

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; CYS Administrator, Joyce Zolten; Farm Bureau members Matt Barnett, Nate Mowrer, Rodney Davis, Darrin Youker; Daily News Reporter Zach Myers and visitors Bruce Pergament, Harvey Reeder 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 March 4<sup>th</sup> 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 that Joyce Zolten will address, which is a purchase of service agreement.

Commissioner O’Korn reminded everyone that there will be no meeting on March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014 due to the Commissioners attending various conferences.

Bruce Pergament addressed the Commissioners regarding Courthouse security. Harvey Reeder addressed the Commissioners and expressed his concerns with the way the attorneys were treated regarding keys to the Courthouse. Mr. Reeder also expressed concerns about an upcoming UPI process that Jinny Cooper may be implementing.

Solicitor McManamon requested tax forgiveness for parcel 20-01-206, which is currently owned by Dana Wallace. The property will then be purchased by Habitat for humanity, fixed up and put back on the tax roles. The amount of forgiveness requested was \$4,078.24, which consists of the County portion only and dates back to 1997. Solicitor McManamon noted that the Borough and the School District have both taken action to forgive their taxes as well. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve the tax forgiveness on Parcel 20-01-206 in the amount of \$4,078.24 as requested by Solicitor McManamon.

Several member of the Farm Bureau addressed the Commissioners today in recognition of Local Government week. They thanked the Commissioners for taking the time to meet with them and for the work they do for the County. Rodney Davis expressed the importance of the Conservation District and stated that their support is important to the Farm Bureau. Mr. Davis also noted that importance of the dirt and gravel road program, which is administered by the Conservation District. Commissioner Thomas stated that Municipalities are required to attend a training to be eligible for the dirt and gravel road program and publically asked that all Municipalities consider doing so.

Joyce Zolten, CYS Administrator was present today with several requests. First was the approval of a purchase of service agreement with Harbor Creek Youth Services for a period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. Joyce noted that this facility is used primarily by Probation, not Children and Youth. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the purchase of service agreement as presented.

Joyce also requested the approval to hire two caseworkers, which will bring her to full staff. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to hire Donna Amspacher, Caseworker effective March 17, 2014. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to hire Paige Smith, caseworker effective March 31, 2014.

Joyce requested permission for several staff members to attend upcoming trainings.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) for Lori Deline to attend Penn State’s third annual conference on Child Protection and Well-being. The conference will be held May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> in State College and the total cost

is \$125.00. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (O’Korn, yes; Thomas, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve the conference attendance as presented.

Joyce would also like Lori to attend a Visitation and the Courts conference on May 8<sup>th</sup> in Mechanicsburg at a cost of \$25.00. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to approve the conference attendance as presented.

Joyce requested approval for Sarah Shaner and Francine Hamman to attend the Basic interviewing in cases of child sexual abuse training, which will be held in Pittsburgh on April 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The conference cost is \$200.00 each and the hotel cost is \$239.00 per person for a total cost of \$878.00. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve the conference attendance as requested. Joyce noted that all conferences are reimbursed by the State at 80%.

Horace Mowrer, a long standing member of the Conservation Board will be retiring soon after 20 years of service. In his honor, the Commissioners considered adopting resolution 7-2014, thanking Mr. Mowrer for his many years of service to the residents of Huntingdon County. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to adopt resolution 7-2014, honoring Horace Mowrer for his many years of loyal service to the Conservation board.

Area Agency on Aging Executive Director, Connie Brode submitted a letter requesting re-appointment of several members of the Agency’s Advisory council. The terms are for a period of one year and will expire February 28, 2015. It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to re-appoint Robert Wargo, Margaret Foster, Mary Gates, Gerald Foster, Luella Coons, Imogene Blatt, and Augusta “Sis” Wargo to the AAA Advisory Board for a period of one year, expiring February 28, 2015.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve reimbursement request 1-2014 for NBIS bridge inspections in the amount of \$5,382.13.

There was one veteran burial allowance approved today.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Fluke to adjourn the meeting at 10:22 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary