

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; Paul Post, HCBI Rep; Planning Director, Mark Colussy; Grant Administrator, Maureen Safko; Daily News Reporter, Garrison Crow and visitors Anthony Bullett and Bruce Pergament.

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 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 August 27<sup>th</sup> 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 week.

There were no additions to the agenda, announcements or matters addressed by the Solicitor.

Anthony Bullett offered public comments today. Mr. Bullett expressed concern about discrimination.

First on the agenda today was Paul Post, HCBI representative. Two weeks ago, Paul presented information for the Commissioners to consider on adding the FCI building to the Keystone Opportunities Zone.

After review of the information, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to adopt resolution 15-2013, extending the KOZ to include the FCI building as presented.

Paul also presented a financial support agreement with FCI in coordination with the addition of the building into the KOZ. FCI has agreed to continue paying the taxes on the building until it is sold. The agreement has been reviewed and approved by the Solicitor. It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the financial support agreement with FCI as presented.

Mark Colussy and Maureen Safko requested a change to the 2012 CDBG funds. There is \$25,000.00 allocated for Wood Township to use for the stormwater line replacement. Their survey revealed that the residents do not meet the income guidelines for the grant. Therefore, Maureen would like to re-allocate a portion of that money to the Orbisonia Rockhill project. Bids were opened recently and it was discovered that the project will be over budget by approximately \$6,846.00. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to authorize Maureen to begin the process to make this change as requested.

Commissioner Thomas presented a proposal for the Board to consider creating a mini-grant program using act 13 Funds. The program would be administered through the Planning Commission and approved by the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Thomas suggested using the \$38,952.00 that was allocated in legacy funds for 2012 to start the program. The legacy funds must be used for parks, recreation and open spaces. Since the County is not able to use the funds for those purposes, Commissioner Thomas feels it is appropriate to offer it to Municipalities through the mini grant program. The program will be reviewed on an annual basis to determine if the Board wants to continue it. Commissioner Thomas has worked with Mark Colussy to create the program. Commissioner O’Korn stated that he has reviewed the information and is in support of the proposal. The proposal includes giving \$5,000.00 to Ag land preservation. Commissioner Fluke is not in support of money going to Ag land preservation and suggested the item be tabled. Commissioner Fluke feels the Marcellus shale money should be used to repair the clock tower. Commissioners O’Korn and Thomas stated they have confirmed that the money can not be used for that purpose. 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 mini grant program as presented. Mark Colussy offered to hold a workshop for municipalities explaining the process. The Board agreed and Mark will begin the planning process.

There were no county veteran burial allowances for approval today.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 10:32 a.m.  
Minutes prepared by Chief Clerk, Michelle Cerett.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary