

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; Chief Clerk, Heather Fellman; Deputy Chief Clerk, Tracey Rhodes; Solicitor, Larry Newton; Planning Director, Jim Lettiere; Coroner, Paul Sharum and Daily News Reporter, Kylie Hawn.

Claudia Conrad and Chris Dixon from the CYS Department and EMA Director, Katie Unger attended remotely via GoToMeeting.

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

It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the previous week's minutes as presented.

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 vaccines and allow their eligible children to be vaccinated as well. Commissioner Sather commented that today is Flag Day, which commemorates the 1777 Continental Congress wherein it was decided to put 13 stripes on the US Flag.

There were no public comments.

There were no matters to be addressed by the solicitor.

Under new business, Paul Sharum, Coroner, requested consideration of approval to attend the annual Coroners Conference September 19-23. This is a budgeted expense. The conference fee is \$850 and the hotel cost is \$140 per night. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

James Lettiere, Planning Director, requested consideration of approval for an activity completion extension for the FFY 2018 Smithfield Township Flood Levee Improvement Project from April 1, 2022 to December 1, 2022. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Jim Lettiere requested consideration of approval for a contract extension for the FFY 2020 Mount Union Diven Park Project from September 28, 2022 to May 31, 2023. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes).

Jim Lettiere requested consideration of approval for an activity extension for the FFY Mount Union Diven Park Project from September 28, 2022 to May 31, 2023. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Wall, yes).

Jim Lettiere requested consideration of approval to appoint Jane Sheffield, Executive Director of the Allegheny Ridge Corporation, to the Huntingdon County Active Transportation Committee. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Jim Lettiere requested consideration of approval for addenda-A for the FFY 2020 Act 13 Mapleton Borough Veterans Memorial Park Playground Improvements Project Agreement. The approved amount for this project was \$7,000 but this did not include

improvements for the merry-go-round. This would add those improvements to the project but will not change the cost. Mapleton Borough will pay for any overage. This project is to be completed August 24, 2022. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes).

Jim Lettiere requested consideration of approval for the Neighborhood Stabilization Grant Closeout Agreement. This agreement has been in place since 2009. Huntingdon County has met all obligations. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Claudia Conrad and Chris Dixon, from the CYS Fiscal Department, requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with Perseus House for contract year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. This is a renewal from last year at the state-approved rates. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Claudia Conrad and Chris Dixon requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with Pressley Ridge for contract year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. They provide foster care services for the agency. This is a renewal from last year at the state-approved rates. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes).

Shannon Walborn and Chris Dixon requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with Raystown Developmental Services. This is a renewal from last year for contract year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Commissioner Walls commented that these contracts include a daily housing cost of \$539 per day for Pressley Ridge and \$565 per day for Perseus House. These are necessary services but the public should be aware that they come at a high price. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes).

Katie Unger presented an update on COVID-19. The average number of new cases per day in the county was 7. During this same reporting period, the State had 22,564 cases. SCI Smithfield currently has 16 inmates and 4 staff member testing positive. SCI Huntingdon has no inmates and no staff members testing positive. There are less than 5 cases of COVID among infants and pre-school aged children and there are less than five cases among children ages 5-18. Juniata College continues surveillance testing. COVID hospitalization for the state stand at 1,213. Our incident rate for the county is 75.3 per 100,000 and the state is 131.8. The PCR percent positivity is 5.3% for the county and 14.1% for the state. Long-term care facilities have had a few additional cases, primarily among staff. 24,693 vaccines have been distributed in the county. 10,884 boosters have been given. There have been 1,609 that have received a second booster. The county is 49% vaccinated. There was one death in the last week for a total of 252. The dominant variant is still Omicron.

There were no matters for action, information and discussion.

There were no Veteran's Burial Allowance.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 10:27 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Heather N. Fellman, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary