

Huntingdon, Pa.  
Tuesday, January 17, 2012  
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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 O’Korn, Fluke, and Thomas; Chief Clerk, Michelle Cerett; Solicitor, Peter McManamon; Daily News reporter, George Germann; Planning Director, Rich Stahl and visitors Bruce Pergament, Jim and Joan Cassatt, Pat Kepple, and Valerie Burnett

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.

There were no additions or corrections to the January 10<sup>th</sup> minutes.

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 January 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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

There was one addition to the agenda today. There was a schedule conflict with two boards, which Commissioner Fluke was appointed to. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to appoint Commissioner Thomas to the Skills Advisory board.

Commissioner O’Korn announced that the TAN money was received last week. He thanked Solicitor McManamon for his persistence in completing the process so quickly. He also addressed Bruce Pergaments concerns from last week regarding the redistricting. According to Lori Sheffield, the process is under appeal. As she receives further information, she will provide it to the Board and the public.

Bruce Pergament informed the Commissioners that the Huntingdon County Council of Governments is meeting tomorrow night. He invited everyone to attend and added that the enrollment dues have been waived.

Solicitor McManamon is reviewing the bond paperwork for Runk Bridge. He will provide his comments to Brian Wiser. He is also reviewing a document for Maureen Safko involving Huntingdon House.

Solicitor McManamon has reviewed the process involved for the Commissioners to re-open the 2012 budget. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner O’Korn, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to re-open the 2012 budget. Commissioner Thomas commented that he feels he owes it to the residents of the County to make sure we are running as efficient as possible and that the Department heads have sufficient funds to run their departments. George Germann asked if there was any item in particular that they will be reviewing in the 2012 budget. Commissioner Thomas commented that there is no specific item, he would just like to meet with Department heads and review the line items. Commissioner O’Korn echoed those sentiments and stated that this would give them an opportunity to speak with Department heads.

Rich Stahl, Planning Director was present to request certification of the Ag land preservation funds for 2011. He stated that the County appropriation was eliminated two years ago. Therefore, the only preservation funds available are the roll back taxes from the Clean and Green program. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (Fluke, no; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to certify Ag land preservation money in the amount of \$2,292.00

There were 3 county veteran burial allowances and one headstone approved today.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Fluke to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 a.m. Minutes prepared by Chief Clerk, Michelle Cerett.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary