

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; Court Administrator, Alexa McGraw, CYS Administrator, Joyce Zolten; Planning Director, Mark Colussy; Grant Administrator, Maureen Safko; Farm Bureau members Matthew Barnett, Russell Kyper, Charlie Coleman and Bill Hoover; visitors Jim Cassatt, Barry Wright, Mark Sather, Mike Hannon, Ann Reynolds, Norm McClain, and Bruce Pergament.

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

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 January 13th public 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.

There were no additions to the agenda, announcements or matters addressed by the Solicitor today.

Jim Cassatt asked Commissioner Thomas questions regarding the UPI funding for 2015. He stated that he doesn’t see the full amount of revenue in the budget. Commissioner Thomas stated that only one fourth of the UPI revenue goes to the general fund. The other three fourths are put into separate accounts for the Mapping, Tax Assessment and Recorder of Deeds offices. Bruce Pergament asked why the year end cost report is not included with the budget. Commissioner Thomas stated he’s not aware that it ever was presented with the budget. Michelle added that the information used to create the budget is comprised of the first three quarters of the year. She also stated that a full year end report is available upon request from the Commissioner’s office. Anthony Bullett offered public comment today regarding discrimination. He urged the Board of Commissioners to take action and adopt an ordinance to end discrimination.

First on the agenda today was the consideration of two personnel matters. Alexa McGraw requested the hiring of Leonard Hahn to fill the position of Probation Director effective February 17th, 2015. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve the hiring as requested.

It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the hiring of Ruth Edmiston, MDJ Secretary with an effective date to be determined.

Several members of the Farm bureau were present today to discuss issues they are facing and to provide updates on their programs as part of Local Government week. Bill Hoover stated that pension problems both at the County level and the State level are impacting the Farm bureau. He urged the Board of Commissioners to work with CCAP on pension reform. Commissioner O’Korn stated that the County pension problem is not as severe as the State’s. Russell Kyper thanked the Board for their support of the Conservation District. He stated that the Andy Patterson’s agency does a great deal to help the Farmers in the County. Commissioner Thomas commented as well on the great work the Conservation District does to help farmers. Matthew Barnett thanked the Board for their time and support. Commissioner O’Korn stated that he feels this Board has been proactive in supporting the Farm Bureau.

Joyce Zolten, CYS Administrator was present today with two Purchase of service agreements for consideration. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to approve a Purchase of Service agreement with Adelphoi Village for a period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve a Purchase of Service agreement with Attorney Nicholas Newfield for a period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

Mark Colussy and Maureen Safko presented a resolution for consideration. The resolution is granting the Planning office permission to apply for a \$750,000.00 competitive CDBG grant on behalf of the Wood/Broad Top/Wells joint Municipal authority. Maureen stated that they have worked through all the required steps in a short period of time and are now ready to submit the application. After further discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to adopt resolution 2-2015 granting permission to apply for the competitive CDBG grant as recommended.

District Attorney Dave Smith provided information on the 2015 SAVIN contract. However, he was not available for the meeting this morning due to Court proceedings. Commissioner O’Korn stated that this is an ongoing contract to notify victims when an inmate is released from prison. After further discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, no; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to approve the 2015 SAVIN contract as presented.

Michelle stated that interviews have been completed for the Maintenance Director position and recommended action to hire John Wagman with an effective date to be determined. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve the hiring of John Wagman with an effective date to be determined.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas with regret, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn with regret and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, no; Thomas, yes) to accept the resignation of Ruth Edmiston, Fiscal Clerk with an effective date to be determined. It was noted that the resignation will coincide with her new position as MDJ Secretary.

Sheriff Walters submitted a request in writing to move Stan Snyder from part-time to full-time effective January 5th, 2015. Commissioner Fluke asked questions regarding a benefit package for the employee, the Solicitor stated that was a personnel issue and should be discussed in Executive session. After further discussion, no motion was made to enter executive session. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to approve the status change as requested.

There were three veteran burial allowances and installation of one headstone for approval today.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 10:44 a.m. Minutes prepared by Michelle Cerett, Chief Clerk

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary