

Huntingdon, PA
Tuesday, May 5, 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; Scot Gill, Solicitor; Chief Clerk, Cinnamon Bair; Amy Sheaffer, HCB&I; Ann Foor, Center for Community Action; Richard Irvin, Treasurer; George Germann, The Daily News; and visitors Randy Carper and Charlie Coleman.

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Chairman Fluke followed by Prayer led by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Commissioner Hoover.

It was moved by Commissioner Hoover seconded by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried (Kough Pittenger, yes; Fluke, yes; Hoover, yes) to approve the minutes of the April 28 meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger seconded by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Fluke, yes; Hoover, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to approve payment of invoices for the week of May 4.

There were no additions to today's meeting.

There was no public comment.

Solicitor Scot Gill asked the Commissioners to sign an esstopped letter to DCED. Scot explained the owners of the old UNB building had recently received a \$100,000 loan with DCED. The owners have a JCEL revolving loan with the County. The owners have a second mortgage held by the County and for them to receive the DCED loan the Commissioners need to approve an esstopped letter. The esstopped letter will allow DCED to be third lien holder on the building. Scot said without the letter the building owners would not be able to receive any other loans on the building. Scot told the Commissioners the contract allows the County to know if future liens are placed on the building. Scot said the County will remain second lien and their mortgage lien would be satisfied before DCED in the event the building is sold, etc. It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger seconded by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes) to sign the esstopped letter to allow DCED to grant a \$100,000 loan to the old UNB Bank building owners.

First on the agenda was, Amy Sheaffer, HCB&I Director. Amy asked the Commissioners to approve resolutions to extend two KOZ's in the County. One the Broad Top KOZ and two the Riverview KOZ. The Broad Top resolution would extend the KOZ until 2020. The Riverview resolution would extend the KOZ until a period of 10 years from the date of occupancy, but no longer than December 31, 2025. It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger seconded by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Fluke, yes; Hoover, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to approve Resolution 11-2009 to extend the Broad Top KOZ. It was moved by Commissioner Hoover seconded by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried (Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve Resolution 12-2009 to extend the Riverview KOZ.

Next, scheduled on the agenda was Center for Community Action (CCA) Director, Ann Foor. Ann presented two applications to the Commissioners for approval. The first application was the Human Services Development Fund (HSDF). The 2009-2010 allocation is in the amount of \$99,620, this is a decrease of \$1,312 from 2008-2009. Ann advertised in the paper for providers and received six responses. Ann detailed the different agencies and the amount they will receive from the HSDF funds to help Huntingdon County residents. Ann told the Board that CCA is looking into purchasing a new data system that will allow CCA to share client information with the agencies that do not have the resources to gather important information so they can better serve their clients. Commissioner Kough Pittenger asked Ann to explain the difference of administration money and coordination money. Ann said administration is the monitoring and fiscal part of a program, coordination is bringing agencies together with people that use the services. It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger seconded by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes) on the recommendation of the CCA Advisory Board to sign the HSDF application.

Ann told the Commissioners a greater issue was the need for help to the homeless or near homeless residents of the County. The Homeless Assistance Program (HAP) is used to assist income-eligible Clients with mortgage payments to stop eviction, rent payments to stop eviction, utility payments to stop termination, etc. and case management. The total allocation for 2009-2010 is \$33,966 the same amount received for the last two years. Commissioner Kough Pittenger asked Ann if the money was a first come first served. Ann answered yes, but when the funding runs out CCA refers clients to the Salvation Army and other organizations that may be able to offer assistance. Commissioner Hoover added that with the State cuts that CCA may apply for the current amount but that total may be cut. Ann said they would work with what they receive. Commissioner Fluke asked how many days the food pantries allow to give to clients. Ann thought they would give a three day supply. It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger seconded by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to sign the HAP plan.

The Commissioners approved payment for 2 Veteran burial allowances, 0 widow/widower burial allowances and 2 bases.

Scot Gill asked the Commissioners to allow him to meet with Richard Stahl and get some facts together regarding the County IT contract and issues. Scot would then meet with the Commissioners to go over the differences. The Commissioners agreed.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger second by Commissioner Hoover and carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:47 a.m. Minutes prepared by Chief Clerk Cinnamon L. Bair.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Kough Pittenger, Secretary