

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; Chief Clerk, Michelle Barnett; Solicitor, Peter McManamon; EMA Director, Joe Thompson; CYS Fiscal Supervisor, Claudia Conrad; CYS Fiscal Tech, Chris Riling; Warden, Duane Black; Fred Boylestein from PEMA and visitors Nancy McNamara and Jim Cassatt.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Commissioner Sather, followed in 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 October 9, 2018 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 two addition to the agenda.

There were no announcements.

During the public comment period, Jim Cassatt commented “several weeks ago, a group came in with a presentation about the Robertsdale School Project at 1.7 Million dollars. “ Now I read in the paper it is now 3.9 million to do the project.” Mr. Cassatt asked, “Where does the money come from and how can they request and be that far off the line that is twice as much money”. Commissioner Sather replied “we have not received any updates, we can only go on what has been provided”. Commissioner Thomas commented “he has not seen that and will need to contact Wendy Melius”.

There were no matters addressed by the Solicitor.

First on the agenda was a request from Warden, Duane Black to consider ratifying an Inmate Housing Agreement with Mifflin County. The cost would be \$64.00 per day and an additional \$5.00 for inmates requiring disciplinary segregation. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes) to approve the Inmate Housing Agreement as presented.

EMA Director, Joe Thompson requested approval to submit the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) application. The application is to reimburse a percentage of the salaries and benefits for EMA personnel. The amount submitted for reimbursement is \$64,130.00 It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve submitting the application as presented. Nancy MaNamara asked if the Commissioners are required to be NIM certified. Commissioner Thomas replied to Ms. McNamara that he is NIM certified and it is on file.

As an addition to the agenda, Fred Boylestein, PEMA Central Area Director, presented Joe Thompson with a basic PEMA certification. Fred explained how part of the EMPG funding is included in Joe’s EMA Certification. Joe will have three years to complete the advanced certification. Fred congratulated Joe on successful completion of the basic certification.

CYS Fiscal Supervisor, Claudia Conrad and CYS Fiscal Tech, Chris Riling requested consideration of approval for various Purchase of Service Agreements. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes) to approve a Purchase of service agreement with Diakon Child Family and Community Ministries. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes) to approve a Purchase of Service with Pressley Ridge. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve a Purchase of Service agreement with Keystone Adolescent Center. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes) to approve a Purchase of Service agreement with Pentz Run Youth Services. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes) to approve a Purchase of Service Agreement with Adelphoi Village Inc. Commissioner Walls asked what the difference is between treatment foster care and traditional foster care. Chris Riling replied “treatment foster care is for children who require special care such as behavioral issues”.

Commissioner Walls also asked if these services are considered congregate care. Claudia replied, yes, there is discussions of loss of funding for congregate care at the federal level. Commissioner Walls commented that at the Federal level they are encouraging children be placed with family first. Claudia commented “not all of the children are funded federally”.

There was a request to consider renewing an Intergovernmental Agreement with Pennsylvania Department of Corrections for food service to the Huntingdon County Prison for 2019. The cost of the meals is to remain at \$2.00 each. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve renewing the agreement as presented. Commissioner Thomas commented “Huntingdon County is the first in the state to utilize the DOC for County Prison meals”.

Solicitor, Peter McManamon requested consideration to begin contacting the banks regarding the Tax Anticipation Note for 2019. The amount to be requested is \$1.75M It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes) to approve contacting the banks to begin the TAN process as requested.

There were 4 Veteran Burial allowances added to the agenda.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Michelle Barnett, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary