

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 Cerett; Solicitor, Peter McManamon; CYS Fiscal Supervisor, Claudia Conrad; CYS Fiscal Clerk, Chris Riling; Center for Community Action Director, Wendy Melius; Tri County Drug and Alcohol Administrator, Mike Hannon; Daily News reporter, Kylie Hawn; and visitor Jim Cassatt.

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 Walls.

It was moved by Commissioner Walls seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2016 public meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Sather, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes) to approve the payment of the bills.

There was one addition to the agenda; Michelle has a request for an employee to attend a Grant writing training.

Mike Hannon offered public comment on an article that was in the Daily News recently. The article stated that Huntingdon County had a 167% increase in overdose deaths in the 2014-2015 Fiscal year. This was the second highest in the State and Mike is very concerned. He stated that services are available through this agency and he plans to hire an additional staff member specifically to assist Huntingdon County residents. Mike thanked the Commissioners for all their support and provided his phone number to the office if anyone needs to contact him for help. Wendy Melius commented on the issue as well. She stated that was a large part of the discussion at the HSDF planning meeting. She is in the process of having her staff trained on awareness so they know what to look for when working with the public. Commissioner Walls expressed his concern and stated every family needs to be vigilant. Commissioner Thomas thanked Mike for all his hard work and dedication to the residents of the County.

There were no matters addressed by the Solicitor today.

First on today's agenda was Claudia Conrad and Chris Riling with a request to approve a Purchase of Service agreement with Families United Network, Inc. Claudia stated this is a new contract that is being put in place so services can be provided to a specific child. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes) to approve the Purchase of Service agreement with Families United Network, Inc for a period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

Wendy Melius presented a certificate of compliance for the 2013 PHARE grant. She stated the grant was for \$125,000.00 and they have spent \$61,000.00 to date. She has until next year to spend the remaining funds and she feels that will happen. The funds are used to assist residents with homeless prevention and re-housing services. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the certificate of compliance as requested.

The last regular item today was an agreement with L.R. Kimball for automatic location identification management services. Commissioner Sather stated this service is needed now but will be eliminated when upgrades take place in three to four months. The cost of the service is \$2,000.00 per month and the contract can be cancelled at any time with a 30 day notice. The agreement was discussed at last week's 911 Policy board meeting. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes) to approve the contract with L.R. Kimball as requested.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes) to approve Sarah Helton to attend a grant writing seminar on September 15th, 2016. The training is being offered by CCAP at the Penn Stater conference center in State College and the cost is \$150.00.

There were two Veteran Burial Allowances approved today.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Walls to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 a.m. Minutes prepared by Michelle Cerett, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary