

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; Visitors Bureau Vice-President, Sandy Wright; Warden, Duane Black; JVBDS Administrator, Chris Wysocki; Daily news reporter Claire Williams; and visitors Bruce Pergament and 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 April 28th 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 was one addition to the agenda today. Chris Wysocki will present his quarterly update.

Commissioner Thomas announced that the VA Medical center will offer their mobile unit on May 9th at Gardner’s Candy on Rt. 22. They will be offering free blood pressure check, health net check and social services will also be on hand. Commissioner Thomas also responded to Jim Cassatt’s questions from last week regarding the bridge inspections. He stated that we do not pay a fee for the bridge inspections unless they are completed. He also stated annual inspections are not completed while a bridge is under construction but there are construction inspections completed during the rehabilitation. Commissioner O’Korn offered congratulations to several local district champs including Cobert Frederick, Faith Leary, Taylor Mitchell, and Austin Perow. He also announced that the van service offered by the Huntingdon VA Clinic will be expanded to offer transportation to the Altoona area two days a week. Commissioner Thomas thanked the volunteers for their work on the transportation program. Commissioner O’Korn announced that he received word that the September 11 National Trail board will soon announce the final routes that will form multi-modal opportunities from Ground Zero in New York City to the Pentagon and the 9/11 Memorial in Shanksville. The Route 22 Corridor and the Lower Trail are finalists for this opportunity and he stated it would be a tremendous honor for Huntingdon County to be part of the trail. Lastly, Commissioner O’Korn announced there will be no public meeting on May 19th due to the election. Bruce Pergament expressed concern about property improvements not being reported to the Tax Assessment office. Commissioner Thomas stated measures are being taken to resolve this.

Solicitor McManamon provided a lease extension for consideration with Orbisonia Borough for the space utilized by MDJ Jamison’s office. The lease extension is for a period of one year and the monthly cost is \$350.00. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve the lease extension effective January 4th, 2015 as presented.

Sandy Wright, Visitors Bureau Vice-President was present today to request approval of a Proclamation for National Tourism Week 2015. Matt Price was unavailable for today’s meeting. After the reading of the Proclamation, it was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to proclaim May 2nd through May 10th as National Travel and Tourism week in Huntingdon County.

President Judge George Zanic was present to request approval to hire Peggi Brown, Judicial Secretary effective May 4th, 2015. Peggi has been an employee of the Prothonotary’s office for the past few months. It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to approve the hiring as requested.

Chris Wysocki, JVBDS Administrator was present today to provide his quarterly update to the Board. He stated they have seen an overall increase in requests for service but the numbers for Huntingdon County have decreased slightly. Chris also stated that they are now part of a new group called Healing Connections, which is a suicide prevention group. He stated the group consists of various agencies and they work with individuals and families.

Warden, Duane Black was present today with two requests. First was a request to hire Tracy Worthy, Corrections Officer. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve the hiring of Tracy Worthy, Corrections Officer effective May 6th, 2015. It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to accept the resignation of Brandon Grundusky, Corrections Officer effective April 25th, 2015.

There were no veteran burial allowances for approval today.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Fluke to adjourn the meeting at 10:07 a.m. Minutes prepared by Michelle Cerett, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary