

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; Chief Clerk, Michelle Cerett; Solicitor McManamon; Planning Director, Mark Colussy; Warden, Duane Black; CYS Supervisors, Claudia Conrad and Nicole Leturgy; CYS Fiscal Clerk, Susan Ross; Police Chief and 911 Director, Rufus Brenneman; Daily News reporter, Kylie Hawn; visitors Ellen and Elise Gearhart, Tom Ritchey, Jim Cassatt, Scott Walls, Mike Hannon and Mark Sather.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Commissioner O’Korn followed by prayer led by Commissioner Fluke and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Commissioner Thomas.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the minutes of the December 8th public meeting. Jim Cassatt asked if the letter that Commissioner O’Korn presented during last week’s meeting would be part of the minutes. Commissioner O’Korn stated he turned the letter over to the Solicitor. The Solicitor said he would locate it and provide it to Michelle as part of the minutes.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (Fluke, no; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to approve the minutes of the December 8th budget meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve the payment of the bills.

There was one Resolution for Area Agency on Aging added to the agenda today.

Commissioner O’Korn announced that the Special Election for Three Springs Borough is happening today.

Ellen and Elise Gearhart, Union Township residents were present today with several questions regarding the Sunoco Pipeline that is going through their property. They have environmental and safety concerns they would like addressed. Commissioner O’Korn stated that the Emergency Management Office would be able to assist them with their questions. They also inquired about job creation, economic impacts on Lake Raystown, and impacts on the hunting and fishing due to the Pipeline. Commissioner O’Korn suggested they contact HCBI for that information.

There were no matters addressed by the Solicitor today.

First on the agenda today was Nicole Leturgy with three Purchase of Service agreements. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the Purchase of Service contract with Mainstream Counseling for a period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. There was discussion regarding the timing of these contracts being received for signature. Claudia Conrad commented that the delay is in part due to the budget impasse and the rates not being approved. She also stated that the agreements are sent to the County by the State and that sometime holds up the process. Claudia finished by stating that new procedures put in place in 2008/2009 have slowed down the process.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to approve the Purchase of Service contract with Raystown Developmental Services for a period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve the Purchase of Service contract with Child Advocacy Center of Huntingdon County for a period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

Mark Colussy and Maureen Safko were to be on the agenda today to present Resolutions related to the CDBG three year plan. However, Maureen discovered an error in the advertising just prior to the meeting and suggested tabling it until the error was corrected. It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to table the CDBG Resolutions until a later meeting.

Next on the agenda was consideration of the Professional Services proposal with Mission Critical for 911 consulting services. The proposal was reviewed and approved at the 911 policy board meeting last week. Chief Brenneman stated that while he is very happy with Mission Critical services, he expressed concerns about the conditions of the termination of the contract. Solicitor McManamon reviewed the conditions and stated that he feels the conditions are ok. Commissioner O’Korn pointed out that this is a four year contract at the cost up to \$25,000.00 per year, which is a decrease of approximately \$5,000.00 per year from the current contract. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to approve the contract with Mission Critical for a period of 2016 through 2019.

Next on the agenda was the consideration of an Intergovernmental agreement with SCI Huntingdon for food services to County inmates. Commissioner Thomas has been working on this agreement for the past few years. He stated that by entering into the contract, the County would save approximately \$260,000.00 per year. The SCI will provide the meals at \$2.00 per meal, which includes delivery. The current contract with JC Blair is approximately \$7.00 per meal. The contract is for a period of one year covering January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016. Commissioner Thomas thanked all those involved in helping him get this contract in place. He also thanked J.C. Blair hospital for providing these services to the County for the past 25 years. Warden Black thanked

Commissioner Thomas for all his work on this contract. He stated they had tried to do this in the past but it fell through. Commissioner O’Korn noted that Solicitor McManamon had a conflict since he represents the Hospital; therefore another Solicitor reviewed the agreement. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve the agreement with SCI Huntingdon as presented.

Next was the consideration of the agreement with Brian Wiser provided last week for services related to Runk’s bridge repairs. Commissioner Fluke asked if this was work the County bridge crew could do. Solicitor McManamon stated the agreement is for design, erosion planning, bidding services, and construction monitoring services for a cost not to exceed \$8,720.00. Keller Engineers has an understanding that the County bridge crew will do as much of the work as possible. Commissioner Fluke also commented that he feels this bridge is not essential and could be shut down. Commissioner Thomas stated Commissioner Fluke is speaking on his own behalf on the matter. It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the agreement as presented.

Connie Brode provided an emailed copy of a Resolution for consideration. The Resolution permits the new staff member permission to approve documents in the DOT Grants program. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (Fluke, no; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to approve Resolution 24-2015 as requested. Commissioner O’Korn noted the Resolution is in effect today and shall remain in effect until rescinded or replaced by a new Resolution.

Next was the consideration of Resolution 25-2015 granting Southern Alleghenies permission to apply for a grant through the Municipal Assistance Program to fund the Regional Implementable Comprehensive Plan. As part of the agreement, the County has agreed to commit county resources of \$30,000.00 to the project. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, no) to adopt Resolution 25-2015. Mark Colussy stated that this project was approved at the October 12, 2015 and this is the formal Resolution to go along with that.

Nancy Holland submitted a letter requesting two re-appointments and one new appointment to the County Library board. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, no; Thomas, yes) to re-appoint Julie Peoples, Gabriel Gould and Peter McManamon to the Huntingdon County Library Board for a term covering 2016 through 2018.

It was moved by Commissioner O’Korn, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Fluke, no; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to appoint Jon Tvieta to the Huntingdon County Library Board for a term ending at the end of 2017. It was noted that this is to replace Sarah Clarkson, who has relocated out of the area.

There were no Veteran burial allowances for approval today.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m. Minutes prepared by Michelle L. Cerett, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary