

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; Fiscal Clerk, Ruth Snair; Treasurer, Susan Harry; Planning Director, Mark Colussy; EMA Director, Joe Thompson; Wendy Melius, Center For Community Action; and visitors Jim Cassatt, Mike Hannon, Tri County Drug and Alcohol, Kevin Fluke and Peggy Stuller.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Commissioner Walls, followed in prayer led by Commissioner Walls and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Commissioner Thomas.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Sather and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the minutes of the October 29, 2018 Public Meeting.

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

There was one addition to the agenda.

There were no announcements

During the public comment period, Kevin Fluke of Penn Township asked what the process is to clean up the voter registration rolls. Commissioner Thomas replied, "This is an ongoing problem, one is the driver's license notification and the other is not well perceived purging of the list after two Presidential's, unless someone notifies us, we do not know if someone passes away". Commissioner Walls replied, "If someone provides a death certificate, and our elections clerk does watch the obituaries". "There are other folks that have moved out of the area, the other states when they register are supposed to notify us". Mr. Fluke also commented on running out of ballots. Commissioner Thomas replied, "We replenished the ballots and every state and county you talk to have the same issue, it was a historical turnout. We had over 600 absentee ballots this time". Commissioner Sather commented, "Accolades need to be given to all the voters for their turnout. We had a 53.26 voter turnout that is what you want to see, the voters have a voice in the election. You are right that we had runners we had received one from Miller Township in which they were resupplied then Jackson and Penn. There were runners in route for Jackson and Penn".

First on the agenda was a Memorandum of Understanding between Huntingdon County Conservation District and Huntingdon County and a request to consider Addendum A to the Agricultural Land Preservation Program. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Sather and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to table both requests.

Wendy Melius was next on the agenda with a request to approve a resolution authorizing submission of the PHARE Grant application for Wood Township Senior Housing Project. Wendy requested a letter from the County stating Huntingdon County would waive the 5% admin fee. Wendy stated, "Wood Township elected not to take a 5% admin fee as well. The application will be submitted for \$500,000. They are looking at 1.7 Million of \$500,000 from the Marcellus Shale and Wood Township will be providing for the PHARE real estate transfer tax. The total project for Phase I is 1.7 Million. Phase I will be 9 units and Phase II will be 14 units for senior housing. There will be a one set aside for veterans". It was moved by Commissioner Sather, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes) to approve Resolution 2018-20 as presented. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Sather and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes) to waive the 5% admin fee.

Planning Director, Mark Colussy requested approval to execute a contract with Tell Township Supervisors for the Blair's Mills Sportsman's Association Project Phase II. The funds are intended for interior building improvements including mold removal, ceiling repairs, door and window replacements, bathroom renovations and HVAC system replacements. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Sather and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

EMA Director, Joe Thompson was present to request approval to attend the Ice Jam training. The training is free of charge and to be held on December 11, 2018 in Bloomsburg, PA. It was moved by Commissioner Sather, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes) to approve attendance as requested.

There were 4 Veterans Burial allowances.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Michelle Barnett, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary