

Huntingdon, PA

Tuesday, August 4, 2020

28-2020

The regular meeting of the Huntingdon County Commissioners was held on the above date and time in the Commissioners Office with the following present: Commissioners Sather, Walls and Thomas; Chief Clerk, Heather Fellman; Solicitor, Peter McManamon; Deputy Chief Clerk, Tracey Rhodes; Deputy Warden, Brad Glover and visitor, Joan Rogers. Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the following individuals were present via GoToMeeting: CYS Fiscal Tech, Chris Riling; News Reporter, Kylie Hawn and visitors, Dean Fluke and Kelly Bair.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Commissioner Sather. Chief Clerk Heather Fellman conducted roll call of all call-in participants and discussed policies and procedures for public comment during the meeting. All participants will be muted for the duration of the meeting except during public comment periods. During public comment periods, participants will be unmuted individually to ensure that everyone is heard. Prayer was led by Commissioner Walls and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led 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 July 28th 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.

Under announcements, Commissioner Thomas reminded residents that this year is a census year. The deadline to participate in the census is October 31, 2020. It is important that all residents participate. For each person that opts out of the census \$2,000 in funding for the area is lost every year. You can complete the census online, via telephone, or using a paper form. Our Place Convenient Store in Broad Top is hosting an outreach event for the census on August 6th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Commissioner Thomas also urged everyone to continue to follow CDC guidelines to stop the spread of COVID-19. Please wear your masks and observe social distancing.

Under Public Comments, Dean Fluke asked whose name is on the checks when the bills are approved. Commissioner Thomas responded that, as was stated last week, the Treasurer's Office signs the checks that go out for payment, along with the fiscal office after the Commissioners approve them. Mr. Fluke commented that he didn't ask who approves the checks. He is asking who signs them. Commissioner Thomas responded again that the Treasurer's Office signs them along with someone from the fiscal office. Commissioner Sather commented that the process and procedure has not changed since the time Mr. Fluke was in office. Mr. Fluke asked if the Commissioners are ever going to tell him whose name goes on the checks to pay for the services. Commissioner Sather commented that he can read the minutes from the previous week, when the question was answered, which state, "Under public comments, Dean Fluke commented on a previous meeting he had asked a question again about who signs the checks. The Commissioners or the CYS Director? Commissioner Thomas responded that, as Mr. Fluke is well aware, the Commissioners have the fiscal authority for the County. The checks are signed by the Fiscal Department and the Treasurer's Department." Commissioner Sather commented that that should adequately answer Mr. Fluke's question.

There were no items to be addressed by the solicitor.

Under new business, Chris Riling, CYS Fiscal Tech, requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with Project Point of Light for counseling services. This is a renewal from last year at a state-approved rate. The contact covers July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Chris Riling requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with Pathways Adolescent Center, a group home for males and females. This is a contract for services on an as-needed basis at the state-approved rate and it is a renewal from last year for July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Chris Riling requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with Perseus House, a residential facility for males and females. This is a contract for services on an as-needed basis at the state-approved rate and it is a renewal from last year for July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes).

Chris Riling requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with White Deer Run, Inc./Cove Prep, a males-only care facility. This is a contract for services on an as-needed basis at the state-approved rate and it is a renewal from last year for July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Brad Glover, Deputy Warden, requested consideration of approval for the resignation of part-time corrections officer, Dalton Miller effective July 29, 2020. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

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

There were 4 Veteran's Burial Allowances.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 9:49 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Heather N. Fellman, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary