

Huntingdon, PA

Tuesday, May 28, 2019

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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 present: Commissioners Sather, Walls, and Thomas; Chief Clerk, Heather Fellman; Solicitor, Peter McManamon; Veterans Affairs Director, Brian Bassett; Treasurer, Susan Harry; CYS Fiscal Tech, Chris Riling; CYS Fiscal Supervisor, Claudia Conrad; CYS Director, Shannon Walborn; Planning Director, Mark Collusy; Tiffany Jones from the Center for Community Action; Daily News Reporter, Kylie Hawn and visitors, Jim Cassatt and Sue Zinoble.

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

It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2019 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 bills.

There were two additions to the agenda. Mark Colussy, Planning Director, had several agreements to request approval on and Susan Harry, Treasurer, requested approval to hire an intern.

Commissioner Walls announced that 43,875 pounds of electronics were recycled at the Residential Electronics Disposal at the Fairgrounds last Saturday. This is an event that is fully funded thanks to the County's partnership with the County Commissioner's Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP).

There were no public comments.

There were no matters to be addressed by the Solicitor.

Tiffany Jones from the Center for Community Action requested consideration of approval for resolution 6-2019. This resolution would allow her to file a proposal of funds with the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program through the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) for homelessness prevention and rapid rehousing projects. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Chris Riling, CYS Fiscal Tech, asked for consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with Tussey Mountain School District for the Every Child Succeeds Act. This agreement is for transportation for children in foster care who are placed in homes outside of their home school district. This is a contract renewal. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Chris Riling asked for consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with Nicholas Newfield. This is a contract renewal for guardian ad litem services for the contract year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes).

Chris Riling asked for consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with Jen Habel. This is a contract renewal for guardian ad litem services for July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Mark Colussy, Planning Director, asked for consideration of approval for the Planning Commission's recommendations related to the disbursement of funds under the Act 13 Program. The Planning Commission is recommending that funds be given to the following three projects, each with a maximum of \$10,000 in funding: the Blairs Mills Sportsmen Association in Tell Township to update their girls softball food stand, bathrooms, and storage area; the ADA accessible play park at Riverside Memorial Park for Mapleton Borough; the Riverside Park food truck supplemental parking and security lighting and cameras project in Mount Union Borough. Commissioner Sather asked about the timeline for completion of these projects. Mark Colussy replied that communities have two years in which to initiate the project and one year to complete the project once it has been initiated. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

The Commissioner gave consideration of approval for the addition of \$5000 to the Ag Land Preservation Fund. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes).

Mark Colussy asked for consideration of approval for updates to the procurement policy for the Community Development Block Grant Program as requested by the Department of Community and Economic Development during the recent fiscal audit. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Mark Colussy asked for consideration of approval for updates to the code of conduct for the Community Development Block Grant Program as requested by the Department of Community and Economic Development during the recent fiscal audit. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Mark Colussy asked for consideration of approval to move forward with the Spruce Creek blight demo project. He has reached out to several agencies for quotes on asbestos testing. B & B Environmental Services provided the lowest quote at \$1500 (\$500 per home). It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes).

Susan Harry, Treasurer, provided an update on her partnership with the Youth Work Experience Program through Employment and Training. Sam Feagley is interning in the Treasurer's Office on a temporary basis beginning on May 22 and lasting for a total of 240 working hours.

The commissioners gave consideration of approval for Joe Thompson to attend the Keystone Emergency Management Association (KEMA) Emergency Preparedness Conference. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

There were no Matters for Action, Consideration, and Discussion.

There was one Veteran's Burial Allowances.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Walls to adjourn the meeting at 10:18 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Heather N. Fellman, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary