

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, Commissioner Walls and Commissioner Thomas; Chief Clerk, Michelle Barnett; CYS Administrator, Ashley Smyder; Maintenance Supervisor, Dave Wagman; Planning Director, Mark Colussy; Daily News Reporter, Kylie Hawn and visitors Dean Fluke, Tom Ritchey and 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 December 12th public meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes) to approve the minutes of the December 5th Special Budget meeting.

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

There was a request to pay off the TAN added to the Agenda.

Commissioner Sather announced that there would be no meeting on December 26th due to the Holidays.

During the Public Comment session, Jim Cassatt asked where the 1.3 million dollars is from the CYS reimbursement and the balance of the UPI funds in the budget. Commissioner Sather stated that Jinny Cooper answered this question regarding the UPI funds at the Special Budget Meeting on Dec 5th. Commissioner Thomas explained that the difference is deposited into separate departmental accounts.

Tom Ritchey inquired as to why the Commissioners did not approve the Treasurers request to increase the collection fee on unpaid taxes. Commissioner Walls explained that he feels it is not in the best interest of the tax payers that are already having a hard time paying their taxes to impose additional fees. Commissioner Sather explained that the current Board of Commissioners did not impose the initial collection fee.

Former Commissioner Dean Fluke asked if the County has received the 80% reimbursement that was due from the Commonwealth for the budget over expenditures. Commissioner Thomas stated that we are anticipating the second quarter advance this month and the fourth quarter was just received. Commissioner Sather confirmed that an automatic draft was received for the 2016 rollover. Mr. Fluke clarified that he is referring to the needs based CYS budget.

Jim Cassatt also asked how we are able to accrue \$20,000 in interest income for this year. Commissioner Sather said that with fiscal responsibility and management, we were able to keep a balance in the account allowing us to earn more interest. Jim also asked why the TAN amount is \$250k more for 2018. Commissioner Sather explained that we need the TAN amount to continue business until tax revenue starts to be received.

Ashley Smyder was present to request approval to attend the 2018 SWAN/IL Winter Statewide Meeting in State College, PA. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve attendance to the meeting at no cost to the County. Ashley also requested approval for Claudia Conrad and herself to attend the 2018 Pennsylvania Children and Youth Administrators Meeting in State College, PA. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes) to approve attendance to the Administrators Meeting at a cost of \$274.00.

Planning Director, Mark Colussy was present to request approval of a change order with C&D Waterproofing for completion of the Clock Tower Project. The change order would allow the project to be completed in the spring when weather conditions would be more suitable. The new scheduled completion date is set for May 1, 2018. There is no monetary change to the contract. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes) to approve the change order as presented.

There was a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to request that the Treasurer payoff the 2017 TAN before December 29, 2017.

There was a request to approve a contract between the Huntingdon County Board of Commissioners and Central Counties Youth Center. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes) to approve the CCYC contract which provides services to Clearfield, Huntingdon, Mifflin, Centre and Clinton Counties.

There was a request to approve a lease agreement between Huntingdon County and Valley Rural Electric Cooperative Inc. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes) to approve the lease agreement as presented at no charge for the rent.

There is a request to approve a lease agreement between Huntingdon County and the Borough of Orbisonia. The agreement is an extension of the January 4, 2015 lease for the District Justice Office 20-3-04. The rent is unchanged at \$350.00. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the lease agreement for 2018.

A tabled request to consider appointing Wendy Melius to the JVBDS Citizens Advisory Board was presented for consideration. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes) to approve the appointment effective January 2018 through December 2021.

The Commissioner took action to adopt the 2018 budget. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes) to adopt the budget as presented with no tax increase for 2018.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Walls to adjourn the meeting at 10:38 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Michelle Barnett, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary