

Huntingdon, PA

Tuesday, October 20, 2020

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The regular meeting of the Huntingdon County Commissioners was held on the above date and time in the Commissioner's Office with the following present via GoToMeeting: Commissioners Sather, Walls and Thomas; Chief Clerk, Heather Fellman; Solicitor, Peter McManamon; CYS Director, Shannon Walborn; CYS Fiscal Supervisor, Claudia Conrad; CYS Fiscal Tech, Chris Dixon; Chief Assessor, Melissa Bousum; Treasurer, Susan Harry and Daily News Reporter Kylie Hawn.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Commissioner Sather. Heather Fellman conducted roll call of all call-in participants and discussed policies and procedures for public comment during the meeting. All participants will be muted for the duration of the meeting except during public comment periods. During public comment periods, participants will be unmuted individually to ensure that everyone is heard. 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 minutes of the October 13<sup>th</sup> 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: consideration of approval for CARES Act funding for initial applicants – phase three. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Under announcements, Commissioner Thomas commented that staff is working very hard to get ballots out. Voters will receive their ballots, we are just asking for the public's patience. I know that is hard to ask for during an election, but our staff is working evenings and weekends and we hired additional staff a month ago to help with this. Voters will receive their ballots.

There were no public comments.

There were no Matters addressed by the solicitor

Under new business, Melissa Bousum, Chief Assessor, requested consideration of approval for herself and Brandy Moore to attend USPAP and Act 28 Instruction online on November 23 and 24. Total cost is \$160 per person. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Chris Dixon, CYS Fiscal Tech, requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with Diversified Treatment Alternative Centers, a boys-only residential treatment facility. This agreement is for July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 and is 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 Kids Peace National Center for residential and foster care services. This agreement is for July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 and is a renewal from last year at the state-approved rate. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Consideration of Approval was given for CARES Act funding for initial applicants, phase three. There are six additional businesses with a total amount to approve today of \$53,864.80. Commissioner Walls commented that the accountants are continuing to review remaining applications. Anyone that they find is eligible will be contacted by the accountants. If you are not eligible you will be contacted likewise of your ineligibility. We are trying to get the money out as soon as possible. Commissioner Sather commented that we are still working on the initial round of applications and this is the third phase of disbursement. The total amount distributed as of today will be \$451,432.05 for 62 businesses. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

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 9:46 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Heather Fellman, Deputy Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary