

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; Treasurer, Rich Irvin; Planning Director, Mark Colussy; Grant Administrator, Maureen Safko; Register and Recorder, Ginny Cooper; Daily News Reporter, Garrison Crow and visitors Joe Loner, Jonathon Shapiro, Shanna Leonard, Cindy Lowery, Bruce Pergament 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 July 2nd 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 for the last two week.

There were no additions to the agenda today.

Commissioner Thomas announced that he attended the Celebration of Freedom event last week. He thanked all the Veterans for their service. Commissioner Thomas also attended the Railways to Yesterday 50th anniversary event, which was very nice. He thanked all the volunteers for their work on preserving the railway. Commissioner O’Korn announced that Penn DOT will commit \$3.8 million towards maintaining rail service in Pennsylvania.

Bruce Pergament commented on the cost of maintaining the Geo Thermal system.

There were no items addressed by the Solicitor today.

Treasurer Rich Irvin requested the sale of two properties from the County repository account. Both properties have been in the repository account for several years and all attempts to sell them have been unsuccessful. Both properties will be cleared of back taxes and penalties. Treasurer Irvin also noted that the sale of the properties will place them back on the tax roles. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve the sale of Parcel 49-11-49 to the Trough Creek United Methodist church for the amount of \$250.00.

It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the sale of Parcel 52-19-07 to Tom Conti for the amount of \$500.00.

Mark Colussy and Maureen Safko presented two items for approval. The first item was a request to apply for an Emergency solutions grant, which is offered the DCED. The County will serve as a pass thru for the grant, which will be used by Huntingdon House. The grant will be for a period of two years and will fund the operating costs of two shelters operated by Huntingdon County. Huntingdon House will provide the matching funds for the grant and there will be no cost of the County. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (Fluke, no; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to adopt resolution 9-2013, granting the Planning office permission to apply for the Emergency Solutions grant in the amount of \$74,967.00.

Mount Union Borough has requested that the County apply for a grant on their behalf to repair a section of Pennsylvania Avenue. The grant is offered by Greenways, Trails and Recreation program and is funded by Act 13 funds. The County will act as a pass thru for Mount Union Borough and the Borough will reimburse the County for the administrative costs of applying for the grant. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to allow the Planning office to apply for the grant in the amount of \$250,000.00 as presented.

Lori Sheffield submitted a request to attend the annual Election conference in Philadelphia on August 19th through 22nd. The cost of the conference is \$240.00 and the hotel cost will total \$387.00. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the request as presented.

Commissioner Fluke commented on a reimbursement the County recently received from the State for the District Attorney's salary. He also expressed concern about Department Heads being permitted to vote at the salary board meeting. Solicitor McManamon stated that according to the County code book, the Department Head is permitted to vote on issues related to their employees.

There was no county veteran burial allowances approved today.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 10:43 a.m. Minutes prepared by Chief Clerk, Michelle Cerett.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary