

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; Deputy Chief Clerk/Elections Coordinator, Kelly Hughes; Planning Director, Mark Colussy; Grant Administrator, Maureen Safko; Daily news reporter, Candy Price; visitors Jim Cassatt and Joan Cassatt, Wendy Melius, Jean Collins, Cheryl Woods, Mike Corbin, Tom Cramer, and Bruce Pergament.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Commissioner O’Korn followed by prayer led by Commissioner Fluke 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 the minutes of the January 20<sup>th</sup> public meeting.

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

There were two additions to the agenda that will be addressed later in the meetings.

There were no announcements or matters addressed by the Solicitor today.

Stan Westbrook stated he would like to meet with the Library Board regarding County wide funding and requested all three Commissioners to be in attendance. He will notify Michelle when the meeting date and time are confirmed.

Mark Colussy and Maureen Safko were present today to request permission to apply for a Competitive CDBG Grant on behalf of Mapleton Borough. Maureen stated that she was notified recently of funding availability and feels this project meets the requirements. The grant would be for an amount not to exceed \$750,000.00 and would be used to make improvements to the Mapleton Borough water system. After further discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve the competitive CDBG Grant application as requested.

Mark also requested approval to hire an intern through The Experience Works Program. After further discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the internship through Experience Works for Barbara Foreman effective January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Mark and Maureen also requested the approval of the Emergency Solutions Grant in the amount of \$75,737.00. They applied for the grant last year and received approval but the actual contract was just received yesterday. Maureen stated that this is a two year grant for a period of November 25, 2014 through August 20, 2016 and there is no county match. Wendy Melius stated she feels she will have no problem spending her portion of the money and that she turned clients away for these services because the contract was not received. Jean Collins stated a portion of the grant will also benefit Huntingdon House and will be used to increase security at the shelters. After further discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to approve contract number 000060144 with DCED in the amount of \$75,737.00.

It was noted for the minutes the Acting Treasurer has appointed Susan M. Harry as a Deputy Treasurer effective January 26, 2015.

Michelle provided information from Joyce Zolten regarding the hiring of a part-time Clerk Typist. Valerie Love recently resigned her full time position but the position has not been filled yet. Valerie has agreed to work part-time until a replacement is hired. It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve the hiring of Valerie Love, part-time Clerk Typist effective January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Michelle introduced Kelly Hughes, the new Deputy Chief Clerk/Elections Coordinator.

There were two veteran burial allowances and installation of one headstone base for approval today.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 10:22 a.m. Minutes prepared by Michelle Cerett, Chief Clerk

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary