

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; EMA Director, Adam Miller; Daily News reporter, Jeff Gill; and visitors Joan & Jim Cassatt.

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 the minutes of the October 23rd 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 for the last two weeks.

There were no additions to the agenda today.

Solicitor McManamon had no items to address today but does have comments on an agenda item.

Commissioner O’Korn announced that there would be no meeting on November 6th due to election day. Commissioner Thomas shared that Runk Bridge is now open to public and commended the contractors on a job well done. He also recognized Leslie Cregger and thanked him for his year of service on the Conservation Board. Mr. Kruger will be resigning his position at the end of this year.

Adam Miller, EMA Director provided information on the damage around the County during Hurricane Sandy. Adam commended the community on their preparedness for this storm. He praised all the volunteers, county employees, emergency services providers and utility companies for a job very well done during the storm. In addition, he praised the SCI’s, National Guard, Army Corp and various others for their help, supplies and support during the storm. He stated that there were 13 homes damaged during the storm and 1 destroyed. In addition, there were 4500 county residents without power at various times throughout the storm. He noted that we had very minor damage compared to other areas and said the County was very fortunate to escape more severe damage. Commissioner O’Korn commended Adam, his staff and all those involved for a job well done during the storm. He stated that he was impressed with the communication and support from PEMA and FEMA during the entire event.

Jim Cassatt asked if the Planning Director position was filled. Commissioner O’Korn stated that it has been filled. Jim asked if it was appropriate for the new Director to attend the Planning conference instead of Rich Stahl. Michelle informed him that the new Director is currently the Assistant Director in Mifflin County and would be attending the conference. Also, she stated that Rich won a free registration to the conference and would be going at little cost to the County.

The first item on the agenda today was the contract with Michael L Norris & Associates for the clock tower study. This was tabled last week pending some changes suggested by our Solicitor. Pete stated that the changes have been made and he has approved them. With that being said, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve the revised contract with Michael L. Norris & Associates as presented.

Michelle received information from Rufus Brenneman on a cash relocation agreement between the County and T-Mobile for the relocation of the County band widths from their towers. The agreement is for \$50,000.00 and must be completed by November 15th. Commissioner O’Korn stated that a new system is in the process of being installed, which was also a condition of this agreement. Solicitor McManamon has reviewed the agreement and gave his approval. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the cash relocation agreement as presented.

The last item on today's agenda was a request from Sheriff Walters to hire Joseph McCartney to fill the Deputy Sheriff vacancy effective November 5th, 2012. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to approve the hiring of Joseph McCartney effective November 5th as requested.

There were three county veteran burial allowance for approval today.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 10:08 a.m.
Minutes prepared by Michelle Cerett, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary