

Huntingdon, Pa.
Tuesday, December 20, 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, and Kough Pittenger; Chief Clerk, Michelle Cerett, Solicitor, Peter McManamon; George Germann, Daily News; John Hoffstetler, Altoona Mirror; Brian Wisner, Keller Engineers; George Mills, Bridge Foreman; Recycling Coordinator, Lou Ann Shontz; Planning Director, Richard Stahl; Maureen Safko, Grant Administrator, Sheriff, Bill Walters; Conservation Director and board members: Andy Patterson, Bob Oliver, Russell Kyper, Horace Mowrer, Mike Mowrer, Les Kreiger, and visitors Charlie Coleman, Pat Kepple, Bruce Pergament, Jim and Joan Cassatt.

The Meeting was called to order at 9:34 a.m. by Commissioner Hoover followed by Prayer led by Michelle Cerett and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Commissioner Kough Pittenger.

There were no additions or corrections to the December 13th minutes.

It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger, second by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Hoover, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to approve the minutes of the December 13th meeting.

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

There were no additions to the agenda today.

It was moved by Commissioner Hoover, seconded by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried (Hoover, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to ratify the sale of the box truck for which bids were received last week.

Solicitor McManamon presented a revised memorandum of understanding for Act 22 services. It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger, seconded by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes) to enter into the memorandum of understanding as recommended by the Solicitor.

First on the agenda was the adoption of the 2012 County budget. Commissioner Hoover comments prior to the motion. He requested changes to the budget at a prior meeting and those changes were made. He also commented that he feels several departments will be over budget at the end of 2012 by his calculations. By his calculations, there may be a shortfall of \$334,000.00 and he recommends that the new board re-open and review the budget. It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger, seconded by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Hoover, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to approve the 2012 budget.

Lou Ann Shontz and Rich Stahl presented the Household hazard waste reimbursement request. Lou Ann stated there was 14,497 pounds of waste collected between the three counties. The total reimbursement she is seeking is \$23,991.83. It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger, seconded by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes) to submit the reimbursement request to DEP in the amount of \$23,991.83

Rich Stahl and Maureen Safko presented the Emergency Shelter grant for approval. The grant amount of \$44,515.00 and is for a period of two years. It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger, seconded by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Hoover, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to enter into the grant agreement with the Commonwealth in the amount of \$44,515.00

Brian Wisner from Keller Engineers was present to recommend award of the Runk bridge bid to Wen Brooke contracting in the amount of \$496,081.78. Brian met with Michelle last week to confirm availability of liquid fuels funds. He feels the County is in good shape to complete the project with the additional Act 44 funds that are available. It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger, seconded by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes) to award the contract to Wen Brooke contracting in the amount of \$496.081.78.

Commissioner Hoover suggested the motion include the use of Act 44 money prior to other funds and Commissioner Kough Pittenger agreed.

It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger, seconded by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Hoover, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to issue notice to proceed for Runk bridge pending review by the Solicitor and the Engineer for bonds and insurance.

It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger, seconded by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes) to approve reimbursement 7 for inspection services on Walnut Grove. This is the final request for inspection services. Brian also provided the Board with a cost overview of the Walnut Grove project. Overall the project was \$1,580.67 under the original contracted amount.

It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger, seconded by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Hoover, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to approve the 2012 PCCD grant for the probation office. The grant allows for reimbursement of a Juvenile probation officers salary and has been in place since 1999.

It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger, seconded by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes) to appoint Douglas Tietjens to the Library board for the 2012-2015 term.

It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger, seconded by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Hoover, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to re-appoint Belle Tuten to the Library board for the 2012-2015 term.

Adam Miller presented information last week on the Hazard mitigation grant. He has since received the contract to be signed. It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger, seconded by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes) to approve the Hazard Mitigation grant as presented last week.

The meeting was recessed at 10:20 a.m. and reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

Andy Patterson, Conservation District Director was present with several board members to provide an overview of the programs they provide.

It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger, seconded by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Hoover, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to appoint Robert Oliver to the Conservation District board for a four year term.

It was moved by Commissioner Hoover, seconded by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried (Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes) to appoint Dennis Johnson to the Conservation District Board for a four year term.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger, seconded by Commissioner Hoover and carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:44 a.m. Minutes prepared by Chief Clerk, Michelle Cerett.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Kough Pittenger, Secretary