

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, Commissioner Walls and Commissioner Thomas; Chief Clerk, Michelle Barnett; Solicitor, Peter McManamon; CYS Administrator, Ashley Smyder; CYS Fiscal Supervisor, Claudia Conrad; CYS Fiscal Tech, Chris Riling; Mike Hannon, Tri County Drug and Alcohol; Wendy Melius, Center for Community Action; Bob Henry, JVBDS; Tiffany Jones, Center for Community Action; President Judge, George Zanic; Russell Kyper, Raymond Morningstar and Rodney Davis from the Huntingdon County Farm Bureau; Daily News Reporter, Kylie Hawn; and visitor Jim Cassatt.

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

It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the minutes of the February 27th 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 were no additions to the agenda.

There were no announcements.

There were no public comments.

President Judge George Zanic was present to request consideration for preparation of a Courthouse Master Engineering Plan. Judge Zanic presented a proposal by CES Engineering. The cost of the Master plan at \$35,750 would be funded by the Courthouse Improvement Fund. Judge Zanic explained that that second floor and basement of the courthouse are in need of renovations and the last renovations were in 1975. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes) to approve the proposal for the study as presented. Jim Cassatt asked if the plan would include the front doors of the Courthouse. Commissioner Sather replied that the plan does not include the doors.

Wendy Melius, Center for Community Action; Mike Hannon, Tri County Drug and Alcohol and Bob Henry, JVBDS, requested consideration to submit a Human Services Block Grant. This would move the County from a Non-block grant County to a Block Grant County. All funds received would then stay within the County. Monies can be moved between various services as a need is determined. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve submitting the Block Grant application. There was also a request for approval to submit a letter of application for an additional \$10,000 in Human Services Development funds. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes) to approve submitting the letter of application.

Ashley Smyder, CYS Administrator requested consideration to hire a Caseworker Supervisor. Ashley provided some information on the caseload of the agency. Commissioner Sather asked in regards to the current budget, if funding this position would decrease overtime. Ashley confirmed that overtime would decrease within the department if this position was filled. Commissioner Walls announced that he is pleased that Ashley with the help of the Chief Clerk, has decreased the overtime. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes) to table the information pending additional financial and funding information. Commissioner Thomas requested Ashley return to the March 13th meeting to discuss in further detail.

Russell Kyper, Raymond Morningstar and Rodney Davis, all from the Huntingdon County Farm Bureau was present to provide an update on the Farm Bureau and to thank the Commissioners for their support and participation.

Claudia Conrad, CYS Fiscal Supervisor and Chris Riling, CYS were present to request approval for several Purchase of Service Agreements. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve an agreement with Project Starphish Inc. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes) to approve an agreement with White Deer Run Inc. Cove Prep. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes) to approve an agreement with Community Specialist Cooperation. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve an agreement with The Summit Schools Inc. Summit Academy. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes) to approve an agreement with Adelphoi Village Inc. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes) to approve an agreement with Pentz Run Youth Services.

Solicitor, Peter McManamon presented an Article of Incorporation for the Rail Authority for consideration. The Article of Incorporation has been advertised and will be submitted to the Department of State for approval. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve submitting the Article of Incorporation to the Department of State.

There was a request to consider a letter of support to Congress requesting an increase in federal funding for voting systems. The Federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002 provided funding to states to update voting technologies in the past. A letter of support will be submitted to Senators Casey and Toomey, Representatives, Shuster and Thompson. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes) to approve submitting the letters of support.

There was a request to consider an appointment to the Housing Authority Board. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes) to appoint Mr. Jeffrey Hayes to the Housing Authority Board for a five-year term.

There were 0 Veterans Burial allowances.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Walls to adjourn the meeting at 10:54a.m.

Minutes prepared by Michelle Barnett, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary