

Huntingdon, PA  
Tuesday, July 14, 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, Hoover, and Kough Pittenger; Solicitor, Scot Gill; Chief Clerk, Cinnamon Bair; Chris Wysocki, MH/MR Administrator; Josh Funk, The Daily News; and visitors Scott Walls, Peter Ludwig, and Zach Gordon.

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 Kough Pittenger and carried (Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes) to approve the minutes of the July 7 meeting with corrections to the date.

It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger seconded by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Hoover, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve payment of invoices for the week of July 13.

There were no additions to today's meeting.

Scott Walls spoke up when Commissioner Fluke asked if anyone had public comment. Scott said he was aware that an elected official was in jail for holding his ground on an issue that was against Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), the same issue that got him elected to do the will of the voters. Scott said he felt it was wrong to put a person in jail when they were standing up for what the voters asked of him. Scott read an article that stated a DEP employee said "that the Supervisor challenged the court"... therefore he was jailed. Scott warned the Commissioners that if they sign or don't sign things from agencies such as DEP they too may be jailed. Scott mentioned the County Ordinance that the Planning Commission was trying to pass or other DEP documents. Commissioner Hoover said that things like this make it hard to get citizens to step up and be a township official. Commissioner Kough Pittenger said this is a good opportunity to thank local officials for their duty. She went on to say it is a hard job to keep a balance or more than that to comply with state mandates while serving the needs of the people. Commissioner Fluke said that as a County Commissioner he sees that every issue has two sides. When elected they come into issues left by a previous board. There is a big need for checks and balances; the government system is made by the people for the people. He added why vote if you can't make a difference. He said take the Storm water issue the State wants the County to control storm water issues rather than the municipalities. I think that DEP has gone way too far.

Solicitor, Scot Gill said he had two contracts. The first a contract for EMA grant in the amount of \$38,705 to reimburse 50% of the salaries for the EMA director and the administrative assistant. The grant normally a quarterly reimbursement was not given out but now will apply for the full year dated October 2008 thru September 2009. It was moved by Commissioner Hoover seconded by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried (Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes) to approve submitting the grant application.

Secondly, Scot said he reviewed a contract between the Jail and Service Access Management (SAM). Scot said the contract was good, but the Commissioners would need to approve the dollar figures. Scot would have the two contracts for the Commissioners the next day.

Commissioner Hoover asked about the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) grant. Scot said that he was reviewing the contract. He added that he and the Commissioners met with the PEMA Director Robert French. Mr. French assured them that the money was available and that Huntingdon was the only county in the State to receive this grant. Commissioner Kough Pittenger added kudos to Adam (Miller, EMA Director) for a good job getting the grant.

First on the agenda, was Chris Wysocki, Executive Director MH/MR. Commissioner Kough Pittenger congratulated Chris on his recent promotion from Assistant Director to Executive Director. Chris came today to discuss the Early Intervention (EI) operating agreements with the State. Chris told the Board that the agreements were revised by the attorneys and the length of the agreements was extended to two years. Commissioner Kough Pittenger asked if all counties signed the agreements. Chris answered all but one. Commissioner Hoover asked Chris to keep the board informed because he had heard that the Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) said they would only do one agreement. Chris told the Board that the State is not making quarterly payments until the budget passes. Commissioner Kough Pittenger asked what will the providers do? Will they wait? Chris said they will have to wait like everyone.

Commissioner Fluke asked Chris to put a time one or two months that MH/MR can keep running. Chris said that they were good for two months "September gets shaky". It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger seconded by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Kough Pittenger, yes; Fluke, yes; Hoover, yes) to approve the Early Intervention (EI) operating agreements.

It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger seconded by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Hoover, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve the HMERP report for EMA. The report is information provided to the State for Hazard Materials emergency response preparedness for the County.

It was moved by Commissioner Hoover seconded by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried (Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes) to approve Resolution 22-2009 Huntingdon County has entered into agreements with the Department of Aging and Transportation. The resolution appoints R. Alan Smith to Executive Director of Huntingdon- Bedford- Fulton Area Agency on Aging.

It was moved by Commissioner Hoover seconded by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried (Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes) to accept the resignation of Timothy Clevenger, Corrections Officer, effective July 1, 2009.

The Commissioners approved payment for 2 Veteran burial allowances, 0 widow/widower burial allowances and 1 base.

Commissioner Kough Pittenger added that she wanted to bring attention to a proposal in the House Local Government Committee for a 1% county sales tax. The Commissioners were asked by CCAP to speak with their local representatives. Commissioners Kough Pittenger and Hoover did contact Representative Mike Fleck.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Hoover second by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:23 a.m. Minutes prepared by Chief Clerk Cinnamon L. Bair.

Respectfully submitted,

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Connie Kough Pittenger, Secretary