

The regular meeting of the Huntingdon County Commissioners was held on the above date and time in the Commissioner's Meeting Room with the following present: Commissioners Sather, Walls and Thomas; Deputy Chief Clerk, Stacie Cutshall; Community Development Administrator, Jen Bellis; CYS Director, Shannon Walborn; Treasurer, Susan Harry; Solicitor, Larry Newton; and Daily News Reporter, Kylie Hawn.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Commissioner Sather. Prayer was led by Commissioner Thomas and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Commissioner Sather.

Commissioner Sather made a statement welcoming Stacie Cutshall as the new Deputy Chief Clerk.

It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the previous week's minutes as presented.

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

Additions to the agenda:

It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes); to add Jim Lettiere's and Jen Bellis's intent to develop an active transportation plan.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to add Shannon Walborn's notice of Laura Bilger's resignation.

Announcements

Commissioner Thomas reminded all about COVID vaccines/boosters. Also, the commissioners of Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Huntingdon, Fulton, and Somerset have funded a study for the possible expansion of broadband internet through the region. ABI will be conducting a survey for residents.

Public Comments

None

Solicitor's Update

Larry reported two oil bids: Bumgardner & Flasher oil will submit a bid of: 15¢ per gallon above rack price, on day of delivery, from October 4th, 2022 to October 3rd 2023; and Shipley will submit a bid of a fixed rate of: \$4.799 per gallon, or a variable rate of: \$.75 over Harrisburg's OPIS average.

It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes) to table discussion on the bids pending further review.

New Business

Shannon presented for consideration of approval the Child Welfare Information Solution (CWIS) Data Sharing agreement, from October 1st 2022-September 30th 2023. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes) to approve the agreement.

Shannon presented for consideration of approval, the resignation of Laura Bilger (effective: 9/30/2022). It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to accept the resignation.

Jennifer presented for consideration of approval a letter of commitment for the unofficial announcement of a \$25,000 grant to develop the active transportation plan. They will be donating \$5,000 from the Planning budget towards this effort. The plan is to be submitted no later than July 31st 2023, and adopted no later than September 30th 2023. Commissioner Thomas stressed that all departments/individuals involved with the plan will be able to follow through. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes).

It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes) to enter executive session at 9:52AM.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded and carried by Commissioner Walls (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to leave executive session at 10:02AM. Discussions were held. No decisions were reached.

Susan Harry presented for consideration of approval the hiring of Emily Whitesel as a clerk, effective October 3rd 2022. Emily is participating in the Career Link On the Job Training program for 24 weeks. Half her salary will be provided by the program. The county will pay the remainder of the salary and all benefits and workman's compensation. Ultimately the goal of the program is retention of the employee. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded and carried by Commissioner Thomas (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes) to approve the hire.

Kathryn Unger was unavailable for the COVID-19 update today due to training for her office.

There were no matters for action, information and discussion.

There were no Veteran's Burial Allowance.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Walls to adjourn the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Heather N. Fellman, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary