

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; Community Development Administrator, Jen Bellis; CYS Director, Shannon Walborn; Mike Hannon from Tri-County Drug and Alcohol; Wendy Melius from Center for Community Action; Kathy Whelan and Bob Henry from JVBDS and Daily News Reporter, Kylie Hawn.

CYS Fiscal Tech, Chris Dixon and Treasurer, Susan Harry attended via GoToMeeting.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Commissioner Sather. Prayer was led by Commissioner Sather and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was 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 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 was one addition to the agenda: consideration of approval for the Huntingdon County Block Grant for Human Services. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Under announcements, Commissioner Thomas asked residents to get their COVID vaccines and to allow their eligible children to get vaccinated as well. He also noted DEP expanded the mosquito and tick-borne disease survey area. There has been one positive West Nile sample collected from Mount Union Borough this year. If they find more of it in the area, they will bring trucks in to spray. Commissioner Walls commented that Orbisonia/Rockhill Homecoming is this week. He encourages residents to support these local festivals. Commissioner Sather commented that kids are enjoying the end of their summer and will be going back to school soon. Be mindful of them as you travel.

There were no public comments.

There were no matters to be addressed by the solicitor.

Under new business, Wendy Melius, Mike Hannon Kathy Whelan and Bob Henry reported that a public hearing was held for the Human Services Block Grant prior to this meeting. Consideration of approval was given to accept the Human Services Block Grant. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Jim Lettiere, Planning Director, and Jen Bellis, Community Development Administrator requested consideration of approval for an extension request for the 2018 Huntingdon County CDBG Mapleton Reservoir Improvement Project. This project has been delayed due to paperwork delays with DEP. It should be completed by the end of March. The extension request is through April 2023. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes).

Jim Lettiere and Jen Bellis requested consideration of approval to accept State Pipe Service, Inc's Bid for the Smithfield Township CDBG Flood Levee Improvement Project for the 2018/2019 Smithfield Township CDBG Program. The winning bid is for \$79,000. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Jim Lettiere and Jen Bellis requested consideration of approval for an Extension Request for the 2021 Act 13 Riverside Park Boat Ramp Replacement Project. The new completion date is August 25, 2023. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Jim Lettiere and Jen Bellis requested consideration of approval for payment application #8 from Mid-State Construction, Inc. for the Library Elevator Replacement Project in the amount of \$7,771.96. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes).

Shannon Walborn, CYS Director, requested consideration of approval for 4 staff members to attend the 2022 Refugee Education Summit and Paving the Way to Educational Success Conference. Truancy is a serious problem in Huntingdon County and this conference provides focused training for dealing with this issue. There is no fee for the conference. The total cost for the two hotel rooms is \$556. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Shannon Walborn requested consideration of approval for the resignation of Karen Wise effective 8/31/2022. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Susan Harry, Treasurer, requested consideration of approval for the resignation of Lauren Heane effective 8/26/2022. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes).

Chris Dixon, CYS Fiscal Tech requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with the Children's Advocacy Center of Centre County. This is for contract year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 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 Pentz Run Youth Services. They offer residential and transitional living services. This is for contract year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. It 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).

Chris Dixon requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with George Junior Republic. They offer residential services. This is for contract year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. It 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).

Chris Dixon requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with Pathways Adolescent Center, Inc. They offer transitional living services. This is for contract year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. It is a renewal from last year at the state-approved rates. 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 Merakey. They offer residential and foster care services. This is for contract year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. It is a renewal from last year at the state-approved rates. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Consideration of approval was given for the Huntingdon County Auditors to attend the State Association of County Auditors Convention. The total cost is \$2,025. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes).

Consideration of approval was given for a cooperative agreement between Huntingdon County and Alleghenies Broadband Incorporated (ABI). Alleghenies Broadband will be acting on behalf of Huntingdon County to expand broadband access in underserved areas of Huntingdon County. Commissioner Walls commented that ABI will be serve as the project coordinator and will inspect all work. Commissioner Thomas commented that they will do the speed tests and make sure the towers are set up right. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, abstain; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

There were no matters for action, information and discussion.

There was 1 Veteran's Burial Allowance.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Walls to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Heather N. Fellman, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary