

Huntingdon, Pa.
Tuesday November 9, 2010
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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 Kough Pittenger, Hoover, and Fluke; Chief Clerk, Michelle Cerett; Solicitor, Peter McManamon; George Germann, The Daily News; Brian Wiser, Keller Engineers; and visitors, Travis Cramer, Bruce Pergament; Randy Carper, Jim and Joan Cassatt.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Kough Pittenger followed by Prayer led by Michelle Cerett and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Commissioner Fluke.

There were no additions or corrections to the October 26th minutes.

It was moved by Commissioner Fluke second by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve the minutes of the October 26th meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Hoover second by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Hoover, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve payment of invoices for the last two weeks.

There was one addition to the agenda this morning that will be addressed at the end of the meeting.

There was no public comment on the agenda today.

Public comment today was offered by Jim Cassatt. He asked the date that the 2011 County budget would be presented. There is a meeting scheduled for November 23rd at 4:00 for the purpose of presenting the budget. Travis Cramer had a question regarding a right to know request he submitted. He requested the amount of money the County spent on IT services for 2010. That information was provided for him, however he had trouble understanding the report. The report was explained to him. He also requested a report on IT expenses for 2009, which will be provided to him at the next meeting.

Solicitor McManamon had nothing to address today.

The first agenda item was Brian Wiser with a request for approval of a construction services and inspection services contract for Runk Bridge. The contract includes final design and surveying costs of \$6651.85, construction services of \$9053.50 and construction inspection cost of \$17304.10. The Commissioners and the Solicitor will review the contract and approve at a future meeting. Penn DOT requires a fabrication inspection, which they will bill us for separately. Brian estimates that cost to be between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

The addition to the agenda was addressed next. Solicitor McManamon received a letter from Judge Kurtz informing him that the opening at District Judge Michael Coylers office has been offered to Leah Miller. Solicitor McManamon reminded the Commissioners that the Court system has control of their own hiring, despite the fact that the person is paid by the County. The hiring is brought to the Commissioners attention as a courtesy and their approval is not required. After some discussion between the Commissioner and the Solicitor, it was moved by Commissioner Fluke, second by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried (Fluke, no; Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, no) to approve of the hiring of Leah Miller to fill the vacancy at DJ Coylers office effective November 22nd, 2010.

It was moved by Commissioner Hoover, second by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes) to adopt Resolution 22-2010. The resolution was to acknowledge Sherri L. Rogers, Fiscal Supervisor, as a dedicated County employee for 30 consecutive years.

It was moved by Commissioner Hoover, second by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to award the replacement of the cooling tower at Annex II to D.C. Goodman & Sons for the amount of \$57,000. The project was placed out for bid, however, no bids were received.

The Chief Clerk addressed some concerns received by the Commissioners from Judges of Election. The pay process was changed for the most recent election. In the past, a separate check was processed for each of the nearly 600 election workers. Sherri Rogers received information from other Counties that they only cut a check to the Judge of Election for each district, the Judge then disburses the money to the various workers. The previous process required the Fiscal Department to cut nearly 600 checks each election, which took two full work days to complete. The new process reduced the number of checks to 58 and the amount of time required down to less than one full day. The concerns that were received will be addressed and additional information will be gathered. The Commissioners will make a decision prior to the next election on which process to use.

The Commissioners approved payment of the lettering on 1 headstone, the installation of 1 private headstone, the installation of 1 base for a headstone and 3 burial allowances.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Hoover second by Commissioner Fluke and carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:26 a.m. Minutes prepared by Chief Clerk, Michelle Cerett.

Respectfully submitted,

R. Dean Fluke, Secretary