

Huntingdon, PA

Tuesday, July 27, 2021

28-2021

The regular meeting of the Huntingdon County Commissioners was held on the above date and time in the Commissioner's Office with the following present: Commissioners Sather, Walls and Thomas; Deputy Chief Clerk, Tracey Rhodes; Solicitor, Larry Newton; Register and Recorder, Virginia Cooper; Centre for Community Action, Natasha Brubaker; Sid McConahy; Daily News Reporter, Kylie Hawn.

Attending via GOTO: PNC Bank Rep, Alisha Henry; Eckert Seamon Attorney at Law, Jennifer Caron; CYS Fiscal Tech, Chris Dixon, CYS Fiscal Asst, Claudia Conrad.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Commissioner Sather. Tracey Rhodes 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 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 minutes of the previous meeting, with a spelling correction on Kathy Whalen's name.

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

One additions to the agenda, Consideration of approval of a letter of engagement for the provisioning of the NexGen 911 Service. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes)

Under announcements, Commissioner Thomas announced that there will be no public meeting next week, Tuesday, August 3, 2021 due to all the Commissioners attending their annual County Commissioners Association meeting in Harrisburg. Commissioner Thomas also reminds and encourages everyone who has not got their Covid shot to please do so, if not for yourself then for someone that you love and care for.

There were no public comments.

Matters to be addressed by the solicitor- Bid opening from Joseph T Berrena Inc. on the County box truck for \$250.00 and County Suburban \$250.00 signed by Matthew J Berrena, President. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes)

Discussion: Commissioner Thomas noted that for future Bid on County vehicles he is requesting a minimal amount be placed on any future bids due to the current bid of \$250.00, Commissioner Thomas feels the county can get more than this amount in a salvage yard.

Under new business, Jennifer Caron, Eckert Seamon and Alisha Henry, managing director at PNC Bank requested consideration of approval for Resolution 9-2021 for intent for Eckert Seamon Attorney at law act to proceed 2021 Bond Reimbursement. 2017 bond is eligible for refinancing very shortly and the resolution today will appoint PNC to do this without any risk. PNC along with Eckard Seamon will look to pass a formal bond resolution in either August or September and the earliest date they can start to sell bonds will be October 2021. This is at no cost to the county, this motion does not lock the county into any formal bond agreement at this time. Commissioner Thomas that with interest rates at historic lows it is a good idea to take a look at this, the interest rate will stay with the life of the bond. Commissioner Sather noted a lower interest rate on a bond for the 911 infrastructure project that could potentially lower the payments the county has for the project in addition this could help lower taxes. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes)

Jennifer Caron, Eckert Seamon and Alisha Henry, managing director at PNC Bank requested consideration of approval for Eckert Seamons Attorney at Law act as the County's Bond Counsel. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes)

Natasha Brubaker, Director of Resource Development, Centre for Community Action request consideration of approval 2021 PHARE-MS Grant Agreement (Pennsylvania Housing Affordability Rehabilitation Enhancement Fund). This fund is in the amount of \$200,000 for homeless assistance for 2021. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Chris Dixon, CYS Fiscal Tech, and Claudia Conrad, CYS Fiscal Supervisor requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with Keystone Adolescent Center. This is a contract from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. They offer group homes as well as foster care services, this is a renewal from last year at state approved rates. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes).

Chris Dixon, CYS Fiscal Tech, Claudia Conrad, CYS Fiscal Supervisor and Shannon Walborn, CYS Director requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with Intrinsic Interventions. This is a company that CYS gets their drug testing supplies from, this is for contract year of July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022, and renewal from last year. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Thomas, Yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes)

Consideration of approval to accept the retirement of Mary Ann Walters, Register and Recorder office. She is a 23 year employee of the county all spent at the Register and Recorders office. She will be greatly missed. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas with regret, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes)

Consideration of approval to accept the resignation of Tammy Rhodes, Prothonotary Office. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, second by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes)

Sid McConahy, Consultant on 911. Consideration of approval of a letter of agreement from PEMA, (Pennsylvania Emergency Management) for the NexGen 911 system. This will replace the 911 technology that is based off of 1960 technology, as to how 911 calls are delivered. The state will take this over the majority of the 911 cost that you are paying to date the telephone companies for the delivery of these calls. This letter states that the county will continue to work with the state for delivery of these calls. This is to take effect by the summer of 2022, in the event this letter is not signed, the county will assume the cost of all 911 calls out of the county general funds. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes)

There were (0) Veteran's Burial Allowances.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Walls to adjourn the meeting at 10:11 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Tracey Rhodes, Deputy Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary