

Huntingdon, PA

Tuesday, April 16, 2019

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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 present: Commissioners Sather, Walls, and Thomas; Chief Clerk, Heather Fellman; Solicitor, Peter McManamon; Planning Director, Mark Colussy; Children and Youth Services Administrator, Shannon Walborn; Children and Youth Services Fiscal Tech, Chris Riling; Veterans Affairs Director, Brian Bassett; Deputy Treasurer, Cathy Bilger; EMA Administrative Assistant, Katie Unger; Elections Coordinator, Tammy Thompson; Daily News Reporter, Kylie Hawn and visitors, Jim Cassatt, Barry Wright, and Wade Booher.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Commissioner Sather, followed in prayer led by Commissioner Thomas and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag by Commissioner Sather.

It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2019 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.

The following items were added to the agenda: Children and Youth Services Agreement, Parks Services Agreement, and the Broadband Study Coop Agreement.

There were no announcements.

During the public comment period, Jim Cassatt asked if the 911 update projects were all complete and if the county had taken ownership of all of the equipment. Commissioner Sather indicated that they were all complete and that the county had taken ownership. Jim Cassatt further asked if the COMPROS support contract would overtake the warranty on the equipment. Commissioner Sather indicated that the warranty covers the hardware and that the COMPROS agreement will cover the labor.

There were no matters to be addressed by the Solicitor.

EMA Administrative Assistant, Katie Unger, requested consideration of approval for Joe Thompson, EMA Director, to attend the G-271 Hazardous Weather and Flooding Preparedness Course. This is the last classroom course Mr. Thompson needs to complete his county advanced certification. Mr. Thompson is requesting use of a county vehicle or compensation for mileage as well as approval for a hotel room for the nights he would be at the conference. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

CYS Director, Shannon Walborn, and CYS Fiscal Tech, Chris Riling, requested consideration of approval for a purchase service agreement with Lifespan Family Services. This will be a new contract that will be used on an as-needed basis for the contract year July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. It was moved by

Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Elections Coordinator, Tammy Thompson, presented corrections to the Daily News article that outlined the results of the Casting of Lots to determine ballot order for the May 21, 2019 primary. Two races were printed with a different ballot order than what was determined at the casting. The Republican Candidates for County Commissioner will appear on the Republican ballot in the following order: Scott Walls, Gary O’Korn, Barry Wright, Nancy McNamera, and Mark Sather. The Republican Candidates for Spruce Creek Township Supervisor will appear on the Republican ballots in the following order: Robert Bigelow, then Jason Hanscomb. Commissioner Thomas noted that the final day for voter registration for the 2019 Municipal Primary is April 22nd. Commissioner Sather further noted that the deadline to apply for an absentee ballot is May 14th. Commissioner Walls commented that the Board of Commissioners is not serving as the Board of Elections for 2019 as they are running for Commissioner, but that the elections are in good hands.

Planning Director, Mark Colussy, asked for consideration of approval for a contract agreement with Barton and Loguidice on behalf of Huntingdon County, Bedford County, and Fulton County. State funding and the 901 grant cover the consulting fees. The rest is an 80/20 share. The County will be responsible for paying the fees, which are not to exceed \$107,200, up front but will be immediately reimbursed by South Central Solid Waste Agency. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes).

Mark Colussy asked for consideration of approval for an intergovernmental agreement between Huntingdon County, Bedford County, and Fulton County so that the Solid Waste Management Plan could be updated. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Mark Colussy asked for consideration of approval for an agreement with Parks for the recycling program. Jim Cassatt asked about the tipping fee. Mark Colussy answered that it was covered in the agreement. Mr. Cassatt further asked if the recycling was dumped in Pennsylvania. Mark Colussy answered that it is dumped in Maryland. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Under Matters for Action, Consideration, and Discussion Commissioner Thomas brought the Broadband Study Coop Agreement for consideration. The Commissioners applied for a grant through the ARC (Appalachian Regional Commission) for \$50,000. The County is required to match \$6,250. This grant will allow for a study to determine the unserved and underserved areas of the county in terms of broadband service. If the study finds that there are areas that are not being served then we will be eligible to apply for further grant money to fix the problem. Jim Cassatt asked if the Brady Township group will be affected. Commissioner Sather responded that the Rural Broadband Cooperative has been putting things together individually. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes).

There were no Veteran’s Burial Allowances.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Heather N. Fellman, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary