

Huntingdon, PA  
Tuesday, February 10, 2009  
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The regular weekly meeting of the Huntingdon County Commissioners was held on the above date in the Commissioners Meeting Room with the following being present: Commissioners Fluke, Hoover, and Kough Pittenger; Scot Gill, Solicitor; Chief Clerk, Cinnamon Bair; Corporal Chris Stevens and Chief Chuck Streightiff, Huntingdon Borough Police; Brian Wisser, Keller Engineers; George Germann, The Daily News and visitors Randy Carper and Robert DeHart.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Fluke followed by Prayer led by Commissioner Hoover and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Commissioner Kough Pittenger.

It was moved by Commissioner Hoover seconded by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried (Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes) to approve the minutes of the February 3 meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger seconded by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to approve payment of invoices for the week of February 9.

There were two additions to today's meeting. First, a resolution for Neighborhood Stabilization; Maureen Safko had met with the Commissioners last week and had them approve the application, but found it was necessary to have a resolution passed. It was moved by Commissioner Hoover seconded by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried (Kough Pittenger, yes; Fluke, yes; Hoover, yes) to approve Resolution 02-2009 application to ask for monies for Neighborhood Stabilization.

The second addition to the agenda was the revision to the incentive policy number 111.1. It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger seconded by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to revise policy number 111.1 (section 2.2b in the handbook) to include two additional sentences. ***A previous incentive will not be applied to a promotion or transfer salary. Incentives will be added to the new salary at the regular interval.***

There was no public comment at today's meeting.

Corporal Chris Stevens and Chief Chuck Streightiff, Huntingdon Borough Police were scheduled on the agenda to have the Commissioners sign a resolution and an agreement with PennDOT to allow Corporal Stevens to apply, on behalf of the District Attorney's Office for Huntingdon County, for a grant to start and operate a DUI Task Force. Chris told the Board that a grant if awarded would pay for the costs to have 8 checkpoint DUI stops, 6 roving and 2 faux set ups. All costs were written into the annual grant and no match would be needed. A trailer would be purchased to set up a mobile unit for blood testing, a Phlebotomist will be on site to take blood samples. Chris told the Board that currently when a DUI checkpoint is set up they have to shut it down for each violator due to the need to have two Officers take the suspect to the hospital for testing.

Chief Streightiff said that part of the program is education; they are required to advertise the checkpoints and during checkpoints to hand out brochures regarding drinking and driving. It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger seconded by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes) to pass Resolution 02A-2009 for Corporal Stevens to apply for the grant to start a DUI Task Force. Secondly, to sign the PennDOT agreement to allow Corporal Stevens to access the PennDOT website for the application.

Scheduled second on the agenda was Brian Wisser, Keller Engineers. Brian had sent the design and price proposal for Walnut Grove Bridge to the Commissioners to review. Brian came to get approval on the project to submit it to PennDOT if approved by the Board. Brian told the Commissioners that the work was planned for February 2010. The preliminary design was \$74,200.75 and final design will be \$176,470.59, making the total proposal \$250,671.34. The cost will be 100% reimbursable. The plan is to get the project done in one season, because of the length of the detour for local people. Brian mentioned that they were working to get a no weight limit on the bridge or at least a very high limit.

Brian said that the original estimate to replace the bridge was 2.4million. To rehabilitate the bridge the cost estimate is 1.2mil. It was moved by Commissioner Hoover seconded by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried (Kough Pittenger, yes; Fluke, yes; Hoover, yes) to approve submitting the design and price proposal to PennDOT for Walnut Grove Bridge. Brian told the Board that he had prepared a letter to PennDOT that needed to be signed by the Commissioners to ask for 80% reimbursement for bridge inspections for bridges 20,1,2,4 and 5. The total for inspections was \$16,916.40 and 80% would be \$13,533.12.

The Commissioners approved payment for 2 Veteran burial allowances, 1 widow/widower burial allowances and 1 base.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger second by Commissioner Hoover and carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Connie Kough Pittenger, Secretary