

Huntingdon, Pa.  
Tuesday, March 20, 2012  
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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 O’Korn, Fluke, and Thomas; Chief Clerk, Michelle Cerett; Solicitor, Peter McManamon; Daily News reporters, Teresa Mull and Jeff Gill; Altoona Mirror reporter, John Hoffstetler; Rich Stahl, Planning Director; Maureen Safko, Grant Administrator; EMA Director, Adam Miller; Shawn Ritchey, Keller Engineers ; Shirley Home administrator, Valerie Thomas; and visitors Bruce Pergament, Jim Cassatt, Randy Carper, Sandy McNeal, Sally States, and Charlie Coleman.

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 Michelle Cerett.

There were no additions or corrections to the March 13<sup>th</sup> minutes.

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 March 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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

There was one addition to the agenda today. Rich Stahl has a grant opportunity he will present later in the meeting.

There were no announcements today.

Randy Carper had questions regarding the upcoming election and the new voter ID bill. Michelle stated that Lori Sheffield would be present at next weeks meetings to review the voter ID bill as well as all the deadlines for the upcoming election.

Solicitor McManamon informed the public that a public hearing has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 followed by a public meeting at 2:30. The purpose of both is to discuss an ordinance allowing the County to adopt an impact fee for Marcellus shale drilling.

Shawn Ritchey from Keller Engineers presented a scope of work and price proposal for construction inspection services on St. Marys bridge project. The project will be let on May 24<sup>th</sup>, notice to proceed will be issued July 23<sup>rd</sup> and the estimated completion date is October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve the contract as presented in the amount of \$69,038.43. Commissioner O’Korn reminded public the Runk’s bridge is completely closed for rehabilitation.

Valerie Thomas, Shirley Home administrator informed the public that the County received a residential award last week on behalf of the Shirley home. The award was presented by the Chamber of Commerce and the Planning Commission. Commissioner Thomas encouraged the public to visit the home if necessary and commented on the great work done there. Commissioner Fluke commended Valerie as well and stated he was very impressed when he visited.

Rich Stahl and Maureen Safko presented the CDBG entitlement grant to be signed. The total amount awarded is \$138,800.00 and budgeted items include the Bailey building elevator, Orbisonia/Rockhill water system improvements, and Smithfield Township. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the contract as presented.

Rich requested approval of an additional \$50,000.00 for the Enterprise zone grant program. The addition will also extend the contract date until June 30, 2014. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to approve the contract extension as requested.

Rich requested approval of change order #5 for the Bailey building elevator. The change order will provide for water proofing in the pitt, which the architect feels is necessary. This was considered previously but was tabled unless it was necessary. It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve change order #5 in the amount of \$1393.58.

Rich provided information on an energy conservation grant that Southern Alleghenies is providing. If approved, the County could receive up to \$8,000.00 to purchase new lighting. The grant requires a 50% County match and would need to be completed by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012. It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to apply for this grant, approve the 50% match and authorize the Chairman to execute the necessary contract documents.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (Fluke, no; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to hire Nancy Post as Secretary for DJ Gummo’s office effective March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to appoint the following people to the LEPC board for the year 2012:

Jim Raabe  
Joseph Thompson  
Commissioner Gary O’Korn  
Adam Miller  
Lloyd Strohm  
Lou Ann Shontz  
Chester Grissinger  
Jayme Houck  
John Cirko  
Roy Nagle  
Warren Rourke  
Robert Bilger  
Stan McKee  
Eugene Sajeski

It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to extend the retirement date of Sandy McNeal to the end of the pay period, which is March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012. Her original retirement date was set at March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Sandy was present and thanked the Commissioners for the extension. Each Commissioner commended Sandy for her years of service to the County and wished her well in her retirement.

There was one county burial allowance approved today.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Fluke to adjourn the meeting at 10:49 a.m. Minutes prepared by Chief Clerk, Michelle Cerett.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary