

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; Chief Clerk, Michelle Cerett; Solicitor, Pete McManamon; Paula Steele, Center for Community Action; CYS Administrator, Joyce Zolten; Mike Hannon, Tri County D&A Director; Chris Wysocki, JVBDS Director; Treasurer, Rich Irvin; Police Chief, Rufus Brenneman; Daily News Reporter Zach Myers and visitors Jim Cassatt, Harvey Reeder 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 Fluke.

It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve of the minutes of the June 24th 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 today.

Commissioner Thomas congratulated Allen Long on his recent accomplishment of Eagle Scout.

Jim Cassatt asked questions regarding properties that are not on the tax roles. Solicitor McManamon stated there was litigation on two properties. Commissioner O’Korn stated that they review tax appeals each year. Bruce Pergament and Harvey Reeder both made comments regarding the new UPI process. Mr. Reeder asked the Commissioners to reconsider their decision to implement the UPI process.

There were no matters addressed by the Solicitor today.

First on the agenda today was the consideration of the Human Services Development Fund plan for 2014/2015. Michelle provided the plan for review and stated that the required public hearing was held on June 23. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, no) to approve the 2014/2015 HSDF plan as presented.

As part of the HSDF plan, Paula Steele presented a sub-recipient agreement for the management of the Home Assistance program and the HSDF program. The budget for the Homeless Assistance program is \$25,518.00 and the budget for the HSDF plan is \$50,000.00. Paula noted the budget has not been approved yet so those numbers are preliminary. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the sub-recipient agreement as presented.

Joyce Zolten requested the hiring of two new caseworkers, which will put her at full staff. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to approve the hiring of Daris Shelley, Caseworker effective July 7, 2014. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve the hiring of Katie Garner, Caseworker effective July 14, 2014.

Kristen Croyle, Elections Coordinator submitted a request to attend the election conference in Erie on August 18th through August 21st, 2014. The registration fee is \$225.00 and the hotel cost will be \$471.21. It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the conference attendance as requested.

Treasurer, Rich Irvin requested the approval to hire Sally States and Sandy McNeal for temporary doe license help starting July 14, 2014. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to approve the hiring of Sally States on a temporary basis effective July 14, 2014. It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve the hiring of Sandy McNeal on a temporary basis effective July 14, 2014.

Tim Guisler submitted a request for five Probation officers to attend a conference in State College on July 24, 2014. The total cost of the training is \$370.00 and there is no need for hotel accommodations. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the conference attendance as requested.

CES Engineering submitted a proposal to prepare bid specs for the Annex II roof job. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to approve the proposal for the bid specs for an amount not to exceed \$4,500.00.

Commissioner Thomas presented information from Southern Alleghenies regarding the Unified Planning work program. Due to an increased amount of work being done, they have requested an increase in their allocation. Commissioner Thomas requested increasing the allocation for the program from \$3,412.00 to \$9,268.00 noting that the money can be paid with liquid fuels funds. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to grant the increase for the 2014/2015 fiscal year.

There were two county veteran burial allowances, lettering of one existing headstone and installation of one headstone for approval today.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary