

Huntingdon, PA  
Tuesday, February 6, 2018  
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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 being present: Commissioners Sather, Commissioner Walls and Commissioner Thomas; Chief Clerk, Michelle Barnett; Solicitor, Peter McManamon; Planning Director, Mark Colussy; Daily News Reporter, Kylie Hawn and visitors Jim Cassatt and Nancy MacNamara.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 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 January 30th 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 no additions to the agenda.

There no announcements.

There were no public comments.

Mark Colussy, Planning Director was present to request approval of the 2018 Act 13 Legacy Fund. The timelines presented will be similar to 2017. Public Announcement to be Tuesday February 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Two public Workshops are to be held on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Applications are due by Friday May 4<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. A Planning review workshop is scheduled for Thursday may 17<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. The Commissioners Award Consideration is Tuesday may 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10 a.m. There is a \$10,000 maximum per project. \$5000.00 is also approved for Ag Land Preservation which is Administered by the Conservation District. Jim Cassatt asked how much money has not yet been disbursed from the Act 13 Legacy Fund and that Cassville has been on the books for \$10,000 for three years. Commissioner Thomas explained that some projects have been completed and some money remains in the fund as it will prolong the program. Commissioner Walls commented that not expending all the money allows for the longevity of the fund. Nancy MacNamara, Todd Township, commented that there are various reasons that the Townships may not expend the money right away. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes) to approve the 2018 Act 13 Legacy Fund as presented.

Mark Colussy also requested approval to apply for a one-year extension to the RACP grant contract awarded to Huntingdon County for J.C. Blair Hospital. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve submitting the letter of application to extend the contract until February 2019.

The Commissioners took action in consideration of a letter of support for 16 Fire and EMS organizations serving Huntingdon County. The letter of support was sent to DHS-FEMA-GPD as part of an application for a Regional Grant. The grant would aid in the purchase of 63 mobile and 310 portable units, as well as 245 pagers. The new communications equipment is critical due to the upgrade of the County-wide public safety radio system. Nancy MacNamara asked if the infrastructure is all in place. Commissioner Thomas explained that the project is to be complete later this year. Jim Cassatt asked if Mill Creek Fire Company is one of the participants in the grant application. Commissioner Sather confirmed that Mill Creek is one of the participants to the Regional Grant application. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes) to approve the letter of support. Kylie Hawn asked how much the grant is for. Commissioner Thomas commented the grant is approximately \$1M. Commissioner Thomas commented that commitments in support have been received from Senators Eichelberger, Casey, Toomey, Corman and Representatives Irvin and Shuster's offices.

There were 6 Veterans Burial allowances.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 10:08 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Michelle Barnett, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary