

The regular meeting of the Huntingdon County Commissioners was held on the above date and time in the Commissioner's Meeting Room with the following present: Commissioners Sather, Walls and Thomas; Solicitor, Larry Newton; Chief Clerk, Heather Fellman; Community Development Administrator, Jen Bellis; CYS Director, Kelvin Abrashoff; Chief Tax Assessor, Melissa Bousum; Daily News Reporter, Kylie Hawn and guest, Marissa Shawley.

Katie Unger, EMA Director and CYS Fiscal Tech, Chris Dixon participated via GoToMeeting.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Commissioner Sather. 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 previous meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes) to approve payment of bills.

There were no additions to the agenda.

Under announcements, Commissioner Thomas asked residents to get their COVID and flu vaccines and boosters and to vaccinate their eligible children. Commissioner Sather announced that there will be no public meeting next week due to CCAP. Commissioner Thomas thanked Kylie Hawn for her professionalism and service and Commissioner Walls and Sather wished her the best moving forward in her new job.

There were no public comments.

There were no matters to be addressed by the Solicitor.

Under new business, Jen Bellis, Community Development Administrator, requested consideration of approval for the bid from Hickee Association, Inc. for the Pump Station #2 Upgrades. They received 2 total bids and Hickee Association is the apparent winner. The bid amount is \$194,500 to be paid with 2020 CDBG Grant Funds. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Melissa Bousum, Chief Tax Assessor, requested consideration of approval for 2 staff to attend the Assessor's Association of PA Spring Conference. The cost is \$585 per attendee plus \$531 for the hotel. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Chris Dixon, CYS Fiscal Tech, requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with Ray Ghaner, Esq. for solicitor services. This is for contract year July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 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 Dixon requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with Nicholas Newfield, Esq. for Guardian Ad Litem services. This is for contract year July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 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 Dixon requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with Robert Covell, Esq. for solicitor services. This is for contract year July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 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 Dixon requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with Robert Covell, Esq. for Guardian Ad Litem services. This is for contract year July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 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 Dixon requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with Amber McCloskey, Esq. for Guardian Ad Litem services. This is for contract year July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 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 Dixon requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with Andrea Lehman, Esq. for Guardian Ad Litem services. This is for contract year July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 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 Dixon requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with Michael Kipphan, Esq. for solicitor services. This is for contract year July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 and is a renewal from last year. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes).

Chris Dixon requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with Michael Kipphan, Esq. for Guardian Ad Litem services. This is for contract year July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 and 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 Dixon requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with Tussey Mountain School District. for mandatory transportation services under the Every Child Succeeds Act. The cost of the transportation is split three ways. County CYS pays 1/3 of the cost. This is for contract year July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 and is a renewal from last year. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Consideration of approval was given to ratify Amendment 1 to the Upward Broadband Grant Disbursement Agreement. This amendment specifies the Huntingdon County Admin Fee of 2.5% to be paid to the County. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes).

Consideration of approval was given to ratify Amendment 1 of the Upward Broadband Tower Ownership Agreement. This amendment specifies who is to receive the bills first for approval. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Kathryn Unger, EMA Director, presented an update on COVID-19. The number of county cases stands at 13,887. The State total is 2,893,272. We are in the low level of community spread. Hospitalization is at 872. SCI Smithfield has 24 inmates testing positive. SCI Huntingdon has no inmates and 2 staff members testing positive. The incident rate is 61.3 for the County and 36.3 for the State. PCR is at 9.7% for the County and 8.6% for the State. There are no cases among residents and 1-4 among staff in long-term care facilities. 25,526 people have been vaccinated in Huntingdon County and 4,743 have received their booster. There was one additional death in the last week for a total of 280 since the beginning of the pandemic.

There was nothing discussed under matters for action.

There were three Veteran's Burial Allowances.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Walls to adjourn the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Heather N. Fellman, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary