

Huntingdon, PA

Tuesday, November 27, 2019

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The special 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 and Chief Clerk, Heather Fellman.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Commissioner Sather.

Commissioner Sather announced that the Huntingdon County Proposed Budget for 2020 is now available for public inspection and will remain available for the next 20 days.

There is an anticipated tax increase of 3.75 mils. The primary reasoning for the increase include the exceptional number of inmates incarcerated in 2019, the purchase of new elections equipment mandated by the Department of State, upgrades to the computer systems in the Treasurer, Tax Claim, and Tax Assessment offices, increases in insurance rates, payments into the retirement system, debt service reduction for the 2014 and 2015 unfunded debt, and the potential new contingency fund for unexpected emergency expenses.

Commissioner Thomas noted that many of these costs were out of the Commissioners' control, noting specifically that they cannot control the inmate population and they are being required to purchase new election equipment. He expressed that he does not want to raise the taxes, but feels that it is the most fiscally responsible thing to do.

Commissioner Walls noted that reimbursement from the State is decreasing and the only source of revenue that the State allows the County to use is property taxes. Unfortunately, the State has failed to allow Counties other funding options.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Walls to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Heather N. Fellman, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary