

The regular weekly 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 Sather, Walls and Thomas; Chief Clerk, Michelle Barnett; Solicitor Peter McManamon; Community Development Administrator, Melody Mason; Planning Director, Mark Colussy; Treasurer, Susan Harry; Daily News Reporter; visitors Jim Cassatt and Cathy Bilger.

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

It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Sather and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2018 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 three additions to the agenda to include a personnel matter and consideration of a right of way authorization and a request to consider submitting an application for additional funding from the Housing Preservation Grant.

Commissioner Thomas announced a reminder of the electronics recycling collection to be held at the fairgrounds only for residential.

During the public comments period, visitor, Jim Cassatt asked if there is a report like the one for the Bailey Building available on the progress and expenses for the 911 project. Commissioner Sather replied that we would need to check with the consultant but an expenditure report should possibly be available.

There were no matters addressed by the Solicitor.

There were no matters to address under new business.

There were several matters for action, information and discussion on the agenda. There was a request on the agenda to consider a lease renewal with FNB which was a typo. The lease renewal is with Kathleen Herr for rental of parking space for the Annex II building. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes) to approve the lease renewal at a cost of \$4,913.00 effective June 1, 2018 through May 31, 2019.

There was a request to approve Commissioners Sather, Walls and Thomas and Chief Clerk, Michelle Barnett to attend the CCAP Summer Conference to be held August 5 through August 8, 2018 in Gettysburg. Commissioner Thomas explained that if all three Commissioners attend the conference at the rate of \$425 each, the Chief Clerk attends the conference at no charge with the exception of lodging. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve attendance to the conference as presented.

There was a request to approve advertising for fuel oil bids for No.02 heating oil for delivery to the Huntingdon County Court House Annex I, the Corbin House, Office of the District Magistrate #4 in Orbisonia and the Shirley Home. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes) to proceed with advertising for the bids.

A letter of Authorization from DCNR was requested for a right of way license to permit land use to gain access to the former PA State Police tower site in Barree Township, Huntingdon County within the Rothrock State Forest. Commissioner Walls commented that the tower was donated by the PA State Police to the County and will save about \$1200 to \$1500 per month on tower rent. Commissioner Thomas explained that there was a lot to get the paperwork through. Rich Irvin's office, Michele Ivory at Senator Eichelberger's office, the Governor's Office and the Game Commissioner helped get the paperwork through. Jim Cassatt asked if the tower will be on the assets listing in the audit. Commissioner Sather explained that it would be part of the audit next year. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes) to approve the right of way authorization.

There was a request to accept the resignation of Ashely Snyder as Children and Youth Administrator. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, with regret, seconded by Commissioner Sather with regret and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to accept Ashley's resignation effective August 17, 2018.

Mark Colussy, Planning Director and Melody Mason, Community Development Administrator were present to request consideration of submitting an application for additional Housing Preservation Grant funding. Mark Colussy explained that, Melody received notification from United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) of additional funds available and asked if there was an interest in applying for this year's grant. Melody explained that the application is due August 9, 2018 and we are in need of emergency rehab funds that are not tied up with government regulation and will not require bringing the entire home up to code. Mark Colussy commented that this is truly for emergency repair up to \$7500.00. There is a fifteen day advertising requirement. The application would be for approximately \$50,000. Commissioner Sather asked if the revenue is coming from the grant and if the County or homeowner is required to match the funds. Mark Colussy replied that there is no matching required by the County or Homeowner except if the repair costs more than the \$7500.00, the homeowner would be required to pay the difference. Melody also noted that we have two years to expend the funds.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes) to approve advertising and submitting the Housing Preservation Grant application as presented. Jim Cassatt asked if he would get into this program as a homeowner, what his timeframe requirements on selling the property is. Melody explained that the County places a lien on the property. Commissioner Thomas commented that there is a five year timeframe requirement for selling.

There were 0 Veteran Burial allowance.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Walls to adjourn the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Michelle Barnett, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary