

Huntingdon, Pa.
Tuesday April 5, 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; HCCADC Staff, Carol Allenbaugh, Louis Ketner, Wendy Cave, Nicole Huntsman, and Rebecca Weld; Susette Bilger, SAM Inc; Amber Garber, SAM Inc; Sam Whitesel, HMJ MHMR; Kathy Armillei, United Way; Lisa Morgan, Juniata College; Brian Young, Mapping Director; Richard Stahl, Planning Director; George German, Daily News; And visitors Bruce Pergament, Jim Cassatt, Joan Cassatt, Randy Carper, Eugene Goshorn, and Charlie Coleman.

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

There were no additions or corrections to the March 22nd minutes.

It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to approve the minutes of the March 22nd meeting.

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

There were two additions to the agenda that will be addressed at the end of the meeting. The additions are a Housing Authority board appointment and reimbursement request for Walnut Grove bridge.

Eugene Goshorn offered comment today. He asked the Commissioners to advise our Legislators that we are not in favor of reducing our representation in Harrisburg. Commissioner Hoover agreed that this was a good idea. Bruce Pergament offered comment that Pennsylvania has the second largest Legislature in the Country.

There were no matters addressed by the Solicitor today.

Carol Allenbaugh, Child and Adult Development Program Director was present today with several staff members and children to recognize "week of the young child" in Huntingdon County. Week of the Young Child is sponsored by the National Association for the Education of young children and will be recognized in Huntingdon County by several events next week. It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes) to proclaim April 10th through April 16th as "Week of the young child in Huntingdon County." Lois Ketner, Executive Director, offered thanks to the Commissioners for their time and recognition. Commissioner Hoover shared a story with the children as he has done in past years.

Adam Miller was present today for various items. First, he informed the Commissioners that the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) grant was approved in the amount of \$11,480. This grant is offered through the Department of Transportation and Adam has been successful in receiving it in past years. The grant will be used to provide several trainings for County emergency staff, police and fire fighters.

Adam requested Commissioners take action to accept the grant. It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried (Hoover, yes, Fluke, yes, Kough Pittenger, yes) to accept the HMEP grant in the amount of \$11,480.

Adam also requested signature on the Citizens Corp Grant Program (CCP) in the amount of \$15,700. The grant is offered through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and will be used to educate residents of the County on disaster preparedness. This grant will also be used to provide CERT training to County residents. Adam recently conducted a CERT class and graduated 56 students, which is the largest class he has taught in the County.

It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Hoover, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to approve the CCP grant in the amount of \$15,700.

Adam recommended several people be appointed to the LEPC board for a period of one year. It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes) to appoint Jim Raabe, Joseph Thompson, Commissioner Hoover, Adam Miller, Lloyd Strom, Lou Ann Shontz, Chester Grissinger, John Hamman, John Cirko, Roy Nagle, Warren Rourke, Stan McKee, and Eugene Sajeski to the LEPC board for a term of one year.

Brian Young, Mapping Director was present to request permission for himself and Greg Garthe to attend the State GIS conference on May 24-25 in Grantville, PA. The registration fee is \$195.00 per person and the hotel expenses are estimated at \$197.58. It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to approve attendance at this training for Brian Young and Greg Garthe.

The Commissioners received a request from Joyce Zolten to approve the hiring of Carrie Irving for Caseworker I at Children and Youth. Joyce was not able to be present today because she was attending training. It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried (Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes) to approve the hiring of Carrie Irving for Caseworker I effective April 25, 2011.

Commissioner Hoover asked for ratification of a decision to join the Huntingdon County Chamber of Commerce. This was done in order for the County to take advantage of an energy savings program the Chamber was offering through OnDemand energy. The deadline for enrollment in the program was April 1st so the Commissioners asked the Chief Clerk to proceed with the membership. The OnDemand energy program will allow the County to receive a 14% discount on electric bills for a period of two years. As members of the Chamber of Commerce, the County employees can also receive discounts on their electric bills. Michelle sent this information to County employees. The yearly cost of the Chamber membership is \$420.00 and there was a one time, \$10.00 new membership fee. It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes) to ratify the actions of the Chief Clerk in joining the Chamber of Commerce and enrolling the County in the OnDemand energy program.

The Chief Clerk explained two training seminars she will be attending in the near future. These trainings are offered free of charge through CCAP. The first training is on loss control and is being held in State College on April 8th. Attendance at this training qualifies the County to receive a discount on Workers Comp premiums through PCOMP. The second training is on Human Resources and will be held at the CCAP office in Harrisburg of April 20th.

Dawn Sunderland, Housing Authority secretary sent a request to the Commissioners for the appointment of George Kyle to the Housing authority Board. George will be filling a vacancy left by the recent death of Earl Kyle. It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried (Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to appoint George Kyle to the Housing authority board with an expiration date of March 1, 2015.

Keller Engineers submitted a reimbursement request for the Walnut Grove Bridge. The total invoice amount is \$582.78, of which 80% is State reimbursed and 20% is act 26 reimbursed. It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes) to approve reimbursement #14 for Walnut Grove Bridge.

Richard Stahl was present today with two requests for the Commissioners. The first item was the reallocation of Growing Greener II funds from the Juniata Township project to Henderson Township for a dirt and gravel road project. The amount requested to transfer is \$14,602. It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes) to apply for the reallocation of \$14,602 from the Juniata Township project to the Henderson Township project.

Richard also requested the distribution of unspent money in the Airport master plan fund. The project was started many years ago but was only partially completed when work was halted. The County received a grant from Penn DOT in the amount of \$80,000. As part of the requirements for the grant, a \$4,000 local match was required, which HCBI agreed to commit at that time. There is \$1,346.90 of that \$4,000 in the account that was unspent, which Richard is requesting be returned to HCBI. Richard also discovered that the County general fund was never reimbursed for expenses that did occur. He is requesting \$2,693.24 also be reimbursed to the County general fund. It was moved by Commissioner Fluke, seconded by Commissioner Kough Pittenger and carried (Hoover, yes; Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes) to approve the reimbursements as requested by Richard Stahl.

The Commissioners received a request from Matt Price, Executive Director of the Visitors Bureau to appoint Sandi Wright to the Visitors Bureau Board. Sandi was elected by the Board of Directors to fill a vacancy left by the resignation of Dick Wright, which was effective March 1, 2011. It was moved by Commissioner Kough Pittenger, seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried (Fluke, yes; Kough Pittenger, yes; Hoover, yes) to appoint Sandi Wright to the Visitors Bureau Board for the remainder of Dick Wright's term, which will expire June 30, 2012.

The Commissioners approved two county burial allowances.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Fluke seconded by Commissioner Fluke and carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:52 a.m. Minutes prepared by Chief Clerk, Michelle Cerett.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Kough Pittenger, Secretary