

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 Sather, Walls and Thomas; Solicitor, Larry Newton; Chief Clerk, Heather Fellman; Planning Director, Jim Lettiere; Daily News Reporter, Joe Thompson and guest, Curt McConaughy.

CYS Fiscal Staff, Chris Dixon and Joe Heeter attended via GoToMeeting.

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

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

There were no additions to the agenda.

Under announcements, Commissioner Walls commented it's good to see our industrial buildings on Fairgrounds Road being occupied. There is a sign that the food distributor is looking for help, many jobs upwards of \$30 per hour. The Cabinet Works is expanding and ultimately wanting to add 300 jobs. There are a lot of good-paying jobs in the County. It's great to see that you can stay in your home area and make a good wage. Commissioner Sather urged residents to use care and caution when you are driving. Commissioner Walls commented that there was a hearing for public officials in Tyrone last week about safety improvements to 453. They are beginning to work on that. The Commissioners through Southern Alleghenies worked to get that funded. It will be great to see, in light of things that just happened last week. There is a need for improvements along that stretch of highway.

There were no public comments.

There were no matters to be addressed by the Solicitor.

Under new business, Chris Dixon and Joe Heeter, CYS Fiscal Staff, requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with Wardell and Associates DBA Family Intervention Crisis Services of Centre County. This is a required contract for sex trafficking assessments. It was a renewal from last year for contract year July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Jim Lettiere, Planning Director, requested consideration of approval for the 2023 Act 13 Marcellus Shale Legacy Grant Agreement with Three Springs Borough. This is for replacement of 10 8-foot picnic tables. The total amount of this contract is \$6,727. They will have 1 year from today to complete the project. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Consideration of approval was given for the appointment of Kathi McCorkle to the Huntingdon County Children's Services Advisory Committee. Commissioner Walls commented that we need to recognize the advisory committee for the great work they do on behalf of the children of Huntingdon County. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes).

Consideration of approval was given for a parking lot rental agreement with Kathleen Herr. It is a renewal from last year. The annual rate is \$5,192.14. It was moved by Commissioner Sather, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes) to approve the contract pending solicitor approval.

Under Matters for Action, Commissioner Thomas asked that the Chief Clerk follow up with the VA Director regarding the lack of recent Veteran's Burial Allowances. Commissioner Thomas is concerned because we have never gone this long before without any. Hopefully there are none coming in.

There were no Veteran's Burial Allowances.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Walls to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Heather N. Fellman, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeffrey Thomas". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary