

Huntingdon, PA
Tuesday, February 03, 2009
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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 Fluke, Hoover, and Kough Pittenger; Scot Gill, Solicitor; Chief Clerk, Cinnamon Bair; Chris Wysocki, MH/MR Assistant Administrator; Richard Stahl, Planning Director and Maureen Safko, Grants Administrator; George Germann, The Daily News and visitor Randy Carper.

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

It was moved by Commissioner Hoover seconded by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried (Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes) to approve the minutes of the January 27 meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger seconded by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Fluke, yes; Hoover, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to approve payment of invoices for the week of February 2.

There were no additions to today's meeting.

There was no public comment at today's meeting.

Commissioner Hoover asked Scot Gill about the contract regarding housing Huntingdon County inmates in the Mifflin County Jail. Scot said he called the Warden last Tuesday and did not hear back from him. Scot told the Board he would call him today. Scot said the Centre County contract was okay, but he had questions about the Mifflin County contract. Scot thought the Centre County contract was approved at the last Commissioner meeting. The minutes did not show the motion. Scot said the Board should approve it at today's meeting. It was moved by Commissioner Hoover seconded by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried (Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes) to approve the annual contract with Centre County to house Huntingdon County inmates.

Chris Wysocki was scheduled first on the agenda. Pat Serra the current Administrator was not present for today's meeting. Chris told the Board Pat will retire at the end of June 2009. Chris updated the Commissioners on the MH/MR programs. Commissioner Fluke asked why the increase in the use of the mental health programs. Chris explained the poor economy stresses people causing mental issues to increase.

Maureen Safko and Richard Stahl were scheduled on the agenda to ask the Commissioners to provide preliminary approval for the three year CDBG Plan. Rich and Maureen explained the projects on the plan that was prepared by the Planning Department and recommended by the Planning Commission. Each year the plan is adjusted to fit the needs of the projects and the funding available. Maureen told the Commissioners that the entitlement was appropriated each year from the State but they did not have the figures for this year. Each year they use the appropriated figure from the previous year to determine projects to submit for current contract. Maureen will advertise a public hearing for the proposed plan. Commissioner Fluke asked how the Broad Top KOZ project affected this year's CDBG funding. Maureen explained the money was withheld from last year's funding and would not affect the funding this year. If approved, Maureen will advertise a public hearing for the proposed plan. It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger seconded by Commissioner Hoover and carried (Fluke, yes; Hoover, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to approve the advertising of a public meeting to review the three year CDBG plan.

Maureen also told the Board that in September the County asked municipalities, authorities, and non-profit organizations to apply for CDBG funds if they had a project in need of funding. Six applications were received totaling \$444,375 and an additional application for \$500,000. Maureen included a brief description of each for the Commissioners to review. Listed was a homeless shelter, Mount Union Borough accessibility for the Borough Building, Mount Union Municipal Authority well development project, Shirley Home for the Aged kitchen renovation, Mapleton Borough revitalization, Mapleton Municipal Authority Dam improvement, and added was Cromwell Township sewage project from the competitive CDBG funding. Rich explained to the Board that the Cromwell project had been fully funded and when the Municipal Government changed leadership the project did not proceed and the money was returned to the State. Maureen said it was the first competitive grant ever returned. Each project was discussed. Commissioner Fluke said that his opinion and vote would be to put the Shirley Home kitchen renovation at the top of the list over projects listed. Rich said the Shirley Home project needed an architectural plan. Richard asked the Board if they would support them meeting with the Administrator of the home and work on an RFP for the architect, and submitting to CDBG for funding for a feasibility study. The Board told Richard to meet with Valerie Thomas and Commissioner Kough Pittenger to gather necessary information.

The Commissioners approved payment for 0Veteran burial allowances, 0 widow/widower burial allowances and 0 bases.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger second by Commissioner Hoover and carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Kough Pittenger, Secretary