

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, Walls and Thomas; Chief Clerk, Heather Fellman; Sheriff, Jeff Leonard; CYS Director, Shannon Walborn and Daily News Reporter, Kylie Hawn.

EMA Director Katie Unger attended via GoToMeeting.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Commissioner Sather. Prayer was led by Commissioner Sather and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was 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 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. Commissioner Sather noted that 9/11 serves as a reminder to us all of what happened. Thank you to all who served others on that day.

There were no public comments.

There were no matters to be addressed by the solicitor.

Under new business, Jeff Leonard, Sheriff, requested consideration of approval to hire Ian Watson to the full-time Deputy position. His start date is to be determined. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Shannon Walborn, CYS Director, requested consideration of approval to hire Cecelia St. Clair for the open Fiscal Officer position. She does have county experience and has passed all of her state and county pre-employment requirements. Her start date will be September 19, 2022. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Katie Unger, EMA Director, presented an update on COVID-19. The number of county cases stands at 12,710. The state is at 2,639,187 cases. We are in the high level of community spread. SCI Smithfield currently has 26 inmates and 2 staff members testing positive. SCI Huntingdon has no inmates and 2 staff members testing positive. Our incident rate for the county is 183.9 per 100,000 and the state is 97.9. The PCR percent positivity is 14.3% for the county and 16.3% for the state. Long-term care facilities are doing well with a few incidents among staff and residents. 25,090 vaccines have been distributed in the county. 11,311 boosters have been given. There have been 2,685 that have received a second booster. The county is 51% vaccinated. There was one additional death in the last week for a total of 260 since the beginning of the pandemic. The dominant variant is still Omicron.

There were no matters for action, information and discussion.

There were two Veteran's Burial Allowances.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Walls to adjourn the meeting at 9:44 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Heather N. Fellman, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary