

Huntingdon, Pa.
Tuesday, February 5, 2013
9:30 a.m.
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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; Planning Director, Mark Colussy; Chris Wysocki, Juniata Valley Behavioral Health Administrator; Brian Wisner, Keller Engineers; Daily news reporter Garrison Crow; visitors Bruce Pergament, Joan and Jim Cassatt.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Commissioner O’Korn followed prayer led by Commissioner Fluke and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Commissioner Thomas.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes;) to approve the minutes of the January 29th public meeting.

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

There was one addition to the agenda today. Michelle presented a request for herself, Commissioner O’Korn and Commissioner Thomas to attend the CCAP Spring conference on March 17th, 18th and 19th. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, abstain) to approve the request as presented.

Commissioner O’Korn announced that the Governor will be doing his budget address later today, possibly at 11:00 a.m. He also commented on an article he read regarding the possible elimination of Amtrak services between Pittsburgh and Harrisburg. Commissioner O’Korn stated they will be working with others in the County to address the issue. Jim Cassatt asked that they stress the use of the Amtrak service by Juniata College students. Bruce Pergament asked if the Board considered a resolution on House Bill 357. Commissioner O’Korn stated at this time, no action will be taken on it. There were no further public comments today.

Solicitor McManamon had no specific items to address today.

Brian Wisner presented the additional information requested last week on the reimbursement agreement with Penn DOT for the St. Marys bridge project. He provided an overview of the project costs from start to finish, stating the additional \$86,100.00 cost was primarily related to replacing bearings under the beams. Penn DOT recommended this change and agreed to pay for it. Brian also stated that these additional expenses have already been approved. The agreement he is requesting approval of is for the County to get reimbursed for the final expenses. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve reimbursement agreement number 098138-A as presented. Commissioner Fluke commented on the importance of enforcing the weight limits on this bridge as well as Runk bridge. Brian stated that the height of St. Mary’s prevents many large vehicles and additional railing installed on Runk’s bridge will reduce the risk of oversized vehicles using it. Brian noted for the media that the weight limit on St. Mary’s bridge is 24 ton and the weight limit for Runk’s bridge is 8 ton.

Mark Colussy presented the 2013 Sharepoint agreement with CCAP for the management of the County website. The cost of the contract is on an as needed basis. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to table the approval of this contract until the 2012 cost is reviewed.

Chris Wysocki, Juniata Valley Behavioral Health Administrator provided the Board with a quarterly update on MHMR services. Chris stated that the agency is doing well despite budget cuts and there are currently several hundred people in Huntingdon County receiving services. Chris also stated that the employee who was anticipating retirement has delayed the date for now. He is unsure at this point when she will be retiring but he will provide an update at the March Board meeting. Lastly, Chris stated that the County Human Services plan submitted by the County only required minimal changes, which were completed.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to accept the resignation of Zach Weaverling from the maintenance department effective February 8th, 2013.

It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve an intergovernmental agreement with Centre County for a period of February 1st, thorough December 31st, 2013. Solicitor McManamon reviewed the contracts and stated the only change was an increase in per diem rate to \$65.00. Joan Cassatt asked if there were plans to upgrade the County jail to eliminate the need to send inmates to other Counties. Commissioner O’Korn stated that several people from the County went to Colorado recently to review a study of our jail system that had been completed. He further stated they were waiting for the new Planning Director to start so he can be included in the evaluation. Now that Mark is in his new position, discussions will take place in the near future.

There was no veteran burial allowances for approval today.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 10:32 a.m. Minutes prepared by Michelle Cerett, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary