

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; Chief Clerk, Michelle Cerett; Solicitor Peter McManamon; Planning Director, Mark Colussy; Grant Administrator, Maureen Safko; JC Blair Representatives, Chris Gildea and Denise Sheffield; Daily News reporter, Kylie Hawn; visitors Bobbi Jo Gearhart and Jim Cassatt.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 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 Thomas seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the minutes of the February 9th, 2016 public meeting.

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

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

First on the agenda today was Denise Sheffield and Chris Gildea from JC Blair Hospital. Denise requested approval of a Proclamation for Cardiac Rehabilitation Week. The American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation is observing Cardiac Rehab week from February 14th through February 20th, 2016 and Denise requested the Commissioners Proclaim the same for Huntingdon County. Upon reading of the Proclamation, it was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes) to proclaim the week of February 14th through February 20th as Cardiac Rehabilitation Week in Huntingdon County. Denise received the signed Proclamation on behalf of J.C. Blair Hospital.

Joyce Zolten requested two items for the agenda today but was not able to make the meeting due to inclement weather. Therefore, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to table the promotion of Karen Wise to Fiscal Assistant effective February 22nd, 2016. The reason for tabling it was to receive more information from Joyce. The second item was a conference request for Joyce Zolten and Claudia Conrad. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes) to approve Joyce Zolten and Claudia Conrad to attend the PCYA Conference in March, 2016.

Mark Colussy and Maureen Safko presented two items for consideration today. First was a request to apply for a small grant to assist with minor emergency home repairs. Maureen stated this grant has been received in the past and was very helpful to cover emergency situations such as well problems, electrical outages and furnace malfunctions. She suggested applying for \$40,000.00 with \$20,000.00 to be used as a match toward the Broad Top City housing rehab program. She also stated receiving this grant will allow funding through the HOME grant in the amount of \$350,000.00. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes) to approve the Planning Department to apply for the Housing rehab grant in the amount of \$40,000.00 as requested.

The second grant Maureen presented today is for the Courthouse Clock tower rehab project. The rehab project has been ongoing as funding is available. Maureen stated the County can apply for an additional \$100,000.00 for the project for the years 2017 and 2018. The County received \$50,000.00 last year and also provided a \$50,000.00 general fund match. The estimated cost of the project is \$300,000.00. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the grant application in the amount of \$100,000.00 as requested.

J&L Grubb rentals provided a lease renewal for consideration. They own the property that is rented by the Co-Op extension office. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes) to approve the lease agreement for a monthly amount of \$1,100.00 per month with an agreement that the rent will increase to \$1,200.00 per month in 2017.

Michelle provided information on a polling place change request. The Allensport Lions Club has asked the polling place be moved from their facility. She has worked with the Elections Coordinator to move back to the New Life Fellowship Church, which has been used in the past. Commissioner Thomas asked if we are within the timeframe for moving it prior to the primary, Michelle stated we are. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes) to move the Shirley/Mount Union polling place to the New Life Fellowship Church effective with the Primary election for 2016. In conjunction with that, Michelle provided a lease which has been signed by the Church for the use of their facility. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the lease agreement with New Life Fellowship Church for the Shirley/Mount Union polling place. Commissioner Sather noted the lease is effective until either party gives a 90 day notice requesting a change.

There was one county veteran burial allowance for approval today.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Walls to adjourn the meeting at 10:11 a.m.
Minutes prepared by Michelle L. Cerett, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary