

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; Planning Director, Mark Colussy; Conservation Director, Andy Patterson; Warriors Mark Supervisor, Stewart Knepp; Daily News Reporter, Garrison Crow and visitors John Gradwell, Stan Westbrook, Alexa McGraw, Wendy Melius, Dennis Johnson, Jim Cassatt and Bruce Pergament.

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 O’Korn.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the minutes of the December 10th public meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to approve the minutes of the December 10th budget meeting.

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

There were no additions to the agenda today.

Commissioner O’Korn announced that there will be a meeting on December 23rd at 9:30 a.m. at which time the 2014 budget will be considered. He also announced there is not public meeting on the December 24th due to the Holiday. Michelle provided the deadlines for the upcoming January 28th special election. The last day to register prior to that election is December 30th, 2013. Voters may apply for an absentee ballot until January 21st 2014 and ballots must be returned by 5:00 p.m. on January 24th, 2014. Jim Cassatt asked if the project manager would be used for phases 3 and 4 of the Courthouse renovations. Commissioner O’Korn stated only phases 1 and 2 have been considered at this time. John Gradwell requested the Commissioners consider increasing the spousal veteran burial allotment to \$100.00. Bruce Pergament provided comments on the library funding situation. Stan Westbrook offered comments on the efficiency of the Huntingdon library. Commissioner Fluke offered comments on the Library as well stating that he doesn’t feel the inmates at the State prisons should be counted in the funding consideration for the library.

Solicitor McManamon requested approval of resolution 25-2013 authorizing the execution of the 2014 TAN Loan. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to adopt resolution 25-2013 as presented.

Mark Colussy presented a TIP update recommendation for the Commissioners consideration. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to approve the TIP recommendations as presented.

Mark presented a contract with Broad Top City Borough for the Act 13 legacy funding in the amount of \$4,000.00. This funding was approved at the October 29th meeting and the contract is the next step in completing the project. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve the contract as presented.

Mark also recommended the appointment of Michael Mowrer to the Conservation board. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas to appoint Michael Mowrer to the Conservation Board for a period of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2017. Motion failed for lack of a second. It was moved by Commissioner Fluke to table this item until a future meeting. Motion failed for lack of a second. No further motions were made, therefore this item will be considered in the future. Andy Patterson explained to the Board that the recommendation for Conservation Board appointments comes from a variety of sources, not solely the Planning Commission.

Andy Patterson provided an update of the Conservation programs. He informed the Commissioners that the District received \$706,000.00 in Growing Greener II fund that will be used to bring the watersheds in to compliance with the new DEP regulations. Andy also thanked the Commissioners for the \$5,000.00 appropriation to the District. Andy also provided information on an easement project in Warriors Mark Township that will be beneficial to Ag land preservation. Stewart Knepp, Warriors Mark Township Supervisor

accompanied Andy to the meeting today and presented a check to the Commissioners in the amount of \$30,000.00 to be used towards the easement project. Mr. Knepp stated he feels the project will be beneficial to the Township and the Board of Supervisors is glad to help. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Knepp and the Board for the contribution. Dennis Johnson thanked the Board of Commissioner for allowing Juniata College students to work with the Conservation District.

Sheriff Walters provided Michelle with four personnel requests for approval today. He will be hiring one part-time deputy and three full-time deputies effective January 6, 2014.

It was moved by Commissioner O’Korn to hire Brittany Claycomb, part-time Sheriff deputy effective January 6, 2014. Motion fails for lack of a second.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to hire Nathan Betts, full time Sheriff Deputy effective January 6, 2014.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to hire Warren Edwards, full time Sheriff Deputy effective January 6, 2014.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, no) to hire Nathan Goshorn, full time Sheriff Deputy effective January 6, 2014.

It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissinoer Thomas and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to accept the resignation of Jason Everhart, Probation officer effective December 27th, 2013.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to approve a purchase of service agreement with Adolphoi Village for a period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve a one year lease agreement with Orbisonia Borough for MDJ Jamison’s office space. The lease will run from January 5, 2014 through January 4th, 2015.

Michelle provided information to the Board on the 2013/2014 Human Services plan that is now required by the State. This is the second year for the plan requirements, which pertains to several human service grant provided a part of the block grant program. Huntingdon County has elected not to participate in the block grant due to being in a joined with Mifflin and Juniata, however they are still required to submit a plan. Michelle noted that the MHMR services portion of the plan was submitted with Mifflin Counties plan and the D&A portion of the plan was submitted with Juniata County. The remaining block grant funds were compiled in the Huntingdon County plan and a public hearing was held last week to receive feedback on it. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, no; Thomas, yes) to approve the 2013/2014 Huntingdon County Human services plan as presented.

Prior to adjournment, Alexa McGraw made a request on behalf of Judge Elect George Zanic to approve a bid for renovations on the second floor of the Courthouse. Due to the dollar amount of the project, three bids were requested but only two were received. Alexa stated that since three were requested, that meets the requirements and she requested awarding the bid to Southern Contracts. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas and seconded by Commissioner Fluke to recess the meeting at 11:23 a.m. while the bidding requirements are reviewed by the Solicitor. The meeting reconvened at 11:45 a.m. with no action being taken. There being no further business, It was moved by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 11:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary