

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; Planning Director, Mark Colussy; Grant Administrator, Maureen Safko; Sid McConahey, Mission Critical Representative; Rufus Brenneman, 911 Director; CCA Director, Wendy Melius; Daily News reporter, Kylie Hawn; visitors Mike McNamara, Jim Cassatt, and Mark Sather.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Commissioner O’Korn followed by prayer led by Commissioner O’Korn and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Commissioner Fluke.

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 October 6<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 was one resolution added to the agenda today. There were no announcements or matters addressed by the Solicitor today.

Jim Cassatt offered public comment today on the budget process.

First on the agenda today was Sid McConahey and Rufus Brenneman with requests to approve expenses for the 911 upgrades. Sid explained that the current equipment is all end of life and will not be supported after the end of 2016. The County recently received \$75,000.00 through the ARC Grant to help pay for the upgrades and Sid will be applying to PEMA for additional grant money. He explained that a large part of the money from the new Legislation that passed in June, 2015 will be used to fund grants for upgrades such as these. Commissioner O’Korn stated there was concern discussed at the 911 policy board meeting about the cash flow due to the budget impasse. Commissioner Thomas stated that he has confirmed that the 911 funds will not be affected by the budget impasse. Sid confirmed that as well and Huntingdon County will be receiving \$227,000.00 soon, which is the first quarter payment. 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 agreement with New World Systems in the amount of \$245,560.00 for the upgrade to the Computer Added Dispatch system.

Also as part of the same project, Sid presented information from Com Pros for their portion of the upgrade process. Sid stated that the majority of Com Pros fees will not be paid until we accept the program. The projected cost for Com Pros portion of the project is \$772,531.20. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to authorize Com Pros to proceed with the upgrades as presented. Commissioner Thomas noted that the completion of this project will regionalize Huntingdon, Blair, Bedford and Fulton County 911 centers. Chief Brenneman stated that each county will continue to operate their own 911 center but in the event of a disaster, each county will have the ability to dispatch services from any county. Commissioner O’Korn commented on the cost savings of the regionalization. Each county would have had to spend roughly \$3.8 million for individual upgrades but by regionalizing it, the total cost for all four counties is expected to be roughly \$2.7 million. Commissioner Thomas stated that PEMA is very pleased with the regionalization and would like to use this project as a model around the State.

Mark Colussy and Maureen Safko were present today with several requests. First was a revision to the 2014 Emergency Solutions grant. The revision will reduce the administrative cost of the grant by \$6,130.00 and increase two service lines by the same amount. There will be \$2,000.00 added to the Rapid Rehousing line and \$4,130.00 added to the Prevention services line. Wendy Melius, CCA Director was present and commented that this will allow more services to be provided to individuals. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to approve the grant revision as presented.

Next was a resolution request that is needed as part of section 504 of the Housing Rehabilitation act of 1973. The Act requires the appointment of a Section 504 Officer to ensure ADA Compliance. This has been done in the past but Maureen is requesting the files be updated. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to adopt resolution 20-2015 appointing the Planning Director as the Section 504 Officer for Huntingdon County.

Lastly, Mark requested approval from the Board to authorize Southern Alleghenies to apply for a grant to assist with a six county Comprehensive Plan update. This has never been done before but Steve Howsare feels it is possible and is willing to assist with the process. Mark stated doing a multi-county plan update has the potential to save all six counties a substantial amount of money. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, no; Thomas, yes) to authorize Southern Alleghenies to apply for a grant from DCED to assist with a multi-county Comprehensive plan update.

The last item on today’s agenda was consideration of a Resolution to authorize John Cirko Jr. as the signatory for the Hazard Mitigation Plan. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to adopt resolution 21-2015 as presented.

There were no Veteran burial allowances for approval today.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 10:53 a.m.  
Minutes prepared by Michelle L. Cerett, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

---

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary