

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; CYS Administrator, Ashley Smyder; CYS Fiscal Supervisor, Claudia Conrad; CYS Fiscal Tech, Chris Riling; Daily News Reporter, Kylie Hawn and visitors Jeff Hackenberg, Tom Ritchey, Jim Cassatt.

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

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 2nd 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 pending Treasurers Report.

There were no additions to the agenda.

There were no announcements.

Tom Ritchey commented about Governor Wolfe's announcement regarding a settlement for his employee due to sexual harassment. Tom Ritchey asked if the County has ever paid a settlement of this nature and how is the County prepared to handle this situation. Commissioner Sather stated he is not aware of any settlements or claims and Solicitor Peter McManamon stated he is not aware of any settlements or claims. Commissioner Sather stated this could be discussed at Department Head meeting. Michelle Barnett stated she has not received any claims of sexual harassment and the County has a policy in place for sexual harassment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes) to accept the resignation of James Beale, Corrections Officer effective January 16, 2018.

Claudia Conrad, CYS Fiscal Supervisor and Chris Riling, CYS Fiscal Tech presented various Purchase of Service Agreements for approval. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve a contract with Harbor Creek Services of Harbor Creek, PA effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes) to approve a contract with Pressley Ridge of Pittsburgh, PA effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes) to approve a contract with George Junior Republic of Grove City, PA effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve a contract with Pathways Adolescent Center of Oil City, PA effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes) to approve a contract with Family Care Services of Chambersburg, PA effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes) to approve a contract with Professional Family Care Service of Johnstown, PA effective July 1 2017 through June 30, 2018.

Ashley Smyder, CYS Administrator was present to day to request hiring a Caseworker and Supervisor. There was discussion on the Pros and Cons of hiring for these positions and Commissioner Sather commented that he would be interested in additional or expanded information regarding an Assistant Administrator. It was discussed that these positions have not been budgeted for the 2018 General Fund budget. Commissioner Walls commented that he would like Ashley to have additional time on the job prior to making a decision to hire these positions. The request for a Caseworker failed due to no motion. Commissioner Thomas made a motion to hire a Caseworker Supervisor as he feels filling the Supervisor position would decrease overtime in the CYS department. Motion failed due to no second.

There was a request to appoint an interim Mapping Director. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes) to appoint Missy Bousum as the interim Mapping Director until the position is filled.

There were 3 Veterans Burial allowances.

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

Minutes prepared by Michelle Barnett, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary