

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; Chief Clerk, Heather Fellman; Solicitor, Larry Newton; Prothonotary, Sarah Snare; Planning Director, Jim Lettiere; Community Development Administrator, Jennifer Bellis and Daily News Reporter, Kylie Hawn.

EMA Director, Katie Unger and Nicole Leturgey from the CYS Department participated via GoToMeeting.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Commissioner Sather. Prayer was led by Commissioner Thomas and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was 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 previous week's minutes as presented.

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

There was one addition to the agenda: consideration of approval for Proclamation 10-2022 in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the Daily News. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Under announcements, Commissioner Thomas asked residents to get their COVID vaccines and to allow their eligible children to get vaccinated as well. Commissioner Walls commented that it is peak tourist season in the County right now. The roads are full and there have been several serious accidents over the past month. Please drive carefully. Commissioner Sather commented that drivers also need to be aware of children.

There were no public comments.

There were no matters to be addressed by the solicitor.

Under new business, Jim Lettiere, Planning Director, requested consideration of approval for a cost proposal for the Huntingdon Borough Clock Tower Project. This project is being funded through the CDBG 2018, 2019 and 2020 entitlement funds in the amount of \$282,443.86. There are also \$30,000 of additional funding through DCED for marketing to attract tourists to landmarks in the county. We received one responsive proposal from Seiler and Drury with a not to exceed amount of \$63,460 for engineering and design services. Commissioner Walls commented that this is not the county clock tower. These are Borough funds dedicated to a Borough project. Commissioner Sather noted that the county is involved only because CDBG is the funding source. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Sarah Snare, Prothonotary, requested consideration of approval to hire Kate Hughes. Her start date will be effective 7/27/2022. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes).

Katie Unger, EMA Director, presented an update on COVID-19. The average number of new cases per day in the county was 7. The state is at 20,240 cases. We are in the medium level of community spread. SCI Smithfield currently has 23 inmates and 2 staff members testing positive. SCI Huntingdon has no inmates or staff members testing positive. Our incident rate for the county is 97.5 per 100,000 and the state is 116.7. The PCR percent positivity is 6.4% for the county and 15.7% for the state. Long-term care facilities are doing well with a few incidents among staff and residents. 24,787 vaccines have been distributed in the county. 11,039 boosters have been given. There have been 2,154 that have received a second booster. The county is 50% vaccinated. There was one additional death in the last week for a total of 256 since the beginning of the pandemic. The dominant variant is still Omicron.

Consideration of approval was given for Proclamation 10-2022 in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the Daily News. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

There were no matters for action, information and discussion.

There were no Veteran's Burial Allowance.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Walls to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Heather N. Fellman, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary