clients know and if any conflict comes up they would notify the Attorney General's Office as they did when he became District Attorney.

It was moved by Commissioner Hoover seconded by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried (Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes) to pay Keller Engineers in the amount of \$11,120.16 for bridge inspections and engineering services. Monies will be paid by Liquid Fuels.

The Commissioners approved payment for 2 Veteran burial allowances, 1 widow/widower burial allowance and 2 bases.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger second by Commissioner Hoover and carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:43 a.m. Minutes prepared by Chief Clerk Cinnamon L. Bair.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Kough Pittenger, Secretary