

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 and Walls; Chief Clerk, Heather Fellman; Solicitor, Larry Newton; Planning Director, Jim Lettiere; Community Development Administrator, Jennifer Bellis; Celina Seftas from the Conservation District; Stewart Neff and Peter Liese from Warrior's Mark Township and Daily News Reporter, Kylie Hawn.

Commissioner Jeff Thomas; EMA Director, Katie Unger and Brett Trexel from Upward Broadband attended 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 to allow their eligible children to get vaccinated as well.

There were no public comments.

There were no matters to be addressed by the solicitor.

Under new business, Celina Seftas from the Conservation District gave an update on the Farmland Preservation Program. 11 farms (1,392 acres) have been permanently preserved in Brady, Franklin and Warrior's Mark Township. Warrior's Mark Township has committed to dedicating \$40,000 towards the establishment of a new easement in Warrior's Mark. Commissioner Thomas expressed his thanks to the Conservation District for their hard work and to Warrior's Mark for their partnership in this project. The Township Supervisors in Warrior's Mark have been great supporters of Ag Land Preservation. Commissioner Sather thanked Mr. Neff for over 40 years of service in Township Government. Township Supervisor, Stewart Neff commented that he is glad to be able to contribute to this important program.

Jim Lettiere and Jen Bellis from the Planning Department requested consideration of approval for an agreement for engineering services for Huntingdon Borough CDBG Projects. They received and reviewed 6 proposals. Keller Engineers received the top rank. This agreement will cover October 18, 2022 through October 18, 2025. There is no cost for the agreement. It establishes hourly rates for future projects. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Jim Lettiere and Jennifer Bellis requested consideration of approval for a project extension request for the 912 Washington Street project. The current deadline is October 31st. This extension will move the deadline to March 15, 2023. Right now, the project is ahead of schedule for the new completion date. It is not anticipated that there will be any problem completing the project by the new deadline. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Jim Lettiere and Jen Bellis requested consideration of approval for a Diven Park Project revision request. \$4,150.19 that was originally slated for Housing Utility Assistance will be reallocated to the Diven Park Project. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes).

Katie Unger, EMA Director, presented an update on COVID-19. The number of county cases stands at 13,063. The state is at 2,698,966 cases. We are in the medium level of community spread. Data for the state correctional facilities was unavailable at this time. Hospitalizations are at 1,183. The incident rate is 93 for the County and 73.2 for the State. PCR is at 9.3% for the County and 11.7% for the State. Long-term care facilities are seeing a slight increase in incidents among staff and residents. There are 32 cases among residents and 19 among staff. There was one additional death in the last week for a total of 264 since the beginning of the pandemic. The dominant variant is still Omicron.

There were no matters for action, information and discussion.

There were no Veteran's Burial Allowances.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Walls to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Heather N. Fellman, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary