

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 Kough Pittenger, Hoover, Fluke; County Solicitor Scot Gill, Deputy Chief Clerk, Sally States; George Germann, The Daily News; Jeff Gill, Altoona Mirror; Bridge Foreman, George Mills; Sheriff, William Walters; Children & Youth representatives, Loris Deline, Nicole Leturgey and visitors Jim Cassatt, Randy Carper, Ruth Carper and Cinnamon Bair.

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

There were no additions or corrections to the January 5th minutes.

It was moved by Commissioner Hoover second by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve the minutes of the January 5th meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Fluke second by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to approve payment of invoices for the week of January 11th.

There were no additions to today's agenda.

There was no public comment.

First on the agenda were Matt Gilliland, Fire Chief, Robert Gilliland, III, Deputy Fire Chief and Lieutenant Anthony Panosetti from the Orbisonia Fire Company. The officers of the fire company asked the County Commissioners to consider a complete replacement of the now closed Runk Bridge, rather than rehabilitation as is currently being planned.

When rehabbed the bridge, as it was before closing, will have a weight limit of 3 tons, a limit that would not allow fire trucks to cross. While agreeing that the fire company officers had a valid point, the Commissioners said that funding is a major issue. The planned rehab will be paid for out of liquid fuel money turned over to the County by the State. The funding is not enough to pay for a new bridge.

It was moved by Commissioner Hoover second by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes) to approve the hiring of Kristin Mazzara as a case worker for Children Services.

It was moved by Commissioner Hoover second by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve the hiring of Amber Price as a case worker for Children Services.

At this time Jim Cassatt asked the starting salary of case workers at Children Services. Chairman Kough Pittenger stated that new case workers starting salaries are \$19,000.00.

It was moved by Commissioner Hoover second by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to approve retaining Eydie S. Miller as a consultant during the interim search and hiring to fill the Chief Clerks position, effective January 7, 2010.

As an added note Chairman Kough Pittenger stated that Sally States will be the acting Chief Clerk until a new Chief Clerk is hired.

It was moved by Commissioner Hoover second by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried on a 2 to 1 vote (Fluke, no; Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes) to appoint Todd Musser to a 3 year term on the Ag Land Preservation Board.

It was moved by Commissioner Hoover second by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes) to appoint Chris Confer to a 3 year term on the Ag Land Preservation Board.

Commissioner Fluke asked that the Ag Board be sent new forms because one of the questions asked was missing. The rest of the Ag Land Preservation Board appointments were tabled at this time.

It was moved by Commissioner Fluke second by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to accept the resignation of Christy Fraenza, Children Services case worker, effective December 31, 2009.

The Commissioners approved payment of 1 Veteran lettering of a headstone, 2 Veteran burial allowances and 1 Veteran installation of a base for a headstone.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Fluke second by Commissioner Hoover and carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:09 a.m. Minutes prepared by Deputy Chief Clerk, Sally States.

Respectfully submitted,

R. Dean Fluke, Secretary