

Huntingdon, PA

Tuesday, May 3, 2022

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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; Deputy Chief Clerk, Tracey Rhodes; Solicitor, Larry Newton; Planning Director, Jim Lettiere; EMA Director, Katie Unger; ABATE Members Huey Kyle, Gloria Smith, Morgan McGinnis, Dennis Yonker, Betty Yonker, Elizabeth McGinnis, and Pam Franks; and Daily News Reporter, Kylie Hawn.

Shannon Walborn and Chris Dixon from the CYS Department attended remotely via GoToMeeting.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Commissioner Sather. Prayer was led by Commissioner Sather and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was 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 previous week's minutes as presented.

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

There was one addition to the agenda: consideration of approval for pay application number 5 for the Huntingdon County Library Elevator Project. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Under announcements, Commissioner Thomas asked everyone that is eligible for a COVID shot or booster to get one. Commissioner Sather reminded the public to be aware while they are driving of kids outside playing now that the weather is getting nicer.

There were no public comments.

There were no matters to be addressed by the solicitor.

Under new business, consideration of approval was given for Proclamation 9-2022 for the Alliance of Bikers Aimed Toward Education (ABATE) to declare May 2022 as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Jim Lettiere, Planning Director, requested consideration of approval for pay application number 5 for the Huntingdon County Library Elevator Project in the amount of \$5,926.32. We are nearing completion of this project. Commissioner Sather noted that no general fund dollars are being spent on this project. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes).

Jim Lettiere requested consideration of approval for pay application number 6 for the Huntingdon County Library Elevator Project in the amount of \$46,154.27. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Shannon Walborn and Chris Dixon from the CYS Department requested consideration of approval for a transportation contract with Huntingdon Area School District. This is a mandatory contract under the Every Child

Succeeds Act. If it is determined that it would be in the best interest of the child to remain in their home school district then transportation to that district is required. The cost is split three ways with the agency paying 1/3 of the cost for transportation. This is for contract year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 and it is a renewal from last year. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Chris Dixon requested consideration of approval for a transportation contract with Juniata Valley School District for contract year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. It is a renewal from last year. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes).

Chris Dixon requested consideration of approval for a transportation contract with Southern Huntingdon School District for contract year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. This is a renewal from last year. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, 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 3. The State stands at an average of 1,891. Huntingdon County remains in the low level of community transmission. SCI Smithfield currently has 7 inmates and 1 staff testing positive. SCI Huntingdon has no inmates and 1 staff member testing positive. There is nothing to report from the schools. No data was available from Penn Highlands for this week. The Department of Health reports no COVID cases among school-aged children and less than five cases among children 4 and under. Juniata College continues surveillance testing and has had a total of 55 positive cases this semester. COVID hospitalization for the state are rising and stand at 685. Our incident rate for the county is 42.1 per 100,000 and the state is 66.3. The PCR percent positivity is 3.9% for the county and 8% for the state. Long-term care facilities are doing well. 24,568 vaccines have been distributed in the county. 10,720 boosters have been given. There have been 689 that have received a second booster. The county is 49% vaccinated. There was one death in the last week. The dominant variant is still Omicron. The US variant distribution BA.2 is at 68.1%, BA2.12.1 is at 28.7%, B.1.1 is at 2.8%, and B.1.1.529 is at .2% and there is another variant that is showing up that is not labeled yet that is at .2%. The PA data shows that BA.2 is at 65.2%, B.2.12.1 is at 31.9%, B.1.1.529 is at 2.8% and the other is at .1%.

There was nothing discussed under matters for action, information and discussion.

There were no Veteran's Burial Allowance.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Walls to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Heather N. Fellman, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary