

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 Walls and Thomas; Solicitor, Larry Newton; Chief Clerk, Heather Fellman; Brian Wiser, Keller Engineers; Lee Zeger, CES Engineering; CYS Director, Kelvin Abrashoff; Daily News Reporter, Joe Thompson and guests, Curtis McConaughy and Travis Sather.

Commissioner Mark Sather participated via GoToMeeting.

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

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Sather and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, abstain) to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

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

There was one addition to the agenda: approval for a polling place change in Morris Township. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Sather and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Under announcements, Heather Fellman noted that ballots were received in our office last week and we have begun mailing them out. At this time, about 60% of the ballots that we have received applications for have been mailed. We expect to have the rest out to voters by the end of the week.

There were no public comments.

There were no matters to be addressed by the Solicitor.

Under new business, consideration of approval was requested for Ruth Snair and Olivia Isenberg, fiscal clerks, to attend a Munis upgrade training seminar. This is a one-day training at no charge to the county. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Sather and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Consideration of approval was given to appoint Glenn Werner to the Huntingdon County Conservation District Board. It was moved by Commissioner Sather, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes).

Kelvin Abrashoff, CYS Director, requested consideration of approval to hire Joseph Heeter for the position of fiscal assistant, effective 5/8/2023. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Sather and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Kelvin Abrashoff requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with White Deer Run. This is a secure boys facility used by Juvenile Probation. It is for contract year July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 and is a renewal from last year. Expenses under this contract are eligible for state reimbursement. The rates have increased since last year. It was moved by Commissioner Sather, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Kelvin Abrashoff announced that May is National Foster Care Month. Huntingdon County has about 50 children in care and is in need of more foster parents. If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming a foster parent, please contact the Children's Services Office.

Brian Wisner from Keller Engineers requested consideration of approval for a plan for guiderail replacement at County Bridge #8 (St. Mary's Covered Bridge). This bridge project will be added to a package with bridges 16, 18, and 20. The total cost of this project is expected to be \$7,530. Commissioner Thomas noted that we will be using liquid fuels funds allocated for this project, not general fund dollars. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Sather and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes).

Lee Zeger from CES Engineering reviewed the bids received for the Courthouse and Annex II HVAC renovation project. The County did not receive any complete bid packets for the full scope of work. Contractors cited busy construction schedules as their reason for submitting for only part of the project. Mr. Zeger recommended rejecting all bids and rebidding the project in the fall. It was moved by Commissioner Sather, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Heather Fellman, Chief Clerk, requested consideration of approval for a polling place change for Morris Township. This change will move the polling place from the Morris Township Building on Shaffersville Road to the Activity Building at Greystone Community Cottages. This proposed change has been appropriately advertised and new cards have been mailed out to all affected voters. This change is to increase accessibility to the polling site. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Under matters for action, information and discussion, Commissioner Thomas noted that the Recycling Program was a success. He thanked Alonso Brown for all of his hard work. He hopes to have tonnage information to report at the next meeting.

There were no Veteran's Burial Allowances.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 9:59 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Heather N. Fellman, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary