

Huntingdon, PA
Tuesday December 8, 2015
11:00 a.m.
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A special 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; Register and Recorder, Jinny Cooper; Daily News reporter, Kylie Hawn; visitors Jim Cassatt, Scott Walls and Mark Sather.

The meeting was called to order at 11:15 a.m. by Commissioner O’Korn.

The purpose of the meeting is to receive comments on the 2016 proposed County budget.

Commissioner O’Korn noted a discrepancy in the revenue numbers. The per capita revenue was calculated incorrectly and will be corrected. This netted \$4,176.00 in additional income, which Commissioner O’Korn suggested adding to the additional money to the Out of County inmate cost. This is due to a letter received after the budget was prepared stating that Centre County will be raising the cost by \$2.00 per inmate, per day effective January 1st 2016. This was agreed upon and Michelle will make the change prior to the adoption of the budget.

Scott Walls asked about the additional revenue for military ballot reimbursement. Michelle stated that was due to next year being a presidential year and the expectation of receiving military absentee ballot requests.

Jim Cassatt asked several questions and commented on others. He asked why there was an increase in the tax levy. Commissioner O’Korn stated that we are anticipating increased tax revenue due to the Pictometry photos that were done recently as well as additional time that the Tax Assessor will be spending in the field. He questioned the \$1.75 million loan that was approved recently, stating that he doesn’t see it in the budget. Commissioner O’Korn stated it is not in the revenue or expenses because it is to be used for unfunded debt. Jim pointed out that there was an error in the levy number in the first line of the budget. After review, Commissioner O’Korn agreed and said it would be corrected. Jim asked if there was any news on the payment in lieu of taxes from Penn State, Solicitor McManamon stated there was not. Jim asked questions on various expense line items, which were all answered. He also commented on the increase in salaries between last year and this year. Commissioner O’Korn stated that is primarily related to increases in salaries at CYS so they can be more efficient and have a steady work force.

Commissioner Fluke stated that the budget has increased \$2,000,000.00 the past two years. Commissioner O’Korn agreed, stating that was done without a tax increase.

Jinny Cooper pointed out that the revenue in her departments has increased 29% and the expenses have decreased. Commissioner O’Korn commended Jinny and the other departments for their hard work and efficiency.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 12:04 a.m. Minutes prepared by Michelle L. Cerett, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary