

Huntingdon, PA
Tuesday, August 18, 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, Hoover and Kough Pittenger; Chief Clerk, Cinnamon Bair; Lou Ann Shontz, Recycling Coordinator; Richard Stahl, Planning Director; George Germann, The Daily News; and visitors to be presented Waste Watcher Awards.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Fluke followed by Prayer led by Chief Clerk Cinnamon Bair and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Commissioner Kough Pittenger.

It was moved by Commissioner Hoover seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, abstain) to approve the minutes of the August 11 meeting. Commissioner Kough Pittenger raised a question to the Solicitor, Scot Gill regarding the legality of a meeting with no solicitor and a third Commissioner. Scot answered that a meeting can be held without a solicitor. Scot said in the past the meeting was cancelled during the Annual CCAP conference. The Chief Clerk, Cinnamon stated in the past the majority of the Board attended the conference along with the Solicitor.

It was moved by Commissioner Hoover seconded by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried (Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes;) to approve payment of invoices for the week of August 17.

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 Lou Ann Shontz, Recycling Coordinator presenting the Pennsylvania Waste Watcher Awards given by Professional Recyclers of Pennsylvania (PROP), Pennsylvania Waste Industries of Association (PWIA), and Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA). Seven awards were presented the first award went to PA Clean Ways, Selena, Chapter Coordinator. They held a tire war between Mifflin and Huntingdon Counties. They collected 1500 tires between 8am and 12 noon keeping that many tires out of landfills. The tires were sent to Penn Turf and made into driveways, turf for playgrounds, etc. Lou Ann said Juniata College has a track made of tires. The next award went to Juniata Valley Sustainability Club, Nattie Berkey, on Earth Day they sent around a survey in the school to measure everyone's ecological footprint. Nattie said they did a presentation to the children that quizzed the students on the different trash to reduce, reuse, or recycle. Lou Ann said they also had a locker clean out day for recycling of paper. The third award was presented to Boxer's Café, Paula, owner. They provide bio degradable containers and utensils and straws made from cornstarch. They have also converted their two vehicles to run on oil from their fryers. The fourth award went to Standing Stone Coffee Company, Greg Anderson, owner. They recycled everything possible when renovating the Coffee Shop from a laundry mat. They use washable dishes, silverware, napkins, etc. in the Coffee Shop and they recycle all newspapers and magazines. The fifth and sixth awards were presented to Parks Transfer Station, Karen and Querry Sanitation, Tammy for voluntary curbside recycling program. 106.51 tons in six months of 2008 were collected. The seventh award was presented to the Huntingdon County Recycling Office, Lou Ann. Richard Stahl stepped up to present the award to Lou Ann. Presented for educating residents about recycling and the partnership for curbside recycling.

Last on the agenda was a thank you to Giant Foods, Sandy Garner, Giant Representative for donating two park benches to the County and one to Smithfield Township, Dolan Gladfelter, Supervisor was present accept the bench to be placed at Riverside Park. Lou Ann said that it takes 12,000 bags to make a park bench. Sandy said that using the cloths bags saves 900 plastic bags a year.

Juniata Valley award recipients came in at the end of the presentation. Commissioner Kough Pittenger wanted to mention her appreciation for the recycling efforts in the area.

It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and seconded by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Kough Pittenger, yes; Fluke, yes; Hoover, yes) to accept the resignation of Amy Himes, Children Services Caseworker effective August 21, 2009.

The Commissioners approved payment for 6 Veteran burial allowances, 8 widow/widower burial, 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 10:07 a.m. Minutes prepared by Chief Clerk Cinnamon L. Bair.

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