

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; Center for Community Action Director, Wendy Melius; Planning Director, Mark Colussy; Grant Administrator, Maureen Safko; JVBDS Director, Chris Wysocki; CYS Supervisor, Nicole Leturgy; ABATE Representatives Jay Buroski, Steve Garlock, Zeke Cohenour, Brenda Rolf, and Jase Long; Daily News Reporter Zach Myers and visitors Judge Zanic, Alexa McGraw, Greg Hack, Sheriff Walters, 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 Thomas and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Commissioner O’Korn.

It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve of the minutes of the April 29th public meeting.

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

There were no additions to the agenda today.

Commissioner Thomas offered his condolences to the family of Lee Wilson, former County Commissioner. Mr. Wilson passed away last week.

Commissioner O’Korn announced that parts of Huntingdon County were recently approved as a Blueprint Community. He also noted that Aliquippa trail was recently rated number one in Pennsylvania.

Judge Zanic addressed the recent security issues. He asked when the policy would be distributed to the employees. Michelle stated that she is working with Jeff Leonard to issue the policy along with the access cards and that should be completed this week. Judge Zanic further stated that the new security measures at the Courthouse are not costing the tax payers any money. Lastly, the Judge reiterated that the President Judge is in charge of security. Bruce Pergament questioned why the security policy is not public. Solicitor McManamon stated that this particular policy is a personnel policy. In addition, disclosure of the policy could compromise the safety of employees in the Courthouse. Greg Hack stated he doesn’t feel the policy should be confidential.

There were no items addressed by the Solicitor.

First on the agenda today was a proclamation to recognize National Salvation Army week. After the reading of the Proclamation, it was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to proclaim the week of May 12th through May 16th, 2014 as Salvation Army week in Huntingdon County.

Several members of ABATE were present to accept a proclamation in honor of Motorcycle Safety Awareness month. After reading the Proclamation, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to proclaim the month of May, 2014 as Motorcycle Safety and Awareness month.

Treasurer Rich Irvin previously provided Solicitor McManamon with a recommendation to sell a property that is currently held in the County repository. All other avenues to sell this property have been exhausted. The assessed value of the property is \$5,400.00. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to approve the sale of parcel 37-02-11 to Christopher Hoffmaster for \$700.00.

Mark Colussy requested execution of the HVAC Electrical contract today. Mark stated that all documents have been obtained with the exception of the certificate of insurance. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner O’Korn, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to authorize the execution of the contract upon receipt of the certificate of insurance.

Mark also presented 3 change orders for the Courthouse renovation for consideration. The first change order would increase the total cost of the HAAS contract by \$3,700.00 but should reduce the HVAC contract by the same amount. Change orders two and three pertain to the type of ceiling grid being installed and both will reduce the total contract amount. Change order two would allow the contractors to keep the existing 2X4 ceiling grid and replace only the panels. This would result in a savings of \$2,850.00. Change order three would change the ceiling grid to 2X2 panels and result in a savings of \$1,500.00. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve change order one in the amount of \$3,700.00.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to approve change order two at a cost reduction of \$2,850.00.

Commissioner O’Korn entertained a motion to approve change order three. No motion was made.

There was discussion regarding the 2013 CDBG contract. The item was not on the agenda, therefore will be considered next week.

Mark Colussy provided additional information on the Blueprint Community project. He stated that we were the first ones to be accepted into the project. Mark stated there were only six to eight communities being awarded in the State for the first round and he is very pleased that we were accepted. The communities involved in the first round will be Mount Union Borough, Mapleton Borough and Shirley Township. Commissioner Thomas thanked Mark and Maureen for the hard work on implementing the project.

Nicole Leturgy was present with one new hire request and one resignation for approval. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve the hiring of Katie Mumper, Caseworker effective May 27th, 2014.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to accept the resignation of Paige Smith, Caseworker effective May 2nd, 2014.

Chris Wysocki, JVBDS Administrator presented his quarterly update today. Chris stated that despite budget concerns, the agency continues to provide the necessary services to individuals in need. The base numbers have increased while most of the other numbers have dropped. The decrease is mostly related to children aging out of services. Chris stated that the original founder of the Huntingdon Drop in Center passed away recently, which was a loss to the center. Also, a significant benefactor to the Drop in Center, Cornelius Banks passed away last week as well. He stated both gentlemen played a significant role in the development and maintenance of the Huntingdon Drop in Center.

Wendy Melius, CCA Director was present today to request approval of the Emergency Solutions grant for January through April, 2014. The total amount of the invoice is \$10,138.64 and Wendy noted that they assisted 12 individuals with various services for that amount. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to approve the invoice as presented.

There were four county veteran burial allowances and installation of four private headstones approved today.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 10:41 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary