

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; Solicitor, Peter McManamon; Deputy Chief Clerk; Sarah Helton; Planning Director, Mark Colussy; Recycling Coordinator, LouAnn Shontz; Daily News Reporter, Kylie Hawn; and visitors Bill Walters and Jim Cassatt.

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m. by Commissioner Sather followed by prayer led by Commissioner Sather and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Commissioner Walls.

It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the minutes of the January 10th 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 is one addition to the agenda under matters for action information and discussion. Dave Smith is requesting to appoint a special prosecutor for a juvenile mental health case.

There were no announcements, public comments, or matters to be addressed by the Solicitor.

First on the agenda was Mark Colussy and LouAn Shontz with a request to approve the 2016 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Reimbursement. The collection event was held in September 2016 at the Huntingdon County Fairgrounds. Total collected at the event was 11.82 tons from the Huntingdon County collection, 4.96 tons from Bedford County, and 3.7 tons from Fulton County. Total cost for the collection events was \$38,635.15. The reimbursement request is for half, \$19,317.58 from the Department of Environmental Protection. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the 2016 Household Hazardous Waste Reimbursement Request.

Next on the agenda is approval of the extension for meal services from the Department of Corrections to the Huntingdon County Jail. Commissioner Sather explained that the extension doesn't modify the current contract, it extends it for 1 year starting 01/01/2017 through 12/31/2017. Commissioner Thomas noted that switching to the DOC to provide meals to the jail saved the County approximately \$275,000 last year. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes) to approve the extension for the existing intergovernmental agreement with the PA Department of Corrections for Meal Service to the Huntingdon County Jail.

An addition to the agenda today is a request from District Attorney Dave Smith for the Board to appoint a special prosecutor, Robert B Stewart III, to prosecute a juvenile mental health case. Bill Walters questioned the need for a special prosecutor when the County has a DA and Assistant DA. Commissioner Sather explained that attorney Stewart has special expertise and familiarity with this case. Commissioner Sather further explains that this request is focused on the sensitivity of the case and it is of public concern to deal with it in a timely manner. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes) to appoint Robert Stewart III as a special prosecutor to prosecute a juvenile/mental health case.

There were 2 Veteran Burial Allowances for approval today.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 9:54 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Sarah Helton, Deputy Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary