

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 Cerett; Solicitor, Peter McManamon; Visitors Bureau Director, Matt Price; JC Blair Behavioral Health Director, Shelly Rivelli; Mobile Crisis Coordinator, Belinda Black; JVBDS Director, Chris Wysocki; Daily News reporter, Kylie Hawn and visitors, Stan Westbrook, Ron Clotz, Crystal Rhodes and Jim Cassatt.

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

It was moved by Commissioner Walls seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2016 public meeting.

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

There were two veteran burial allowances added to the agenda today.

Commissioner Thomas announced that the Commissioners will be traveling to Baltimore tomorrow to meet with Colonel Chamberlayne regarding the Hawns bridge project.

There were no matters addressed by the Solicitor today.

Visitors Bureau Director Matt Price was present today to provide the Commissioners with the 2015/2016 annual audit. There was nothing of significance noted on the audit but the Commissioners will review it and meet with Matt at a later time if they have questions.

Shelly Rivello, Belinda Black and Chris Wysocki were present today to request consideration of a Proclamation in support of Suicide Prevention. Shelly stated there is a walk this Sunday starting at Juniata College and she has 131 participants registered. Following the reading of the Proclamation, it was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes) to adopt the Proclamation as presented, thereby declaring October 2nd, 2016 as Suicide Awareness and Prevention Day in Huntingdon County.

At this time, Stan Westbrook requested to make public comment stating that he didn't hear the request for public comment earlier in the meeting. The request was granted and Stan offered comment on the funding for the libraries in Huntingdon County. Stan represents the Coalition for a better Huntingdon County and would like to see county funding offered to all the libraries. He stated that requests for a meeting with Solicitor McManamon and/or the Library board have not happened. Commissioner Thomas encouraged Mr. Westbrook to contact State representatives as well because the majority of library funding comes from the State. Commissioner Sather suggested a follow up meeting with all those involved.

Crystal Rhodes requested to present information about Pennsylvania Correctional Industries to the Commissioners. She stated they offer products to many non-profit organizations throughout the County. She provided brochures and contact information for future reference.

Michelle provided a revised Drug and Alcohol policy for consideration. She stated the revision is to allow for pre-employment drug screening. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes)

There were two Veteran Burial Allowances approved today.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 10:13 a.m. Minutes prepared by Michelle Cerett, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary