

Huntingdon, Pa.  
Tuesday November 13, 2012  
9:30 a.m.  
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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; Shawn Ritchey, Keller Engineers; Joyce Zolten, CYS Director; Planning Director, Rich Stahl; Plannig Commission members Rob Rabena, Ginny Gill and Amy Kyper-Reynolds; Robert Taylor, South Western PA Legal services; Daily News reporter, Jeff Gill; and visitors Bruce Pergament, Charlie Coleman, Joan & Jim Cassatt.

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 November 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 two additions to the agenda today today that will be addressed later in the meeting.

Solicitor McManamon had no items to address today but does have comments on an agenda item.

Commissioner Thomas thanked all the members of the Armed Forces for their service. Commissioner O’Korn accounced that a ribbon cutting ceremony will be held Friday November 16<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary’s bridge. He reminded everyone there will be no public meeting November 20<sup>th</sup> due to the Commissioners attending a conference. He also stated that the County received their first Marcellus shale payment of roughly \$47,000.00 and that the first payment from the T-mobile agreement is expected shortly.

Jim Cassatt asked when the 2013 budget would be presented. Commissioner O’Korn stated that the goal is to have it completed by November 28<sup>th</sup>.

Shawn Ritchey, Keller Engineers provided updates on two County bridge projects. Runk bridge is completed and opened to traffic. Michelle will complete the final paperwork with Penn DOT for the liquid fuels funding. The final inspection of St. Mary’s bridge will be today at 1:00 p.m. As mentioned previously, a ribbon cutting will be held this Friday.

Shawn also presented several documents for approval. First was Supplement B for St. Mary’s bridge in the amount of \$4,073.99, which will be no cost to the County. The supplement is necessary due to additional time required to complete the project. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve supplement B as presented.

Solicitor McManamon has received the easement agreement and the land owner agreement for the St. Mary’s FGM project. After review, he suggested approval. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the easement agreement as presented. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn,yes) to approve the land owner agreement as presented.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve reimbursement request 4-002 for St. Mary’s bridge in the amount of \$24,246.37.

It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve construction estimate 6 for St. Marys bridge in the amount of \$89,151.68.

Joyce Zolten requested permission to add a fourth fiscal position at CYS. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to table the approval until a future meeting due to the budget process.

Joyce also requested approval of an upgrade to the CAPS program. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve the upgrade contract as presented.

Joyce requested an addendum to contracts for several attorneys to provide a fee increase for ad litem cases. The addendum would increase the fee from \$65.00 to \$70.00 for Nicholas Newfield, Andrea Lehman, Jennifer Habel, Michael Kipphan, Larry Newtown, Ray Ghaner and Roberta Binder-Heath. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the contract addendums as requested.

Lastly, Joyce requested approval of a purchase of service agreement with Youth Advocate Program for July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to approve the agreement as requested.

Richard Stahl, Planning Director was present to recognize the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Planning Commission. Ron Rabena, Ginny Gill and Amy Kyper-Reynolds, all members of the Planning Commission were present as well. Rich provide an overview of the Planning Commission and discussed the challenges they have faced over the years. He thanked all the members for their hardwork and dediction to the County. Commissioner Thomas thanked Rich as well for his dedication to the Planning Commission. Ginny Gill thanked Rich as well and expressed her gratitude to him for his years of service. Commissioner Thomas thanked Rich as well for his 32 years of service as Planning Director. Commissioner O’Korn informed the public that an open house will be held at the Bailey building on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was recessed at 10:46 a.m. to allow the media an opportunity for photos with the Commissioners and the Planning Commission members. The meeting was reconvened at 10:52 a.m.

It was noted that Chris Wysocki was on the agenda for a quarterly update but is not in attendance. Michelle will follow up and re-schedule.

Robert Taylor, Southwestern PA legal services was present to provide information on programs offered by his company. His firm works closely with HUD on Fair housing issues and they currently service 24 counties in Pennsylvania. Commissioner Fluke asked what source of funding the company receives. Mr. Taylor stated their funding comes through HUD, not the residents they represent. Mr. Taylor is seeking approval to notify county residents of their services and the Commissioners gave their approval.

There was one county veteran burial allowance for approval today.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Fluke to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 a.m. Minutes prepared by Michelle Cerett, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary