

Huntingdon, PA
Tuesday, August 11, 2009
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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 Fluke, and Hoover; Chief Clerk, Cinnamon Bair; George Germann, The Daily News; and visitors Micah Doggett, Fike Brothers Carpet One and Gary Snare, Park Furniture.

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

It was moved by Commissioner Hoover seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Hoover, yes) to approve the minutes of the August 4 meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Hoover seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve payment of invoices for the week of August 10.

There was no public comment.

There are two additions to today's meeting, Commissioner Hoover regarding the County's budget and reappointment of Southern Alleghenies Workforce Investment Board Member.

First on the agenda, was opening of the bids for the flooring project. Five bids were received, Degol Carpet \$12,321.00, Fike Brothers \$15,400.00, Nittany Building Specialties \$19,648.00, Park Furniture \$18,954.00, and Southern Contractors \$ 22,989.00. The Commissioners asked that the Architect, Alan Popovich review the bids, before the bid was awarded.

It was moved by Commissioner Hoover and seconded by Commissioner Fluke after a discussion regarding the cost of the annual Pennsylvania Planning Association conference for Richard Stahl, Planning Director. The Commissioners were concerned with the cost of the hotel. Commissioner Hoover asked that the Chief Clerk Cinnamon ask Richard to look into staying at an alternate hotel during the conference. The motion was carried (Fluke, yes; Hoover, yes).

It was moved by Commissioner Hoover and seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes) to accept the resignation of Brian Brown, Corrections Officer at the jail effective August 30, 2009.

An addition to the agenda was to reappoint Robert Parsons, B&B Designed Systems to the Southern Alleghenies Workforce Investment Board for a three year term (ending June 30, 2012). It was moved by Commissioner Fluke and seconded by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Fluke, yes; Hoover, yes).

Commissioner Hoover stated that after speaking with the County Treasurer, Rich Irvin the County has 1.6 million dollars in the general fund. Commissioner Hoover explained the County spends approximately 1 million per month. He said he felt the Commissioners should consider suspending bills that are reimbursed by the State. He said that it is getting to the point that the County will not be able to pay any bills or employees without going to the bank. Commissioner Hoover added that he did not feel that if the State budget is passed the money owed will not be sent quickly. Commissioner Fluke said that nationwide revenues are down 30% they will not have the money to pay everyone. Commissioner Hoover reminded all that the County was not reimbursed approximately \$150,000.00 for the District Attorney's salary. Commissioner Fluke said that the Commissioners needed to look at the current budget make some adjustments and tweak it a little. Other counties have laid off employees, cut hours, or have not replaced staff. Commissioner Hoover said that he may regret not looking at the situation sooner, but relied on the State to pass the budget. He added that he would hate to borrow money because of the State and pay interest on the loans.

The Commissioners approved payment for 0 Veteran burial allowances, 0 widow/widower burial

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Hoover second by Commissioner Fluke and carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m. Minutes prepared by Chief Clerk Cinnamon L. Bair.

Respectfully submitted,

William W. Hoover, Vice Chairman