

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, Peter McManamon; Planning Director, Mark Colussy; Grant Administrator, Maureen Safko; Recycling Coordinator, Lou Ann Shontz; Jean Collins and Rachel Reed, Huntingdon House representatives; Jen Johnson, Center for Community Action Representative; Daily news reporter Claire Williams; and visitors Bruce Pergament, and Joan Rogers.

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 April 14th 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 were no additions to the agenda, announcements or matters addressed by the Solicitor today.

Bruce Pergament expressed concern about the status of the Senior Centers in the County. Due to a change in funding, they need to raise \$26,000.000 to stay open. He stated that is 2% of the increase in county spending last year and 10% of the appropriation that goes to the Shirley Home. He feels the money would be better spent on the Senior Centers instead of the Shirley Home because it would help more people. Commissioner Thomas stated that the funding for Senior Centers used to get has been shifted to in home services to allow the elderly stay in their homes. Joan Rogers asked if Solicitor McManamon would be meeting with Stan Westbrook in the near future to discuss the library funding issues. Peter said he has been in contact with Stan and plans to meet with him soon.

First on the agenda today was Mark Colussy and Maureen Safko with two Administrative Agreements for consideration. The first one is with Huntingdon County for the management of Emergency Solutions grant funds in the amount of \$25,000.00. The funds will be used to support the operations of the Baxter house, minor rehabilitation and essential services. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, no) to approve the Administrative Agreement as presented. The second Administrative Agreement is with Center for Community Action for the management of Emergency Solutions grant funds in the amount of \$48,000.00. Their funds will be used to support the Rapid Re-Housing and Homeless Prevention services. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, no; Thomas, yes) to approve the Administrative Agreement as presented. Maureen noted that there is also \$2,737.00 on grant funds available to be used for Administrative purposes. Mark noted that one half of the grant funds must be spent by November 24, 2015 and the remaining one half must be spent by August 1, 2016.

Lou Ann Shontz, Recycling Coordinator was present today with several requests and an update on the recent issues in Smithfield Township. First, she requested permission to apply for the 903 grant, which will reimburse one half of the Recycling Coordinators salary and expenses. It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to approve the grant application as requested.

Lou Ann stated that she has had issues with residents putting inappropriate items at the Smithfield Township recycling bin. After discussion with the Township, it was agreed that the County would put security cameras in the area to help deter inappropriate items being dropped off. Lou Ann stated that the cameras were donated to her by the Sheriff’s Department and the cost of having them installed is being covered from her Solid Waste grant so there is no cost to the County.

Lou Ann requested permission to apply for a grant to cover a one day Electronics and Appliance collection being held on May 16th, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to Noon. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve the grant application as requested.

Lastly, Lou Ann requested permission to attend her 2015 PROP conference, which is being held the end of July. The cost of the conference is \$450.00 and the membership fee is \$125.00, both of which will be paid from the South Central Account. It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the conference attendance as requested. Commissioner O’Korn commended Lou Ann for her passion and dedication to the Recycling program.

Solicitor McManamon provided revised conflict counsel contracts for consideration. The contracts were approved a few weeks ago but it was discovered that their per hour rate for anything over the initial 50 cases was listed as \$60.00 per instead of \$50.00, which is what they are billing. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to approve the revised Conflict Counsel contract with Attorney Lawrence Newton effective April 1, 2015.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve the revised Conflict Counsel contract with Attorney Lance Marshall effective April 1, 2015.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the revised Conflict Counsel contract with Attorney Chris Wencker effective April 1, 2015.

There was one personnel issues for consideration. It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to approve the hiring of John Thompson, Maintenance/Bridge Crew effective April 20th, 2015.

There was one veteran burial allowance for approval today.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Fluke to adjourn the meeting at 10:23 a.m. Minutes prepared by Michelle Cerett, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary