

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; Deputy Chief Clerk, Sarah Helton; Solicitor, Peter McManamon; Grant Administrator, Maureen Safko; EMA Director, John Cirko; CYS Fiscal Supervisor, Claudia Conrad; CYS Fiscal Assistant, Christine Riling; Director of Tri-County Drug and Alcohol Abuse Commission, Mike Hannon; PennDot Engineer, Mike Henry; 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 August 2, 2016 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 the bills.

There is one addition to the agenda related to the County Bridge Project. The last item under new business will be a representative from PennDot requesting the board sign an Assignment Agreement for ECS contract #102547.

For Announcements, Commissioner Walls states that the local Emergency Management Planning Committee is planning a mini-summit on August 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am – 1:00pm for local businesses, public utilities, and anyone concerned with the handling of hazardous materials. Also scheduled on August 27<sup>th</sup> is training for Fire Companies, EMS, first responders, and those that deal with hazardous materials incidents related to the highway. Anyone wanting to attend should contact John Cirko or the EMA office.

Commissioner Sather explained that the Board of Commissioners have an RFP out for the new 911 infrastructure. It was reported that the awarding of those bids would be made at the August 30, 2016 Public Meeting. That is incorrect, the bids will be opened at the August 30 Public Meeting. All bids are due by 4:00pm on August 29<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Thomas announced that Delphine Gibson will celebrate her 113<sup>th</sup> Birthday on August 17<sup>th</sup>. She is the 11<sup>th</sup> oldest person in the world, 2<sup>nd</sup> oldest person in the US, and the oldest person in Pennsylvania.

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

John Cirko was present today to request the approval of the 2016 Homeland Security Grant Program Grant Agreement. John states that money from this grant is what the task force uses to pay bills, purchase equipment, have trainings and perform maintenance and all counties must sign the agreement. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes) to approve the 2016 Homeland Security Grant Program Grant Agreement for \$494,056. The agreement is between Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency and The South Central Mountains Regional Counter Terrorism Task Force for the US Department of Homeland Security for Fiscal year 2016.

Maureen Safko presented a request for Taylor Pollicino, Bookkeeper, and the person hired for the Planner I position, attend a CDBG Training. On June 23, 2016, the board approved Maureen to attend the same training on July 12, 13 and 14; however, the training was rescheduled for September 7, 8, and 9. Maureen explains that there will be no registration fees or costs for the training but there will be other expenses such as mileage, lodging and meals. These costs would need to be paid by the County and then CDBG would reimburse the expenses. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes;) for Taylor Pollicino and the Planner I to attend the CDBG Training on September 7, 8, and 9 in Harrisburg.

Maureen also presented the Fredendall contract for ratification. Fredendall was awarded the bid in June but the contract wasn't available at that time. The awarded project is for the upgrade and accessibility of the restrooms on the main floor of the courthouse. Because CDBG funds are being used for this project it was required that the PA Historical Museum Commission review the project. Because of the historical significance of the courthouse, all the renovations that are done are done in-kind keeping with the historical nature of the courthouse. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes) for the ratification of the Fredendall Contract.

Claudia Conrad and Chris Riling from Children Services presented Contracts and Agreements for renewal. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes) to approve the renewal of the Purchase of Service Contract with Attorney, Michael Kipphan for a period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 at a rate of \$80/hour.

Jim Cassatt questioned what the hourly rate was for each contract and requested that it is noted for each contract how much the attorney will be paid. Claudia explained that the two solicitors, Peter McManamon and Ray Ghaner contracts are for \$90/hour and the other attorneys act as Guardians ad litem at a rate of \$80/hour. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes;) to approve the renewal of the Purchase of Service Contract with Attorney, Peter McManamon for a period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 at a rate of \$90/hour.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes;) to approve the renewal of the Purchase of Service Contract with Attorney, Lawrence Newton for a period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 at a rate of \$80/hour. Peter McManamon questioned if there are 2 different rates if the Court appoints an attorney for a parent. Claudia says that may happen but Children Services does not pay for parent's legal representation.

It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes) to approve the renewal of the Purchase of Service Contract with Attorney, Erica Shaof for a period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 at a rate of \$80/hour.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes;) to approve the renewal of the Purchase of Service Contract with Attorney, Christopher Wencker for a period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 at a rate of \$80/hour.

It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes;) to approve the renewal of the Purchase of Service Contract with Attorney, Robert Covell for a period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 at a rate of \$80/hour.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes) to approve the renewal of the Purchase of Service Agreement with Christian Home of Johnstown for a period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the renewal of the Purchase of Service Contract with Attorney, Ray Ghaner for a period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 at a rate of \$90/hour.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes) to approve the renewal of the Purchase of Service Contract with Attorney, Nicholas Newfield for a period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 at a rate of \$80/hour.

It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes) to approve the renewal of the Purchase of Service Contract with Attorney, Roberta Binder-Heath for a period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 at a rate of \$80/hour.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the renewal of the Purchase of Service Agreement with George Junior Republic for a period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes) to approve the renewal of the Purchase of Service Contract with Attorney, Jennifer Habel for a period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 at a rate of \$80/hour.

As an addition to the Agenda today, Mike Henry from PennDot is requesting that the Commissioners sign an Assignment Agreement for the existing ECMS Contract #102547 with George S Hann & Sons to rehabilitate 4 county bridges. He states that the existing contract is already approved. This agreement changes the contract slightly. The contract was supposed to be set up that the Commonwealth directly disperses the funds to the contractor on behalf of the county. Then the County is required to pay a 5% commitment to the contract. The Commonwealth will invoice the County for 5% of the total after all work has been completed. The contract was set up incorrectly in the ECMS system and currently states that Huntingdon County will pay all invoices to the contractor directly then wait to get reimbursed from the Commonwealth. The difference is PennDot pays everything upfront instead of the County going through a reimbursement process. Mike reports that everything is on schedule with the contractor at this time. He says 2 of the 4 bridges are nearing completion and construction will commence on the other 2 bridges soon.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes) to approve the Assignment Agreement for ECMS Contract #102547 with George S Hann & Sons

For approval is the Grant Cooperation agreement for a multi-County Comprehensive Plan between the Sothern Alleghenies Planning and Development Commission and the Counties of: Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Fulton, Huntingdon, Somerset. This plan is a developed comprehensive regional action plan for all 6 counties cooperatively. It also includes an individual executive summary and an action plan for each County specifically. This plan will have many benefits across each county such as large cost savings, reduction in duplication efforts, strengthens partnerships, and promotes a shared effort of common solutions across the 6 counties. The Commission has applied for and has been awarded \$164,000 from the granting agency. The granting agency has presented the contract and requires a match of funds. Each County will contribute \$30,000 towards the match. It is estimated that each County will save close to \$100,000.

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Jeff notes that the SAPDC has worked on this multi-County Comprehensive plan for a year and a half. Nothing like this has ever been done in Pennsylvania prior to this and maybe the Nation. Each County will be able to create their 10 year plan at significant cost savings.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes) to approve the three County Auditors, Jay Muir, Robin Horne, and Craig Greenland attend the annual Auditor's Conference October 2<sup>nd</sup> through the 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the Convention Center in Harrisburg. The total cost for registration, lodging, and meals is \$2920. There will be an additional expense for mileage that will need to be reimbursed.

There were 4 Veteran Burial Allowances for approval today.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Walls to adjourn the meeting at 10:38 a.m. Minutes prepared by Sarah Helton, Deputy Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary