

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; Probation Director, Len Hahn; CYS Director, Joyce Zolten; Treasurer, Susan Harry; Planning Director, Mark Colussy; Grant Administrator, Melody Mason; EMA Director, Joe Thompson; Interim EMA Director, Chris Stevens; Barbara Covert and Deb Scalia from Employment and Training; Daily News Reporter, Kylie Hawn and visitors, Jim Cassatt and Stan Westbrook.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Commissioner Sather followed by prayer led by Commissioner Sather and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag 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 September 5th 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 were two Veteran Burial Allowances added to the Agenda.

Stan Westbrook inquired as to why the signatures on the Mutual Benefit lease were not witnessed or notarized. Peter stated he has to refrain from providing a response as he has not been involved in the preparation of the lease due to his involvement with Mutual Benefit. Commissioner Sather stated he would have to review the minutes and lease to obtain an answer.

Deb Scalia and Barbara Covert from Employment and Training were present today to request to ratify the Medical Transportation Participation Grant Agreement and Assurance of Compliance and approval of the Medical Assistance Transportation Program Contract between Huntingdon County and Employment and Training. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes) to approve the contract as presented for fiscal year 2017-2018. The allocation amount is \$679,491.00 for operating and transportation costs.

Treasurer, Susan Harry requested approval to hire Madeleine McVey as the Treasury Clerk. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the hiring of Madeleine McVey effective September 18, 2017.

Probation Director, Len Hahn, had a request to hire Luke Beaver as an Adult Probation Officer. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes with discussion; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes) to approve hiring of Luke Beaver effective September 13, 2017. This is to fill a vacancy left by the resignation of Sierra Brumbaugh. Commissioner Walls inquired if protocol was followed to the County and Union hiring policies. Len stated that he and Judge Zanic decided to hire from the candidates interviewed previously just a few weeks prior.

EMA Director, Joe Thompson and Interim EMA Director, Chris Stevens were present to request approval to submit the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Agreement with PEMA. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes) to approve submitting the EMPG Grant application for a total of \$39,906.00.

Commissioner Sather thanked Chris Stevens for his service as Interim EMA Director and welcomed Joe Thompson as the new EMA Director.

Planning Director, Mark Colussy and Grant Administrator, Melody Mason requested approval on the FFY 2012 Competitive Grant Extension. Mapleton Area Joint Municipal Authority received a competitive CDBG grant in FFY 2012 for the rehabilitation of the Mapleton Wastewater Treatment Plant in the amount of \$375,224. This grant, along with \$35,276 in 2010 entitlement funds, funded the project in its entirety (\$410,500). The project was completed within DCED 3-Year Project Activity Completion timeframe, and under budget, leaving a remaining amount of \$101,684.35. The Authority realized in early 2016 that sludge was still present in the system. The Authority paid for engineering and design using their own funds to determine what the problem was and it was found that the existing cone bottom clarifiers were inappropriate. They requested that the remaining funds be used towards the installation of a circular clarifier tank to replace an existing tank. Ms. Safko sought a modification to the original competitive grant as well as a project completion extension from DCED in November 2016 to extend the date from August 29, 2016 to September 1, 2017. The modification and revision were approved in February 2017. Due to the bids coming in well over what The Authority anticipated, they had to seek additionally funding through other sources. On July 19, 2017, the Authority was awarded \$344,016 in PennVest funds part loan, part grant to complete the project. With the \$101,684.35, the project could be fully funded in the amount of \$445,700.35. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve submitting the request for extension until March 15, 2018.

CYS Administrator, Joyce Zolten was present to discuss PFSA Reporting of Child Abuse Training for Mandated Reporter. This is a free training to be hosted by Huntingdon County Children Services on September 28, 2017 with classes at 9 am to noon, 1pm to 4 pm and 5 pm to 8pm.

Next was the consideration of the fuel oil bids, which were opened last week. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes) to award the fuel oil bid for the 17/18 heating season to K.L. Lamberson at a cost of \$.12 above current rack price on the day of delivery.

There were 2 Veteran Burial Allowance for approval today.

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

Minutes prepared by Michelle Barnett, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary

