

Huntingdon, Pa.
Tuesday May 31, 2011
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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 Hoover, Fluke and Kough Pittenger; Chief Clerk, Michelle Cerett; Solicitor, Peter McManamon; Richard Stahl, Planning Director; Maureen Safko, Grant Administrator; Sandy McNeal, Elections Director, Lori Foster, Elections Director trainee, Shannon Leonard, Huntingdon House, Mary Trice, Mary Alexander Outreach; George Germann, Daily News; and visitors Bruce Pergament, Charlie Coleman, Jim and Joan Cassatt

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Hoover 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 May 24th minutes.

It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried (Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to approve the minutes of the May 24th meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger seconded by Commissioner Fluke 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. Sandy McNeal and Lori Foster will be doing an update on the recent election issues.

There were no public comments today.

Solicitor McManamon had two items for today's meeting. Pete received a letter from Fred Gutshall, Public Defender seeking permission to hire Nicholas Newfield as an unpaid Assistant Public Defender. Pete will confirm with Fred that Nicholas would only be paid for the work that he does. The only additional cost to the County would be malpractice insurance related to work he does for the County. Pete also updated the public on the issue of the cost to connect two County buildings to the new sewer and sanitary lines. Pete has been in contact with Ray Myers, Engineer for Huntingdon Borough. He is waiting for a return call from Ray and will provide further updates as they become available.

Sandy McNeal informed the public that the State has ordered a recount for the Democratic race for Judge of the Commonwealth Court. The recount will take place on Thursday, June 2nd at 9:00 a.m. Due to the problem with the ballots for this election, this recount will need to be done by hand. Since this is a State mandated recount, they will cover the entire cost. Elections System and Software (ES&S) will be visiting the County in the near future to explain the problem with the ballots and discuss monetary reimbursement for the extra time spent on this election.

Maureen Safko, Grant Administrator was present today along with Shanna Leonard from Huntingdon House and Mary Trice from the Mary Alexander Outreach. Maureen is requesting adoption of two resolutions giving her permission to apply for Emergency Shelter grants for the two facilities. Maureen was present at last weeks meeting to explain the grant and what they would be used for. The amount requested for Huntingdon House is \$110,036. The money will be used for an upgrade to the security system and the heating system at the Ellinger House, operating costs and administrative costs. The amount requested for Mary Alexander Outreach Shelter is \$288,674 and will be used to put an additional three bedroom and a bathroom in the shelter.

It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes) to adopt resolution 6-2011 giving Maureen permission to apply for the Emergency Shelter grant on behalf of Mary Alexander Outreach in the amount of \$288,674.

It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes;) to adopt resolution 7-2011 giving Maureen permission to apply for the Emergency Shelter grant on behalf of Huntingdon House in the amount of \$110,036.

The Commissioners received the collective bargaining agreement from Teamsters Local 110 for the Children and Youth Department. The agreement has been negotiated over the past several months and was recently approved by the CYS staff. The agreement will go into effect January 1, 2012 for a period of three years. It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger, seconded by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes) to approve the collective bargaining agreement with Teamsters Local 110 for CYS employees.

The Walnut Grove bridge project is underway. As a result, there were three requests for reimbursement from Penn Dot to be approved. It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried (Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve request reimbursement 1 in the amount of \$52,363.75, reimbursement request 2 in the amount of \$35,294.21 and reimbursement request 3 in the amount of \$71,360.06.

The Commissioners approved the installation of one headstone base.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger second by Commissioner Fluke and carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:14 a.m. Minutes prepared by Chief Clerk, Michelle Cerett.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Kough Pittenger, Secretary