

Huntingdon, PA

Tuesday, December 31, 2019

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The regular meeting of the Huntingdon County Commissioners was held on the above date and time in the Commissioners Meeting Room with the following present: Commissioners Sather, Walls and Thomas; Chief Clerk, Heather Fellman; Solicitor, Peter McManamon; Veterans Affairs Director, Brian Bassett; CYS Fiscal Tech, Chris Riling; Public Defender, Fred Gutshall; Mapping Director, Sean Houck and News Reporter, Kylie Hawn.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Commissioner Sather, followed in prayer led by Commissioner Sather and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Commissioner Walls.

It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the minutes of the December 17 Public Meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes) to approve the payment of bills.

There were no additions to the agenda.

Commissioner Thomas wished everyone a Happy New Year and asked that everyone celebrate responsibly and stay safe. Commissioner Sather thanked everyone who attended the Swearing-In Ceremony on December 30th. It was an honor to have Judge Kurtz lead the Ceremony and to see the number of people, around 100, who attended. Commissioner Walls thanked the public for their support of the Board of Commissioners. He promised that over the next four years they will continue to work together for the good of the County.

There were no public comments.

Under matters to be addressed by the solicitor, the Commissioners gave consideration of approval to sign Resolution 1-2020 to authorize the borrowing of the 2020 Tax Anticipation Notice (TAN). Commissioner Thomas asked if this money was scheduled to be received on the 7th or 8th of January. Solicitor, Peter McManamon, believes it is scheduled to be received on the 7th. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Under new business, Chris Riling, CYS Fiscal Tech, requested consideration of approval for an application update with Avanco International Inc. for the Child Accounting and Profile System. This is a Child Welfare Information System (CWIS) update. This is a state-wide system and the amount that we pay is based on the number of users that we have on the system. The Commissioners had signed the agreement at the June 11th public meeting. This is an update to that agreement. The total cost to the County is \$2,231.49. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Consideration of approval was given to submit the 901 Planning Grant for the four electronic collections for 2018 and 2019. Commissioner Sather shared a report from LouAnn Shontz detailing the collections

from those years. 124,565 pounds of electronics were collected during the 2018 collections and 597 cars were serviced. 100 cars had to be turned away during the first collection. May 18 - November 9, 2019 1,065 cars were serviced and 131,503 pounds of electronics were collected. The total projected cost was \$26,428.50 and the requested DEP reimbursement was \$23,046. Commissioner Sather expressed his gratitude for the excellent work that LouAnn Shontz did in the work she has done for Huntingdon County. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes).

Consideration of approval was given for a professional services agreement with Mission Critical Partners. This agreement was voted on at the 911 Board Meeting. The cost of the agreement is not to exceed \$20,000, which is paid for out of PEMA funds. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Sean Houck, Mapping Director, requested consideration of approval to hire for the position of GIS Mapping Specialist. Andrew Sharp is a recent college graduate who served as a summer intern in the Mapping office last year. He has completed his pre-employment screenings and would be ready to start on January 6, 2020. Commissioner Thomas commented that this is a position that has been open for some time and filling it will bring the office back to full staff. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Fred Gutshall requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with Christopher Wencker. This contract will be for \$50 per hour on an as needed basis to cover his open cases. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes).

Consideration of approval was given to appoint Commissioner Walls and Commissioner Thomas to the Southern Alleghenies Planning and Development Commissioner Board of Directors. It was moved by Commissioner Sather, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Consideration of approval was given to appoint Commissioner Sather to the Southern Alleghenies Planning and Development Commission Finance Committee. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Consideration of approval was given to appoint Commissioner Walls to the Southern Alleghenies Planning and Development Commission Executive Committee. It was moved by Commissioner Sather, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes).

Consideration of approval was given to appoint Commissioner Sather to the Southern Alleghenies Planning and Development Commission Personnel Committee. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

There were no matters for action, information and discussion.

There were 9 Veteran's Burial Allowances.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Walls to adjourn the meeting at 10:08 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Heather N. Fellman, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary