

Huntingdon, PA  
Tuesday, October 9, 2018  
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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 being present: Commissioners Sather, Walls and Thomas; Chief Clerk, Michelle Barnett; Solicitor, Peter McManamon and visitors Kevin Fluke and Jim Cassatt.

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 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 minutes of the October 2, 2018 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.

There was one addition to the agenda.

Commissioner Walls announced National 4-H week is October 7-13<sup>th</sup> and thanked the leaders and participants of Huntingdon County 4-H.

During the public comment period, Kevin Fluke, Penn Township, asked if a decision was reached on who has the authority to close down the courthouse when conditions may warrant closure and also how the employees pay would be handled. Commissioner Sather replied the Commissioners have fiscal authority by County Code and also have responsibilities for the County buildings and County employees. Kevin also inquired about the reasons to enter into executive session. Commissioner Sather replied that entering executive session was requested by the Solicitor at the end of the meeting. Solicitor, McManmon commented that "It seemed to me that the discussion was headed toward possible litigation although litigation does not have to be filed. In my mind it seemed the better part of valor". Kevin then addressed statements made by Commissioner Sather regarding the public comment speaking period that was published in the newspaper, Commissioner Sather reiterated the statements from previous weeks minutes. Jim Cassatt asked why there are no organization charts posted. Chief Clerk, Michelle Barnett replied that organizational charts have been discussed previously but the departments have not provided their organization charting to the Commissioner's Office. Commissioner Thomas replied it's all defined by County Code, the Judge can cancel court if he wants to.

There were no matters addressed by the Solicitor.

First on the agenda was a request to hire a Deputy Chief Clerk. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes) to approve hiring Kellie Benson effective October 29, 2018.

As an addition to the agenda, there was a request to hire a Children and Youth Administrator. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve hiring Shannon Walborn effective October 29, 2018.

There were 0 Veteran Burial allowances.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Walls to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Michelle Barnett, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary

