

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; Fred Gutshall, Director of Court Appointed Council; Robert Reitman, Executive Director of HCBI; 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 Sather and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag 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 minutes of the February 20th 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 was one personnel matter added to the agenda.

Commissioner Thomas thanked Jeremy Crouse and the students for the CHAMPS event.

Solicitor, Peter McManamon announced that the advertisement for the Article of Incorporation has been completed and the Commissioners will be requested to consider signing the Article of Incorporation at the next regular meeting.

There were no public comments.

First on the Agenda, was Fred Gutshall, Director of Court Appointed Council with a request for Emily Freed, Assistant Public defender to attend the Ethical Issues in Criminal Practices online course. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes) to approve attendance to the course at a cost of \$50.00.

Robert Reitman, Executive Director of HCBI requested consideration of an Enterprise Zone Loan for ATJ Printing. The loan would allow ATJ Printing to purchase a new color printer and create an additional 4 jobs while maintaining the existing 22 employees. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the loan in the amount of \$75,000.

Michelle Barnett, Chief Clerk requested approval to attend the CCAP Financial Management Workshop at the CCAP office in Harrisburg. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes) to approve attendance to the workshop at a total cost of \$213.00.

There was a request for the Commissioners to approve a Reimbursement Agreement for a Multi Bridge Bundling Project funded by PA Department of Transportation. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes) to approve Reimbursement Agreement R1809002 Bridge Bundling Project for two bridges in Springfield Township.

There was a request for the Commissioners to consider approving a resolution to authorize the Chief Clerk to approve a Reimbursement Agreement with PA Department of Transportation RAS System. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve Resolution 2018-01 as presented.

There was a request for the Commissioners to consider a resolution to participate in a class action suit of PA Counties against the manufacturers and distributors of opioids. The resolution will include Huntingdon County in the class action with Marc J. Bern and Partners as representation. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes) to approve Resolution 2018-08. The Commissioners also took consideration of a Contingent Fee Agreement with Marc J. Bern & Partners for the class action litigation. It was moved by Commissioner

Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes) to approve the Contingent Fee Agreement with Marc J. Bern & Partners for 25% of the gross sum recovered.

There was a request to accept the resignation of Nathan Goshorn, Deputy Sheriff. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas with regret, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to accept Nathan's resignation effective March 7, 2018.

There were 0 Veterans Burial allowances.

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

Minutes prepared by Michelle Barnett, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary