

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 and Thomas; Chief Clerk, Michelle Cerett; Solicitor McManamon; Grant Administrator, Maureen Safko; Daily News reporter, Kylie Hawn; Jim Cassatt, Scott Walls, Mike Hannon and Mark Sather.

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 Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (O’Korn, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the minutes of the December 15th public meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to approve the payment of the bills.

There were no additions to the agenda or public comments today.

Commissioner Thomas wished everyone a Safe and Happy Holiday season. Commissioner O’Korn thanked everyone who offered their help and support for the Salvation Army during the time of need following a fire.

Solicitor McManamon presented several documents to be signed in relation to the TAN loan. He also stated that he has not located the letter that was discussed last week but he will continue to look.

First on the agenda today was the consideration of the 2016 budget. Commissioner Thomas noted that he has concerns since the State budget has not been passed yet. If the proposed rebalancing of the State budget is approved, it could cut as much as \$172 million State wide in Children and Youth Services, which will greatly impact the County budget. Commissioner O’Korn commented that the proposed rebalancing also allows the State to skip the 4th quarter payment due to the County in the amount of approximately \$500,000.00. He also stated that CCAP is working diligently to make sure that doesn’t happen. Commissioner O’Korn noted that the items addressed during the public budget hearing have all been corrected. After further discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (O’Korn, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the 2016 budget as presented.

Next on the agenda was Maureen Safko, Grant Administrator with several items related to the 2015 CDBG allocation. The application includes \$229,852 for Huntingdon County, \$106,144 for Huntingdon Borough and \$84,748 for Smithfield Township. Maureen stated that the preliminary plan was approved at an earlier meeting. She has met with advertising requirements and is now ready to submit the application. In order to be in compliance with CDBG requirements, Maureen presented three resolutions for consideration. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to adopt resolution 26-2015. This resolution states that the County will comply with the National Program for Minority Enterprises and Women owned Enterprises. Resolution 27-2015 states that the County will comply with the Fair Housing requirements of the CDBG program. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (O’Korn, yes; Thomas, yes) to adopt resolution 27-2015 as presented. The final resolution was to authorize the Planning Department to submit the 2015 CDBG application to DCED. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to adopt resolution 28-2015 as presented.

Next on the agenda was the re-appointment of three Planning Commission members. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (O’Korn, yes, Thomas, yes) to re-appoint Ron Rabena, Raymond Barley and Bryan Yingling to the Huntingdon County Planning Commission for a term of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2019.

There were no Veteran burial allowances for approval today.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 10:13 a.m. Minutes prepared by Michelle L. Cerett, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary