

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; Deputy Chief Clerk, Sarah Helton; Solicitor Peter McManamon; Vice President of Finance and Operations for Juniata College, Rob Yelnosky; CYS Director, Joyce Zolten; Daily News reporter, Kylie Hawn

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. by Commissioner Sather followed by prayer led by Commissioner Sather and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag 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 April 19, 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 no additions to the agenda today.

Commissioner Sather wanted to thank the Poll Workers, Elections Coordinator, Commissioner's Staff, and all other staff that was involved for working the election. The public doesn't always see what happens behind the scenes with an election. It is a lot of hard work, long hours, and he thanks everyone involved.

There were no public comments. Solicitor McManamon said that the one item that he needed to address today is in conjunction with Rob Yelnosky's presentation and request for a resolution.

Rob Yelnosky presented information and illustrations for the proposed projects at the Juniata College Campus. He explained that the financial burden of the upgrades on campus will total around 15 million. They will be acquiring \$15 million in new debt to proceed with the projects and refinancing approximately \$31 million in old debt. Once refinanced, the old debt will be at a fixed rate instead of a variable rate, and a future balloon payment will be removed. The total of the restructured debt will be around 46 million.

The illustrations that were presented are as follows:

- Front of Brumbaugh Academics Building – Project will consist of new windows, a deck, and presentation space. Project will start in January 2017 and is scheduled to be completed by August 2017.
- Front of Good Hall – Main objective of the project is an elevator, making all floors handicap accessible. Project will start in June 2016 and is scheduled to be completed in January 2017.
- Ellis Hall – Main objective of the project is to make all floors handicap accessible. Total estimated cost of the project is 1 million. Project will start in June 2016 and is scheduled to be completed in October 2016.
- Winton Hill Athletic Complex – The ground breaking for this project was last weekend. It will consist of 6 tennis courts with lights, a turf field with lights for lacrosse and soccer, locker room, bleachers, and press box. Projects completed by October 2016.
- Integrated Media Studio & Arts Building – Project is expected to be completed by June 2017.

Solicitor McManamon says the General Authority met on Monday (04/25/2016) and signed a resolution agreeing to Juniata College borrowing \$15 million and refinancing old debt for the proposed projects. The proposed resolution, 11-2016, approves the borrowing through the General Authority in recognizing that this borrowing is for the public good of the citizens of Huntingdon County. By approving the resolution, the County and the General Authority acknowledges that the project is for the public good and improves the college's ability to borrow. The resolution states that it is not to exceed 65 million in combined borrowing and restructuring of old debt but Mr. Yelnosky says that total of old and new debt will be closer to \$46 million.

Commissioner Sather notes that the approval of the board will enable to the authority to finance the project without imposing any financial responsibility on the County.

It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, Yes; Sather, Yes; Walls, Yes) to approve resolution 11-2016 as presented. Commissioner Thomas states that Juniata College has been a great partner and resource to the County. Commissioner Sather noted that Juniata College is also a major employer. Commissioner Walls asked if there would be any additional employment opportunities with these upgrades. Rob suspects some but can't estimate at this time.

Joyce Zolten was present to request the hiring of Alexandra Eby as a Caseworker for Children Services. Joyce noted that this new hire will fill an existing open position. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, Yes) to approve the hiring of Alexandra Eby as Caseworker with a start date of 05/02/2016.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Walls to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 a.m. Minutes prepared by Sarah Helton, Deputy Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary