

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; Mark Colussy, Planning Director; Len Hahn, Probation Director; District Attorney, Dave Smith; Warden, Duane Black; Domestic Relations Director, Kathy Richards; CYS Administrator, Joyce Zolten; Police Chief, Rufus Brenneman; Daily news reporter, Claire Williams; visitors 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 Thomas and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Commissioner O’Korn.

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 July 21<sup>st</sup> public 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.

An addendum to the SAM, Inc contract was added to the agenda today.

Commissioner Fluke commented about the increase in technology related to scam bracelets. Commissioner O’Korn announced that there will be no meeting next week due the Commissioners attendance at the CCAP conference. Commissioner Thomas congratulated Shade Gap on their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and parade.

There were no public comments today.

Resolution 14-2015 was presented for consideration today. The resolution was discussed two weeks ago and has now been properly advertised. The resolution allows the County to receive 911 fees as provided by 911 Emergency Communications Services Statutes. After review, it was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to adopt Resolution 14-2015 as presented.

Dave Smith and Kathy Richards were present today to request the hiring of Chris Stevens, Part-time County Detective. This position will replace Carl Granlund, who retired in June. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the hiring of Chris Stevens, Part-time County Detective effective July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Dave also requested the hiring of Julia Wilt, First Assistant District Attorney. This will fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Andrew Carson. Dave noted that Robert Stuart accepted the position but later rescinded his offer. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to approve the hiring of Julia Wilt with an effective date to be determined.

Duane Black requested approval of a contract with Service Access Management for a period of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 through June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016. SAM provides Mental Health evaluations and services to County inmates. There was also an addendum to the contract for consideration. The addendum outlines the HIPAA laws that must be followed in conjunction with the contract. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes) to approve the contract with SAM and the addendum as presented.

Len Hahn, Probation Director requested approval of an agreement letter authorizing the release of funds for the Intermediate Punishment Program. This is a new program that Len will be implementing and he feels it will save the County money. He also noted that Huntingdon is one of only 2 or 3 Counties in the State who currently do not have an Intermediate Punishment Program. The grant is for a period of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 through June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in the amount of \$78,192.00. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the letter of agreement as presented. Commissioner O’Korn thanked Len as well as the Court system for their dedication to creating this program and obtaining the grant.

Joyce Zolten, CYS Administrator was present today with two personnel request. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to approve the hiring of Susan Ross, Fiscal Assistant effective August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes; Fluke, no) to accept the resignation of Stacy Smith, Social Service Aide effective July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Joyce also noted for the minutes that Caitlin Spence rescinded her offer for the position of Caseworker effective July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Next on the agenda was consideration of Resolution 15-2015, which was provided by Area Agency on Aging Director Connie Brode. The Resolution will authorize AAA to increase their current line of credit from \$750,000.00 to \$2,000,000.00 to cover agency costs during the budget impasse. Once the budget is passed and the agencies funds are released, any additional money borrowed will be paid back. Mike Hannon offered comment stating that his agency is considering the same thing due to the budget impasse. It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (O’Korn, yes; Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes) to adopt resolution 15-2015 as requested.

Mark Colussy, Planning Director presented information on the Appalachian Regional Commission grant that was approved recently. He requested acceptance of the grant, which will need to be done electronically. The grant is for \$175,000.00 and will be used by Huntingdon, Bedford and Blair Counties to upgrade the Computer Added Dispatch (CAD) system. Police Chief Rufus Brenneman stated that the CAD is outdated and in need of replacement. Commissioner Thomas noted that Huntingdon County is the lead County, therefore administering the grant but there will be no administrative fees paid to the County. Commissioner O’Korn thanked everyone involved in the process. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner O’Korn and carried (Fluke, yes; Thomas, yes; O’Korn, yes) to approve the acceptance of the ARC grant as requested.

There was one Veteran burial allowance for approval today.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 10:38 a.m. Minutes prepared by Michelle L. Cerett, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary