

Huntingdon, Pa.
Tuesday May 24, 2011
18-2011

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 Hoover, Fluke and Kough Pittenger; Chief Clerk, Michelle Cerett; Solicitor, Peter McManamon; Joyce Zolten, CYS Director; Richard Stahl, Planning Director; Maureen Safko, Grant Administrator; Brian Wiser, Keller Engineers; George Germann, Daily News; and visitors Barry Wright, Randy Carper, Charlie Coleman, Don Talasky, Jim and Joan Cassatt

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

There were no additions or corrections to the May 10th minutes.

It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to approve the minutes of the May 10th meeting.

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

There was one addition to the agenda today. Joyce Zolten has requested permission to fill a vacancy at CYS.

There were no public comments today.

Solicitor McManamon had no items to address today.

First on today's agenda was Joyce Zolten from CYS with a request to hire Brad Norris for Caseworker I at CYS. It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger, seconded by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve the hiring of Brad Norris for Caseworker I effective May 31, 2011.

Brian Wiser from Keller Engineers was present today with several items. He provided an update on the Walnut Grove bridge project. The project is going very well in terms of tying everything together. The contractor started the job sooner than expected and Brian anticipates completion in the next few months. The stream improvement project at the St. Mary's bridge is being reviewed by DEP. Brian is hoping to have approval soon and begin the construction by late summer or early fall. The plans for Runk bridge are being finalized. Brian is anticipating a let date of late June or early July. Based on those dates, the work could begin in July and be completed in the Fall. The Saint Mary's bridge rehabilitation project is moving forward. Brian presented the proposal of services to the Board for review. The County received TIP funding for the rehabilitation and the cost of the design will be covered by the County through liquid fuels funding. The total anticipated cost for the design is \$68,805.72. The anticipated let date on the project is May 24, 2012 and completion is expected to take one year. The last item Brian had to present was a reimbursement request for bridge inspections. It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried (Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to approve reimbursement request 1-2011 for the bi-annual bridge inspections in the amount of \$9,534.53. This was done previously, however we were invoiced twice for one bridge. Therefore Brian submitted a revised reimbursement request and will credit us for the difference.

Richard Stahl and Maureen Safko presented several items today as well. The first item was a letter of support for JC Blair to receive IFIP (Infrastructure facilities and improvement program) funding for their expansion project. The hospital authority is the applicant for the funding but they have asked for a letter of support from the Commissioners. It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes) to provide a letter of support for JC Blair to apply for \$880,000 in IFIP funding for their expansion project.

Penn Highlands Community College is also seeking a letter of support from the Commissioners to apply for USDA Community Facilities funding for the renovation of space for the College. It

was moved by Commissioner Hoover, seconded by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried (Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes) to provide a letter of support for Penn Highlands Community College to apply for USDA funding for their renovation project.

Richard requested adoption of resolution 5-2011. This resolution is expressing support of maximizing the recycling efforts in the Commonwealth. This was discussed at the South Central Solid waste meeting recently and all the Counties agreed to adopt the same resolution. It was moved by Commissioner Hoover, seconded by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried (Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to adopt resolution 5-2011 as discussed at the South Central Solid waste agency meeting.

Maureen Safko is in the process of preparing the Emergency Shelter grant application. She will be presenting the grant application to the Commissioners for approval next week. The money will be used for operational cost of Huntingdon House. In addition, rehabilitation work will be done to two properties used by Huntingdon House.

Richard requested permission for Lou Ann Shontz to attend the PROP conference July 26th through July 29th, 2011. Expenses related to the conference are paid 50% through the Recycling Coordinators grant (903). It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes) to approve Lou Ann's attendance at the PROP conference as requested.

It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes) to accept the resignation of Stuart McHenry from CYS effective May 16, 2011.

There were two county veteran burials approved today.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger second by Commissioner Fluke and carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m. Minutes prepared by Chief Clerk, Michelle Cerett.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Kough Pittenger, Secretary