

Huntingdon, PA

Tuesday, February 22, 2022

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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; Deputy Chief Clerk, Tracey Rhodes; Solicitor, Larry Newton; Planning Director, Jim Lettiere; Community Development Administrator, Stacia-Fe Gillen; Treasurer, Susan Harry; Mike Hannon from Tri-County Drug and Alcohol; Franklin County Planning Director, Steven Thomas; EMA Staff, Katie Unger and Daily News Reporter, Kylie Hawn.

No one attended remotely 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 minutes of the previous meeting.

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 urged residents to help get the county back to normal by getting the COVID vaccine and the booster, if eligible. He also encouraged residents to allow their children to be vaccinated against COVID.

Under public comments, Mike Hannon from Tri-County Drug and Alcohol commented that they are mostly back to normal and are providing in-person services. Case managers indicate that opioid and alcohol problems are significant problems in our area and they are here to help.

There were no items to be addressed by the solicitor.

Under new business, Steven Thomas, Franklin County Planning Director, led a presentation related to the Mosquito and Tick Borne Disease Program.

Stacia-Fe Gillen, Community Development Administrator, requested consideration of approval for revision request number two for the MUMA Hill Valley Sewer Improvement Project. The total cost is \$306.73. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Stacia-Fe Gillen requested consideration of approval for an extension request for the MUMA Hill Valley Sewer Improvement Project. This project is about 40% complete. If approved, this would extend

completion of the project from April 1, 2022 to June 17, 2022. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Susan Harry, Treasurer, requested consideration of approval for the resignation of Madeleine McVey effective March 3rd. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes) to accept her resignation with regrets.

Katie Unger, EMA Assistant, presented an update on COVID-19. The average number of new cases per day in the county was 19, down from 21 the previous week. The State is at an average of 2,496 down from 4,560 the previous week. SCI Smithfield currently has 48 inmates and 4 staff testing positive. SCI Huntingdon has 5 inmates and 4 staff. There is nothing to report with the schools. The Department of Health reports a total of 12 COVID cases among school-aged children and less than five among children 4 and under. Juniata College continues surveillance testing and has had a total of 50 positive cases this semester. COVID hospitalization for the state stands at 1,921. Our incident rate for the county is 259 per 100,000 and the state is 123. The PCR percent positivity is 9.6% for the county and 9.7% for the state. Long-term care facilities continue to do well. 23,986 vaccines have been distributed in the county. 10,175 boosters have been given. There were 2 deaths in the last week. The dominant variant is still Omicron. Omicron BA.1.1 accounts for 73.2%, BA.1.1.529 is 22.9% and BA.2 is 3.9%.

There was nothing discussed under matters for action, information and discussion.

There were no Veteran's Burial Allowances.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Walls to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Heather N. Fellman, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary