

Huntingdon, PA

Tuesday, July 14, 2020

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The regular meeting of the Huntingdon County Commissioners was held on the above date and time in the Commissioners Office with the following present: Commissioners Sather, Walls and Thomas; Chief Clerk, Heather Fellman; Solicitor, Peter McManamon; EMA Director, Joe Thompson and visitor, Dean Fluke. Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the following individuals were present via GoToMeeting: CYS Fiscal Tech, Chris Riling; Register and Recorder, Virginia Cooper; News Reporter, Kylie Hawn and visitor, Connie Berrier.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Commissioner Sather. Chief Clerk Heather Fellman conducted roll call of all call-in participants and discussed policies and procedures for public comment during the meeting. All participants will be muted for the duration of the meeting except during public comment periods. During public comment periods, participants will be unmuted individually to ensure that everyone is heard. Prayer was led by Commissioner Walls and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was 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 July 7th 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.

Under announcements, Commissioner Thomas reminded residents that this year is a census year. The deadline to participate in the census is October 31, 2020. It is important that all residents participate. For each person that opts out of the census \$2,000 in funding for the area is lost every year. You can complete the census online, via telephone, or using a paper form. Commissioner Sather asked the public to exercise caution as you are making travel plans. Take care to protect yourself and others.

Under Public Comments, Dean Fluke commented that because of the reduced circulation of the Daily News, more planning will have to be done to ensure that advertisements get into the paper in a timely manner. Commissioner Thomas responded that the County already does this.

There were no items to be addressed by the solicitor.

Under new business, Chris Riling, CYS Fiscal Tech, requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with Fulton County Family Partnership for daycare services for foster children. This is for fiscal year July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 and it is a renewal from last year. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Chris Riling requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with Attorney Andrea Leeman for guardian ad litem services. This agreement is for fiscal year July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 and it is a renewal from last year. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Chris Riling requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with Raystown Developmental Services for in-home services for families. This agreement is for fiscal year July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 and is a renewal from last year. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes).

Chris Riling requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with Mainstream Counseling for counseling services and after school programs. This agreement is for fiscal year July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 and is a renewal from last year. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Chris Riling requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with Intrinsic Interventions for drug testing supplies. This agreement is for fiscal year July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 and 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 Riling requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with Southern Huntingdon Area School District for transportation of foster children as required under the Every Child Succeeds Act. This agreement is for fiscal year July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 and is a renewal from last year.

Chris Riling requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with Ray Ghaner, attorney, for solicitor services. This agreement is for fiscal year July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 and is a renewal from last year. Commissioner Walls asked Chris Riling to confirm for the public that all of these contracts have been budgeted for, provide services on an as-needed basis and there are no fees unless they are used and have been approved for reimbursement by the State. Ms. Riling confirmed that all of that is correct. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Joe Thompson, EMA Director, requested consideration of approval to hire Hannah Ormsby through CareerLink's Youth Summer Training Program. She has been approved for 25 hours per week up to 360 hours and all employment costs are paid through Employment and Training. Her pre-employment screenings have been completed and she is ready to start tomorrow. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Virginia Cooper, Register and Recorder, announced her registration for the annual conference for the Register of Wills and Clerk of Orphans Court in State College on October 12. 27 new Orphans Court laws were passed in the last year and they will also discuss ethics issues and legislation related to the Register of Wills Office. The total cost of registration is \$800 plus approximately \$100 per night for accommodations. This is a budgeted annual expense.

There were no Matters for Action, Information, and Discussion.

There were no Veteran's Burial Allowances.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Walls to adjourn the meeting at 9:56 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Heather N. Fellman, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary