

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 Cerett; Solicitor Peter McManamon; SAEMS Representative, Lori Driscoll; JC Blair Pre Hospital Coordinator, Debra Fleagle; Center for Community Action Director, Wendy Melius; Grant Manager, Stacy Tice; Daily News reporter, Kylie Hawn; and visitors Mike MacNamara, Nancy MacNamara and 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 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 May 10th, 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 were no additions to the agenda today but there was one change. One of the new hires for the Sheriff Deputy position is no longer interested in the job so no action will be taken today.

Commissioner Thomas announced that the Veterans Outpatient Clinic will be holding an open house Friday May 27th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Veterans, their families and the public are invited to attend. He also thanked the beautification committee, the auxiliary, the volunteers, the Administrator and the staff for a successful Spring Jam this past weekend. Commissioner Walls thanked the Standing Stone beautification committee for their rehab on the Standing Stone. Commissioner Sather announced that this is National Police week and he thanked all involved for their service.

Jim Cassatt asked about the status of the recycling bins in Smithfield. Commissioner Sather stated that there are several sites being looked at and we have until the end of the month to move them. Nancy MacNamara asked if the Commissioners ever considered mandating recycling in the County. Commissioner Thomas stated that a lot of that revolves around the cost. He stated most of the State money for recycling programs has dried up and is no longer available.

Lori Driscoll, SAEDS Representative was present today to request approval of two Proclamations. Following the reading of the Proclamation, it was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes) to Proclaim the week of May 15th through May 21st as Emergency Medical Services Week in Huntingdon County. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to Proclaim May 18th, 2016 as Emergency Medical Services for Children Day in Huntingdon County. Both Proclamations encourage County residents to observe these events with appropriate activities and ceremonies.

Wendy Melius, Center for Community Action Director was present today to provide updates on the programs her agency runs. The agency currently provides 47 services in seven (7) counties, including Huntingdon. Wendy is the Director for Huntingdon, Bedford and Fulton Counties and manages many programs for residents of those counties. The programs are all funded by various grants, which Center for Community Action manages.

Wendy also requested approval of the Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP). This is a five year agreement covering a period of October 1st, 2016 through September 30th, 2021. The program provides food to local food banks to assist the needy. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes) to approve the agreement with the Department of Agriculture for the TEFAP program as presented.

Stacy Tice, Grant Manager for Center for Community Action was present today to ask for consideration of consolidating the Emergency Solutions Grant in Huntingdon County with Bedford and Fulton. Stacy stated that CCA handles many other grants this way and it will not affect the amount of funding Huntingdon County receives. She stated that the consolidation will simply make the grant process easier and cut down on the amount of paperwork. Fulton and Bedford counties have already agreed to the consolidation and Bedford County is willing to take the lead if Huntingdon County doesn't want to. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes) to approve the consolidation of the Emergency Solutions grant as requested. Commissioner Sather stated that he would like to talk with the Planning office prior to making a decision on the lead county.

Sheriff Bill Walters and Lieutenant Jeff Leonard were present today to request the hiring of Rhett Stetchock, Sheriff Deputy. Sheriff Walters stated the vacancy is due to the resignation of Warren Edwards. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the hiring of Rhett Stetchock effective May 31st, 2016.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes) to appoint Lynn Kurz to the Children and Youth Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Sather read a letter of support for the 2016 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. The letter was requested by Southern Alleghenies and if approved will be submit to the EDA along with their annual

report. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes) to approve the letter of support as presented.

At this time, Commissioner Sather requested an Executive session to discuss a personnel issue. It was moved by Commissioner Walls to enter executive session at 10:41 a.m.

Commissioner Sather called the meeting back to order at 10:57 a.m. He stated no decisions were made during executive session. However, following the Executive session, it was moved by Commissioner Sather, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to terminate the employment of Stephanie Keller, Fiscal Clerk effective immediately.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 10:58 a.m. Minutes prepared by Michelle Cerett, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary