

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 Ceretti; MATP Coordinator, Deb Scalia; Employment and Training Director, Barbara Covert, Treasurer, Susan Harry; Keller Engineers Representative, Brian Wiser; Planning Director, Mark Colussy; Daily News reporter, Kylie Hawn and visitor, Jim Cassatt.

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m. by Commissioner Sather followed by prayer led by Commissioner Thomas and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Commissioner Walls.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2016 public meeting.

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

There was one addition to the agenda, a Resolution for Area Agency on Aging.

Commissioner Walls publically thanked all who participated in the mock disaster with the Emergency Management Department last week. He stated he feels that the county is well prepared in the event of a real disaster. Commissioners Thomas congratulated Jared Covert on a job well done on the new sign and lights he installed at the entrance to the Shirley Home.

There were no public comments and Solicitor McManamon was not in attendance today.

First on the agenda today was Deb Scalia, Barbara Covert and Susan Harry with two requests related to the Medical Assistance Transportation Program (MATP). The first item was a request to approve the agreement between the County and the State for the operation of the program and to authorize Susan Harry to complete the reports. The 2016/2017 allocation for the MATP program is \$712,674.00, which is an increase of \$6,264.00 from last year. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes) to approve the contract as presented.

The second item was an agreement between the County and Employment and Training for the administration of the program. The contract period is July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. Deb stated that Area Agency on Aging provides most of the transportation for the program and there are currently 4,285 eligible consumers using the MATP services in the County. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the contract as presented. Deb thanked the Commissioners for allowing Employment and Training to operate the MATP program for the County.

Barbara Covert provided an update on various services that the Employment and Training is offering. She also thanked the Commissioners for attending the recent job fair held at the center.

Brian Wiser was present today with information on two County bridges. He stated that during a recent inspection, cracks were discovered in the steel angle on the floor beam of Runks Bridge. Brian stated that the crack is serious enough to need repaired but not serious enough to warrant closing the bridge. He suggested having the repairs done later this year and presented a contract for the Commissioners to review. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Sather, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes) to approve the proposed contract as presented pending Solicitor review. Brian also presented a cost estimate of \$350,000.00 to replace the deck, railing and pavement on Bridge 17 in Neffs Mills. He stated that liquid fuels money is already encumbered for the project and he expects the work to be completed next year.

Mark Colussy was present today with three requests. First was the consideration of quotes received for the replacement of the men's restroom door on the first floor of the Courthouse. Two quotes were received but due to the cost, Commissioner Sather suggested tabling the matter for further review. It was moved by Commissioner Sather, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes) to table the consideration of the quotes pending further review.

Mark requested to hire Iona Conner to fill the Planner I position. This item was tabled several weeks ago pending further review. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the hiring of Iona Conner, Planner I.

Lastly, in the absence of Lou Ann Shontz, Mark requested approval of the DEP 901 Household Hazardous waste educational grant in the amount of \$38,133.00 for Huntingdon, Bedford and Fulton Counties. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes) to approve the grant request as presented.

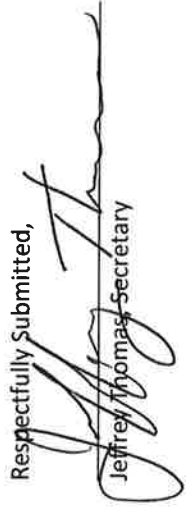
Next was the consideration of the fuel oil bids, which were opened last week. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Walls and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes) to award the fuel oil bid for the 16/17 heating season to Bumgardner and Flasher oil at a cost of \$.18 above current track price on the day of delivery.

The last item addressed today was at the request of Connie Brode, Area Agency on Aging Director. The agency is requesting to continue their existing line of credit loan with BB&T bank through November 24th, 2017. After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to adopt resolution 18-2016, thereby authorizing the continuation of the existing loan for Area Agency on Aging as requested.

There were no Veteran Burial Allowances for approval today.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Walls to adjourn the meeting at 10:46 a.m. Minutes prepared by Michelle Cerett, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey Thomas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Jeffrey Thomas
Secretary