

Huntingdon, Pa.
Tuesday November 27, 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; Joyce Zolten, CYS Director; District Attorney, George Zanic; Treasurer, Rich Irvin; Register and Recorder, Ginny Cooper; Prothonotary, Kay Coons; Daily News reporter, Jeff Gill; and visitors Bruce Pergament, Barry Wright, Scott Walls, Joan & Jim Cassatt.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Commissioner O’Korn followed by Prayer led by Commissioner Thomas and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Commissioner O’Korn.

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 13th 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 no additions to the agenda today.

Commissioner O’Korn announced that the County received recognition from PCoRP for being a member for 23 years. He also stated that the County will receive approximately a \$33,000.00 refund for the premium due to good claim status.

Solicitor McManamon had one item to address. Rich Stahl provided him with a Confirmation of Assignment with Ted L. Strosser to complete the clock tower study. The contract was approved prior so there was no action needed. Commissioner O’Korn signed the agreement as presented.

Commissioner O’Korn presented the 2013 county budget today. The budget reflects a 1.35 milage rate, which is the maximum permitted due to the ratio change that was done earlier this year. A public meeting will be held on December 11th at 1:30 p.m. to receive comments on the budget. The Commissioners will take action on the proposed budget at the public meeting on December 18th. Commissioner Fluke stated he was unsure that the milage increase was permitted along with the ratio change. Solicitor McManamon stated that according to title 53, section 8823 of the State purdons, the milage rate may be increased in the same year as a ratio change but the increase is limited to 10%. Commissioner Thomas added that this information was listed on the notices that were mailed to residents when the ratio change took place. Commissioner O’Korn commended his fellow Commissioners as well as the Department head for a job well done on managing expenses this year with the unexpected budget cuts. Commissioner O’Korn stated that mandated changes to the 911 system must be completed by the end of this year and the expense was unbudgeted. Commissioner Thomas further commented that the 911 system is no longer self sufficient and that cost will be coming to the County.

Joyce Zolten requested approval of several agreements. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve a purchase of service agreement with Mid Atlantic Youth services for a period of July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve a purchase of service agreement with Raystown Developmental services for a period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to approve a purchase of service agreement with NHS Pennsylvania for a period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve a contract addendum with Attorney David Smith, which increases his rate to \$70.00. This addendum was previously approved for all other attorneys as well.

George Zanic requested approval to hire David Aiello as a part-time, as needed detective effective February 16, 2013. George will monitor the needs for David’s services and use him accordingly. The salary will be

reimbursed to the county from either ARD or the Drug Task force account. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the hiring with the understanding that it will be no expense to the County and no benefits will be paid.

It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to approve reimbursement request #7 for St. Marys bridge in the amount of \$28,744.30.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve estimate #2 for Runks bridge in the amount of \$352,159.56.

Commissioner Fluke expressed concern that the budget hearing being held during the day may limit attendances. He feels that the meeting should be held in the evening to allow working people to attend. Michelle stated that the meeting on the 11th has already been advertised but an evening meeting could be scheduled as well. The Board will discuss it and announce the date and time of an evening meeting at next weeks meeting.

There were five county veteran burial allowances for approval today.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Fluke to adjourn the meeting at 10:32 a.m. Minutes prepared by Michelle Cerett, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary