

Huntingdon, Pa.
Tuesday March 8, 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; Rich Stahl, Planning Director; Amy Wise, HCBI Director; Shawn Ritchey, Keller Engineers; Janet Hanks, Register and Recorder; Kay Coons, Prothonotary; Charles Swigart, Attorney; George Germann, Daily News; and visitors Bruce Pergament, Ginny Cooper, Aaron Martin, Charlie Coleman, Jim and Joan Cassatt.

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

There were no additions or corrections to the March 1st minutes.

It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Hoover, abstain; Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to approve the minutes of the March 1st meeting.

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

There is one addition to the agenda, which is the approval of the contract with Centre County Jail for the housing of inmates. This will be addressed at the end of the meeting.

Rich Stahl and Amy Wise were first on the agenda today with a request to approve the EZ Revolving loan fund policies. While these policies have been reviewed by the Commissioners in the past, there has never been official action to approve them. The policies presented were modified recently to revise the approval process of loans from the EZ RLF. Since the origination of this program, the Board of Commissioners has given the final approval of these loans. The revision presented today will shift that responsibility to the HCBI Board of Directors. This change would not affect the competitive loans administered through the program. The competitive loans would continue to be approved by the Board of Commissioners. Amy Wise confirmed that if these policies are changed, the Commissioners have the option to review and revise them again at anytime. After much discussion, Commissioner Hoover entertained a motion to approve these policies as presented. No motion was made, therefore the item was tabled until further review is completed. Amy Wise requested a meeting to review these policies with the Commissioners. She feels that with or without changes, there should be record of the Commissioners approving these policies.

Shawn Ritchey from Keller Engineers was present with request for approval of three items. First, he requested approval of David Imler as the bridge inspector for the Walnut Grove bridge project at a rate of \$26.58 per hour. He also requested approval for John Isenberg and Gary Shingledecker to be used as substitute inspectors if David is not available. It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve the request as presented.

Shawn also presented the engineering contract for the Walnut Grove bridge project to the Commissioners for approval. It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried (Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to approve the engineering contract, as presented, for the Walnut Grove bridge project. As part of this process, Shawn also requested the issuance of the notice to proceed for the project. It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes) to issue a notice to proceed for the Walnut Grove Bridge project.

Janet Hanks, Kay Coons and Charles Swigart were present today to get an update on the expected completion of the Bailey building and the renovation plans for the Courthouse offices. Commissioner Fluke reported that the Bailey building first floor is 89% complete. The basement

renovations have been slowed down due to a water proofing job that needs completed. The water proofing cannot be completed until spring. The contractors are expecting a completion date of May 1st for the inside of the building and four to six weeks after that for completion of the outside work. Charles asked if the offices would be moved prior to the outside work being completed. Michelle remarked that the outside work will not need to be completed prior to moving but they will have to factor in the upcoming election and the printing of the school tax bills. Kay Coons asked what amount of money will be available for the Courthouse renovations. Michelle estimates approximately \$800,000 will be available out of the \$4 million dollar line of credit.

The Commissioners received a contract from Centre County Prison to house Huntingdon County inmates at a per diem rate of \$55.00. This is necessary due to over-crowding at the Huntingdon County Jail. The contract has been in place for many years but is renewed on a yearly basis. Solicitor McManamon reviewed and approved the contract after a few changes to the language. It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve this inter-governmental agreement with Centre County as reviewed by the Solicitor.

It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to accept the retirement of Dennis Hicks from the County jail effective June 1, 2011.

It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes) to appoint Mark Brown and Moie Crawford to the Huntingdon County Ag Land Preservation board for three year terms.

It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried (Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes) to appoint the following people to one year terms of the Area Agency on Aging Citizens Advisory board:

Chester Grissinger	Hannah Gordon	Robert Wargo
Gerald Foster	Luella Coons	Imogene Blatt
Leo Gordon	Augusta "Sis" Wargo	Roger Kuckerbrod

The Commissioners approved two veteran burial allowances.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Hoover second by Commissioner Fluke and carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:27 a.m. Minutes prepared by Chief Clerk, Michelle Cerett.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Kough Pittenger, Secretary