

Huntingdon, PA

Tuesday, July 9, 2019

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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 present: Commissioners Sather, Walls and Thomas; Deputy Chief Clerk, Kellie Benson; Solicitor, Peter McManamon; CYS Fiscal Supervisor, Claudia Conrad; CYS Fiscal Tech, Chris Riling; Veterans Affairs Director, Brian Bassett; Planning Director, Mark Colussy; Planning Intern, Stan Willis; Bob Reitman from Huntingdon County Business and Industry; Daily News Reporter, Kylie Hawn and visitor Jim Cassatt.

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 by Commissioner Sather.

It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the minutes of the July 2, 2019 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.

Tammy Thompson was added to the agenda.

Commissioner Walls announced that the Voting Machine Funding Bill was vetoed by the governor. There is currently no funding available for the purchase of new voting machines. Several months ago the County submitted a request for extension to the Department of State to prepare for the purchase of new voting machines. The Chief Clerk followed up last week asking for a response to our request. They indicated that they are still looking into it.

During the public comment period, Brian Bassett asked why the county has to purchase new voting equipment when our equipment meets the criteria that the governor is asking for. Commissioner Sather responded that it was a federal ruling that pushed it to the State level.

There were no matters to be addressed by the Solicitor.

Chris Riling, CYS Fiscal Tech, asked for consideration of approval for a Purchase of Service Agreement with Sarah Jefferson, LCSW, for diagnostic evaluations and assessments. This is for contract year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. It is a renewal from last year. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Chris Riling asked for consideration of approval for a Purchase of Service Agreement with Huntingdon Area School District for transportation for children in foster care under the Every Child Succeeds Act. This is for contract year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. It is a renewal from last year. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Chris Riling asked for consideration of approval for a Purchase of Service Agreement with Juniata Valley School District for transportation for children in foster care under the Every Child Succeeds Act. This is for contract year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. It is a renewal from last year. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes).

Chris Riling asked for consideration of approval for a Purchase of Service Agreement with Southern Huntingdon Area School District for transportation for children in foster care under the Every Child Succeeds Act. This is for contract year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. It is a renewal from last year. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Chris Riling asked for consideration of approval for a Purchase of Service Agreement with the Youth Advocate Program for family preservation and reunification services. This is for contract year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. It is a renewal from last year. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Chris Riling asked for consideration of approval for a Purchase of Service Agreement with Mainstream Counseling for afterschool programs and counseling services. This is for contract year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. It is a renewal from last year. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes).

Mark Colussy, Planning Director, asked for consideration of approval for the Smithfield Township CDBG Sub-Recipient Administrative Agreement. This agreement outlines the specific nature of this particular project, which is based off of subterranean video examination of the existing storm pipes on Mt. Vernon Avenue, all the clogged sections along the 8th Street intersection and general vicinity. The video examination required corrective action in the form of rehabilitation of the storm system. Contractors have been bid out and are ready to move forward. The County will assign the project officer and assume the administrative responsibilities including environmental review and clearance, preconstruction conference, Section 3 compliance, requisition of CDBG funds through the IDIS Program, preparation of payments, financial record-keeping, preparation and submission of all required program reports, preparation and submission of close-out reports, and record retention for four years after the date of the close-out letter. Jim Cassatt asked why this is being approved retroactively and if it was the result of somebody missing a deadline. Mr. Colussy answered that yes, it was the result of a missed deadline due to personnel on medical leave. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Mark Colussy asked for consideration of approval for Resolution 7-2019 supporting an application for the Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) Application by Mount Union Borough. It is hoped that this will be the last push that this project needs to get the last amount of funding to move forward to construction. The Borough will be filing the application. The County will only be supporting them in that application. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Bob Reitman, Executive Director of Huntingdon County Business and Industry, asked for consideration of approval for the EZ Loan Update for the Juniata Brewing Company. The only change being requested is the name on the loan from Juniata Brewing Company to Steegness, LLC. The amount remains at \$75,000. The original loan paperwork was completed with the existing legal entities of the business. As the project progressed there was the introduction of a holding company to own the building. They did this on the advice of their accountant. Jim Cassatt asked what the life of the loan is. The Commissioners answered that the loan is for seven years. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by

Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes) to approve the update pending review by the solicitor.

Under Matters for Action, Tammy Thompson, Elections Coordinator, asked for consideration of approval to attend the Pennsylvania County Election Personnel Summer Conference. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

There were 2 Veteran's Burial Allowances.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 10:23 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Heather N. Fellman, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary