

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; Warden, Duane Black; HCBI Director, Amy Wise; CYS Administrator, Joyce Zolten; District Attorney, George Zanic; Planning Director, Mark Colussy; Daily News Reporter, Garrison Crow and visitors 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 Fluke and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Commissioner Thomas.

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 September 24th 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 for the last two weeks.

There were no additions or announcements to the agenda today.

Bruce Pergament commented about the recent government shut down. He feels that all non essential services should be removed from the County budget as well. Anthony Bullett offered public comment as well. He urged the Board to establish a human relations commission in Huntingdon County. Mr. Bullett provided a sample ordinance along with sample ordinances from other counties and municipalities.

There were no items addressed by the Solicitor today.

Amy Wise, HCBI Director requested subordination of an EZ loan position for the Huntingdon Cinema. As other loans obtained by the Cinema have been paid off, the County has moved from fourth to second lien position for the existing loan. The Cinema is now taking on a new project and requesting additional funding through the EZ loan project. Mr. Peoples is refinancing his loan through Kish bank as part of the new project. Therefore, Kish bank has requested their loan be moved to second lien position and the EZ loan moved to third lien position. Amy explained that the EZ loan is typically in at least third lien position and recommended the change. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to agree to subordinate the loan as requested. Amy also invited the Commissioners to a product launch party, which will be held at Smithfield Firehall on October 15th.

Warden Duane Black was present to request the promotion of Officer Daniel Weikert to Lieutenant. The vacancy is due to the promotion of Lieutenant Brad Glover to the position of Deputy Warden. The promotion was approved by the prison board last week. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the promotion of Daniel Weikert effective October 6th, 2013 as requested.

District Attorney George Zanic requested approval of the SAVIN contract, which is victim notification system. The system has been in place for a few years and requires annual approval. It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to approve the SAVIN contract for a period of January 1st, 2013 through December 31st, 2013.

George also discussed his desire to move the victim witness position to the District Attorney’s office. He is not requesting action at this time but would like permission to proceed with gathering information. The position is funded by the State and currently done out of Huntingdon House. George stated that in most counties, the position is part of the DA’s office. He feels that the move would make the position much more effective and he does not feel Huntingdon House will disagree. Commissioner O’Korn recommended George discuss this issue with Huntingdon House and report back to the Commissioners.

Joyce Zolten, CYS administrator was present today with several items for approval. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to accept the resignation of Nicholas Nardelli, caseworker effective September 27, 2013.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the purchase of service agreement with Attorney Robert Covell for a period of July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to approve the purchase of service agreement with Attorney Jennifer Habel for a period of July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve the purchase of service agreement with Huntingdon County Child and Adult development for a period of July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the purchase of service agreement with Youth Advocate programs for a period of July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to approve the purchase of service agreement with Pentz Run Youth services for a period of July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve the purchase of service agreement with Arrow child and family ministries for a period of July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the purchase of service agreement with Shipperville project point of light DBA Manno Therapeutic services for a period of July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to approve the purchase of service agreement with Keystone Adolescent center for a period of July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014.

Mark Colussy, Planning Director presented a request to the Commissioners to appoint two members of the Planning Commission. After his request was made, he received additional applications. Therefore, he recommended the item be tabled until next week so he has a chance to review the new applications. It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to table the Planning Commission appointment until next week.

There was discussion today on the awarding of the Act 13 legacy fund grants. All the applicants were not given the opportunity to address the Planning Commission with their requests. Therefore, Mark has scheduled a special Planning Commission meeting for later this week. He recommended not taking any action on the grant award until after that meeting and the Commissioners agreed.

Mark presented two administrative agreement for CDBG projects for approval. First was the with the Mapleton Area Joint municipal authority for their waste water treatment project. There was \$35,276.00 from the 2011 CDBG funding and \$335,224.00 from the competitive CDBG funding approved for the project and the administrative agreement is required to move forward. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the administrative agreement as presented.

The second agreement was for the Bricktown Senior center project in the amount of \$72,000.00. This project is funded by the 2012 CDBG funding and has already been approved. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to approve the administrative agreement as presented.

Mark also requested permission for Maureen Safko to attend a one day training on blighted properties being hold on November 11th. The cost of the training is \$275.00 and will be covered by the CDBG administrative funds. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O'Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve the training request as presented.

There were four county veteran burial allowances and installation of two government headstones for approval today.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Fluke to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 a.m. Minutes prepared by Chief Clerk, Michelle Cerett.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary