

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; Mapping Director, Brian Young; Chief Tax Assessor, Ken Tucker; Andy Patterson, Conservation Director; Bob Oliver and Mike Mowrer, Conservation Board Members; Daily News Reporter, Zach Myers; and visitors Bill Hoover, Larry Burger, Valerie Burnett, Bruce Pergament, Jim Cassatt.

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 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 December 2<sup>nd</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 minutes of the December 2<sup>nd</sup> budget meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, ye) to approve the minutes of the December 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Officials meeting.

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

There was one addition today regarding the budget which Michelle will present.

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

Jim Cassatt, Bill Hoover and Bruce Pergament asked questions regarding the 2015 budget.

First on the agenda was the opening of bids for the 2015 Tax Anticipation Note. The following eight bids were received:

Kish Bank	Interest on loan 0.89%	Interest bearing account 0.15%
MCS Bank	Interest on loan 0.79%	No bid on interest bearing account
FNB Mifflintown	Interest on loan 1.95%	Interest on account 0.34%
F&M Trust	Interest on loan 1.89%	Interest on account 0.40%
Juniata Valley Bank	Interest on loan 2.95%	No bid on interest bearing account
Community State Bank	Interest on loan 0.99%	No bid on interest bearing account
First National Bank	Interest on loan 1.09%	Interest on account 0.20%
Clearfield Bank	Interest on loan 2.19%	Interest on account 0.10%

The bids will be reviewed and considered at next week’s meeting.

Brian Young and Ken Tucker presented an agreement with Pictometry, Inc. for consideration. The agreement is for aerial flights of the County, which will benefit in many ways. The total cost payable over six years is \$253,604.14 and includes flights in 2015 and 2018 as well as the software. Commissioner Fluke questioned whether the flights were necessary. Ken stated that the increase in tax revenue will pay for the cost of the flights. Commissioner O’Korn clarified that the funds for the flights will be coming from the UPI funds, not the general fund. Commissioner Thomas agreed and stated the County will also generate a substantial amount of income from the new flights. In addition, the new information will be shared with Fire and Ambulance services, which will increase public safety. After further discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (Fluke, no; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to approve the agreement with Pictometry, Inc. as presented.

Andy Patterson provided updates and goals on several of the Conservation District projects. He stated that they will focus on Watersheds as well as the Dirt, Gravel and Low Volume road maintenance in 2015 as well as several other projects. Mike Mowrer thanked Andy for all his hard work and dedication to the Conservation projects.

Valerie Burnett presented information on the possibility of trail connectivity between the Lower Trail and Canoe Creek State Park. She stated there was a petition circulated that generated over 1,400 signatures in favor of the connectivity. Valerie pointed out that connecting the two recreation areas will provide health, economic and environmental benefits to the residents of the County.

Michelle provided information on the consideration of the 2015 budget. She stated the plan is to consider the budget at the December 16<sup>th</sup> meeting but the advertising was inadvertently done for the 9<sup>th</sup>. The advertising requirements allow for the budget to be considered today but since information provided to the public stated the 16<sup>th</sup>, she suggested tabling it until then. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to table the consideration of the 2015 budget until the December 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn with regret and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, no; Thomas, yes) to accept the retirement of Bob Houck, Maintenance Director effective December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to accept the resignation of Tammy Morningstar, Maintenance Crew effective December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to accept the resignation of Jennifer Neumann, Caseworker effective December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014.

There was installation of one government headstone approved today.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Fluke to adjourn the meeting at 11:37 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary