

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; Chief Clerk, Michelle Cerett; Solicitor, Pete McManamon; Planning Director, Mark Colussy; JVBDS Administrator, Chris Wysocki; Daily News Reporter, Zach Myers; and visitors Ellis Griffith, Jinny Cooper, Anthony Bullett, Amy Detterline, Trevor Clapper, Wendy Melius, Jim Cassatt and Bruce Pergament.

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 Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, no; Thomas, yes) to approve the minutes of the October 14th public meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (Fluke, no; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to approve the minutes of the October 21st public meeting. Commissioner Fluke expressed concern with the full content of public comment not being reflected in the October 14th and October 21st minutes. Commissioner O’Korn stated that the minutes reflect Commissioner Fluke’s comments so he’s not sure what the concern is. Commissioner Thomas stated that this meeting is to conduct County business. The public is welcome to make comments and those comments are noted. However, he feels the minutes should not be filled with someone’s philosophy and comments should not be printed word for word. Commissioner Fluke stated that the minutes should reflect exactly what happened in the minutes and the Chief Clerk should not be the one to approve what is said. Michelle provided clarification on how the minutes are done. She stated she types the minutes within two days of the meeting and provides them to the Commissioners for review and recommend changes. She stated the minutes are approved by the entire board, therefore she can’t do the minutes based on one Commissioners opinion.

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 announced that the new VA center is now open. He also thanked the Shirley Home fund raising committee for their recent work on raising money to do improvements to the outside of the Home. Commissioner O’Korn announced that there is no meeting November 4th due to the Election. Also, there is no meeting on November 11th due to the Veterans Day Holiday. The next meeting will be held November 18th.

Anthony Bullett offered public comment today and urged the Commissioners to take action to end discrimination against the lesbian, gay, bi-sexual and transgender community.

Solicitor McManamon recommended approval of the lease agreement for the Annex II building. The lease is for two years with (four) two year renewal options for a total of ten years. For the duration of the 10 year lease, the rent increase is not to exceed 3%. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the lease for the Annex II building for a period of September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2016.

Mark Colussy presented an Administrative agreement for the competitive CDBG grant in the amount of \$500,000.00. Mark stated that the project is to replace 1,475 linear feet of old sewer pipe and water lines in the Borough of Mount Union. He also stated that Mount Union Borough has committed \$52,000.00 of the General fund money to the project and the County has committed \$38,000.00 in CDBG Entitlement to the project for a total project budget of \$590,000.00. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to approve the Administrative agreement effective immediately for a period of two years as presented.

Chris Wysocki, JVBDS Administrator was present today to provide a quarterly update. Chris stated that his agency is currently providing Intellectual Disabilities services to 204 county residents, Mental Health services to 267 county residents and Early Intervention services to 51 county residents.

Next on the agenda was the consideration of Resolution 18-2014. The resolution is to honor Ellis Griffith, who recently resigned from the Southern Alleghenies Workforce Investment Board after many years of service. Mr. Griffith also served on several similar boards prior to that and has been supportive of the public workforce system for several years. It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to adopt resolution 17-2014 as presented. Mr. Griffith stated that it has been a pleasure to serve the people of Huntingdon County. He thanked the Board for taking the time to recognize his years of service. He also offered thanks to Terry Sheffield and the Careerlink for everything they do for the unemployed and underemployed residents of the County. Commissioner Thomas also presented Mr.

Griffith with a letter of thanks from the Southern Alleghenies Board of Directors for his years of service on the Southern Alleghenies Workforce Investment Board .

Next on the agenda was the consideration of a leave of absence for Scott Spencer, Corrections Officer. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas and seconded by Commissioner O’Korn to approve the leave. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas to enter executive session at 10:26 a.m. to discuss the issue.

The meeting reconvened at 10:37 a.m. and Commissioner O’Korn noted that no action was taken in the Executive session. At that time, Commissioner O’Korn asked for roll call on the motion and it was carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the Leave of Absence for Scott Spencer.

There were three County Veteran burial allowances and installation of two headstones approved today.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 10:42 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary