

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; Solicitor, Larry Newton; Chief Clerk, Heather Fellman; Warden, Brad Glover; Planning Director, Jim Lettiere; Daily News Reporter, Kylie Hawn and guest, Curtis McConaughy.

Katie Unger, EMA Director and Debra Clark from HCBI participated via GoToMeeting.

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.

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

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

There were no additions to the agenda.

Under announcements, Heather Fellman commented that the new county website is now live. It is at the same URL that it was before, but it has been updated to be more user-friendly and visually appealing. We are very pleased with the final product. Commissioner Thomas asked residents to get their COVID and flu vaccines and boosters and to vaccinate their eligible children. Commissioner Sather encouraged residents to volunteer for poll worker positions. There are 58 voting precincts that need to be staffed on Election Day.

There were no public comments.

There were no matters to be addressed by the solicitor.

Under new business Debra Clark from HCBI requested consideration of approval for 6 months of interest-only payments on an EZ Loan for Stone Town Gallery, LLC. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Jim Lettiere, Planning Director, requested consideration of approval to send two staff members to the 2023 Community Development and Housing Practitioners Conference. The cost is \$200 each for registration and \$579.47 for travel expenses. This is budgeted through CDBG administration funds. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Brad Glover, Warden, requested consideration of approval to hire Corrections Officer Harrison Collins. His start date will be 3/1/2023. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes).

Kathryn Unger, EMA Director, presented an update on COVID-19. The number of county cases stands at 13,829. The State total is 2,881,586. We are in the low level of community spread. Hospitalization is at 1,135. SCI Smithfield has 26 inmates and 3 staff members testing positive. SCI Huntingdon has no inmates and 3 staff members testing positive. The incident rate is 81.8 for the County and 55.8 for the State. PCR is at 10.2% for the County and 11.8% for the State. There are no cases among residents and 2-8 among staff in long-term care facilities. There were no additional deaths in the last week for a total of 279 since the beginning of the pandemic.

There was nothing discussed under matters for action.

There were no Veteran's Burial Allowances.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Walls to adjourn the meeting at 9:43 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Heather N. Fellman, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary