

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; Deputy Chief Clerk, Tracey Rhodes; Solicitor, Larry Newton; Representative from Planning Department, Laurie Nearhood; Commissioners' Office Clerk, Alonso Brown; CYS Fiscal Supervisor, Claudia Conrad; Treasurer, Susan Harry; VA Director, Brian Bassett and Daily News Reporter, Kylie Hawn.

Shannon Walborn, CYS Director; Chris Dixon, CYS Fiscal Tech and Katie Unger, EMA Director 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 were no additions to the agenda.

Under announcements, Commissioner Thomas asked residents to get their COVID vaccines and allow their eligible children to be vaccinated as well. Commissioner Sather commented that we had the liberty this weekend to celebrate America's freedom and give thanks to the veterans that provided that freedom for us. This should not be a one day thing. It should be every day.

There were no public comments.

There were no matters to be addressed by the solicitor.

Under new business, Katie Unger, EMA Director, presented an update on COVID-19. The average number of new cases per day in the county was 5. We are in the low level of community spread. SCI Smithfield currently has 13 inmates and 1 staff member testing positive. SCI Huntingdon has no inmates and 2 staff members testing positive. Our incident rate for the county is 64.2 per 100,000 and the state is 94.4. The PCR percent positivity is 6.2% for the county and 12.8% for the state. Long-term care facilities are doing well. 24,730 vaccines have been distributed in the county. 10,975 boosters have been given. There have been 1,895 that have received a second booster. The county is 50% vaccinated. There was one death in the last week for a total of 254. The dominant variant is still Omicron.

The Commissioners all offered their thanks to Katie Unger for a job well done at managing the Creation festival over the weekend. Commissioner Walls noted that there are a lot of agencies that are brought in to coordinate on safety and security for this event. There are no incidents that he is aware of for the weekend. Thanks to Ms. Unger for all of the hard work that she put into this event.

Susan Harry, Treasurer, requested consideration of approval for the Fairfield Dog License Contract. This is an upgrade to the dog licensing program currently in use. It will not change the ability of other outlets and agents to sell licenses if they choose. It will also allow the Humane Society and Dog Warden to have instant access to information and it will allow customers to purchase dog licenses online. The initial set-up cost is \$1,250. There is an annual fee of \$1,500. This can be paid on a monthly or on an annual basis. Commissioner Walls recommended paying annually. Treasurer Harry concurred. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Laurie Nearhood, Planning Representative, requested consideration of approval for the 2022 Marcellus Shale Legacy Funding Agreement with Smithfield Township. Funds were awarded April 26<sup>th</sup>. Smithfield will be using this funding for a project in Riverside Park to install new benches and picnic tables. They will receive \$10,000 less a 6% administration fee that will be retained by the

Planning Department. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Wall, yes; Thomas, yes).

Laurie Nearhood requested consideration of approval for the 2022 Marcellus Shale Legacy Funding Agreement with Broad Top Borough. Funds were awarded April 26<sup>th</sup>. Broad Top will be using this funding to replace the heating and cooling system in the Broad Top City Community Building. They will received \$10,000 less a 6% administration fee that will be retained by the Planning Department. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes).

Brian Bassett, VA Director, presented an overview of the PSACDVA Conference that he recently attended. At this conference he was notified that county offices can expect their workload to double in the near future as the DMVA has added 9 new rare respiratory cancers to a list of presumed service-related conditions. Suicide rates have been declining among veterans. Efforts will continue to promote suicide awareness and prevention so that we will hopefully continue to see a decline. A new 3-digit veterans crisis line will hopefully be implemented by the end of August. Once it is operational, veterans in crisis will be able to dial 988 for help. PA Vet Connect is working on consolidating all possible services for veterans in one place. There are new services available for veterans who are charged with misdemeanors. This program aims to treat substance use and mental health disorders that often lead to interactions with the criminal justice system. Individuals who received other than honorable discharges for a variety of reasons are encouraged to apply for discharge upgrades. New efforts are underway to provide caregiver support services for caretakers of veterans in their homes. New efforts are also underway to streamline the claims system for veterans.

Claudia Conrad and Chris Dixon from the CYS Department requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with the Huntingdon County Child and Adult Development Corporation. This agreement is for contract year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. This agency provides daycare services. This is a renewal from last year. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Claudia Conrad and Chris Dixon requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with Mainstream Counseling, Inc. This agreement is for contract year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. This agency provides counseling services and after-school programs. This is a renewal from last year. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Claudia Conrad and Chris Dixon requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with Fulton County Family Partnership. This agreement is for contract year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. This agency provides daycare services. This is a renewal from last year. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes).

Claudia Conrad and Chris Dixon requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with Keystone Adolescent Center, Inc. This agreement is for contract year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. This agency provides residential and transitional living services. This is a renewal from last year at the state-approved rates. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Claudia Conrad and Chris Dixon requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with Intrinsic Interventions. This agreement is for contract year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. This agency provides drug testing supplies. This is a renewal from last year. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Claudia Conrad and Chris Dixon requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with White Deer Run/Cove Prep. This agreement is for contract year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. This agency is a secure residential program for boys. This is a renewal from last year at the state-approved rates. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes).

Claudia Conrad and Chris Dixon requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with the Children's Aid Society of Clearfield County. This is a new agreement for contract year July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. This agency provides foster care services. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Claudia Conrad and Chris Dixon requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with the Children's Aid Society of Clearfield County. This agreement is for contract year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. This agency provides foster care services. This is a renewal from last year at the state-approved rates. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by

Commissioner Thomas and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes). Commissioner Thomas noted that there was a slight increase in all contracts due to inflation except for the Intrinsic Interventions contract. Commissioner Walls noted that just as household costs are increasing, so are the costs to run the county.

Consideration of approval was given to accept the resignation of Claudia Conrad effective September 16<sup>th</sup>. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Sather and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, no; Sather, yes) to accept Ms. Conrad's resignation with regret. They thanked her for her years of service and noted that she will be sorely missed.

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 10:15 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Heather N. Fellman, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary