

Huntingdon, Pa.
Tuesday August 2, 2011
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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 Hoover, Fluke and Kough Pittenger; Chief Clerk, Michelle Cerett; Solicitor, Peter McManamon; Duane Black, Warden; Bob Houck, Maintenance Director; Gary Dell, CE Woods; Sandy McNeal and Lori Foster, Election Coordinators; George Germann, Daily News; and visitors Bruce Pergament, Charlie Coleman, Bob Pittenger, Aaron Martin, John Gradwell, Jim and Joan Cassatt.

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

There were no additions or corrections to the July 26th minutes.

It was moved by Commissioner Fluke seconded by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried (Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to approve the minutes of the July 26th meeting.

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

There was one addition to the agenda today, which is the consideration of change order 70, 70A and 70B for the Bailey building.

Commissioner Hoover offered comment today. He has confirmed with Joyce Zolten that the impact on County funds for Children and Youth programs is \$37,507.

Jim Cassatt asked if the County would begin making mortgage payments on the Bailey building in August. Michelle stated that the Treasurer is waiting for information from the bank. There is a chance that payments will be deferred until October. Jim also asked if the County would be making additional principal payments to reduce the loan faster. Commissioner Hoover stated that it was an amortized loan and no additional payment has been discussed.

Solicitor McManamon asked that the Commissioners ratify a court ordered termination of a probation officer. It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes) to ratify the termination of Danielle Thomas from the probation office effective July 22, 2011.

Warden Black requested the hiring of a part-time corrections officer. This hiring was approved last week by the Prison board. It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Hoover, no; Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to approve the hiring of James Reynolds effective August 1, 2011.

Bob Houck, Maintenance Director was present to discuss an electrical issue that recently arose at the Courthouse. There were several new computers purchased for Janet Hanks office recently. The current electric panels are not sufficient to maintain the equipment and there have been several power outages in Janets office and the EMA office. Bob is concerned that this is a fire hazard and asked the Commissioners to consider a proposal from Southern Contractors to add another electric panel. Solicitor McManamon feels this is an emergency situation and needs addressed immediately. It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes) to approve the proposal from Southern Contractors in the amount of \$4,952.00

Lori Foster, Assistant Election Coordinator provided information on a recent national change of address mailing that she completed. There were a total of 1,028 notices sent out to voters who had changed their address with the postal service. To date, there are 601 people who have not responded. She also completed a five year mailing, which removed 2,109 inactive voters from the voter registration system. This is completed yearly and removes voters who have not voted for the past five years. Lori also reminded the public that August 15th is the last day to return

affidavits and statements of financial interest. The last day to register to vote in the general election is October 11th and the last day to request an absentee ballot is November 1st.

It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried (Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes) to submit reimbursement request #8 for Walnut Grove Bridge in the amount of \$40,794.55

It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Hoover, no; Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to approve change order #30 for the Bailey building in the amount of \$1,659.49. This includes repair to the restroom doors for \$533.90 and a keyed lockset for the front door in the amount of \$1,125.59.

Gary Dell from C.E. Woods was present to answer questions on the proposed change order #70 for the Bailey building. This is for a change that Commissioner Fluke requested to the storm water removal and down spouting. The change will separate the storm water from the sewer drain. This was the original design by the Architect, however, the borough would not approve the plans at the time. Since that time, the borough has begun a project to separate storm water and sewer water. Upon further discussion with the borough, they have approved this plan for the Bailey building. Due to the cost of the change, C.E. Woods received quotes from three separate excavators. Proposal 70 using Pepple Excavating was \$47,700.01, proposal 70A using Hickee, Inc. was \$50,561.76 and proposal 70B using Burns excavating Inc. was \$42,694.40. After discussion with Gary and Bob Houck, it was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, no) to approve change order 70B for the bailey building in the amount of \$42,694.40

There were no County veteran burial allowances to be approved today. John Gradwell offered comment on the veteran burial allowances. He asked the County to consider increasing the amount the County pays to bury local veterans. The County currently pays approximately \$250.00 per burial. According to Mr. Gradwell, the cost of burying a veteran is between \$6,000.00 and \$8,000.00

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Fluke second by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:37 a.m. Minutes prepared by Chief Clerk, Michelle Cerett.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Kough Pittenger, Secretary