

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 Walls and Thomas; Chief Clerk, Heather Fellman; Deputy Chief Clerk, Tracey Rhodes; Solicitor, Larry Newton; Planning Director, Jim Lettiere and Daily News Reporter, Kylie Hawn.

EMA Director, Katie Unger and CYS Director, Shannon Walborn via GoToMeeting.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Commissioner Walls. Prayer was led by Commissioner Thomas and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Commissioner Walls.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the previous week's minutes as presented.

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

There were no additions to the agenda.

Under announcements, Commissioner Thomas asked residents to get their COVID vaccines and to allow their eligible children to get vaccinated as well. He also noted that there are more water-based activities occurring now. Everyone should wear a floatation device when enjoying the water. Commissioner Walls commented that there is no meeting next week as the Commissioners will be attending CCAP. He also noted that there is an extreme heat advisory for August 4th through 8th.

There were no public comments.

Under matters to be addressed by the solicitor sealed bids were opened for two county vehicles that are being sold. We received 9 bids for a 2002 Ford Focus. Bids received were as follows: \$476, \$350, \$250, \$326, \$500, \$200, \$251.99, \$525, \$501.12. The winning bid of \$525 was submitted by Jeff Peck Sr. We received 6 bids for a 2001 Chevy Silverado. Bids received were as follows: \$400, \$751.01, \$575, \$1,350, \$851.99 and \$801.88. The winning bid of \$1,350 was submitted by Jeff Peck Jr. Consideration of approval was given to accept the highest bid for the Ford Focus. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes). Consideration of approval was given to accept the highest bid for the Chevy Silverado. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Thomas, yes; Walls, yes).

Under new business, Jim Lettiere, Planning Director, requested consideration of approval for a letter of support to encumber \$5,000 of budgeted funds from the Planning Department for the Huntingdon County Active Transportation Committee's \$25,000 grant application to assist in the Active Transportation Plan. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Shannon Walborn, CYS Director, requested consideration of approval for the resignation of Caseworker Gabriela Espino effective August 1st. Commissioner Thomas asked how long Ms. Espino had worked for the agency. Ms. Walborn said she believes it has been 2 and a half years. Commissioner Thomas asked how many openings CYS currently has. Ms. Walborn noted that this is currently the only Caseworker opening and there is also a Fiscal Officer opening. Commissioner Walls commented that this is an anomaly across the state. No other CYS offices are this well-staffed. He offered his thanks to Ms. Walborn. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Thomas, yes; Walls, yes).

Katie Unger, EMA Director, presented an update on COVID-19. The average number of new cases per day in the county was 11. The state is at over 22,000 cases. We are now in the high level of community spread. SCI Smithfield currently has 28 inmates and 1 staff members testing positive. SCI Huntingdon has no inmates or staff members testing positive. Our incident rate for the county is 144 per 100,000 and the state is 130.6. The PCR percent positivity is 10.3% for the county and 17.4% for the state. Long-term care facilities are doing well with a few incidents among staff and residents. 24,891 vaccines have been distributed in the county. 11,185 boosters have been given. There have been 2,373 that have received a second booster. The county is 50% vaccinated. There were 2

additional deaths in the last week for a total of 256 since the beginning of the pandemic. The dominant variant is still Omicron. Percentages have not been updated since last week.

Consideration of approval was given to appoint Leigh Keiser to the JVBDS Citizens Advisory Board. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

There were no matters for action, information and discussion.

There were no Veteran's Burial Allowance.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Heather N. Fellman, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary