

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; EMA Director, Katie Unger; Kathy Bilger and Bob Henry (JVBMHS); Rebecca Wells (Abuse Network); Kylie Hawn (Daily News); and Planning Director, Jim Lettiere.

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. Tracey Rhodes conducted participant online process. There were none.

It was moved by Commissioner Sather, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, abstained) to approve the minutes of April 19th.

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 two additions to the agenda:

- 1) Consideration of approval of Legacy Act 13 (Marcellus funding). Motion entered and seconded (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes).
- 2) Proclamation for consideration of Mental Health Awareness Month. Motion entered and seconded (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes).

Under announcements, Commissioner Thomas encouraged everyone to get their COVID shot or booster.

There were no public comments.

Under matters to be addressed by the solicitor, Solicitor Newton had none.

Under new business: Consideration on the proclamation for Mental Health Awareness month. Kathy Bilger and Bob Henry from Juniata Valley Behavioral Mental Health Services, and Christie Stidel from Mainstream Counseling. Mr. Henry discussed the Green Light/Ribbon campaign. Two virtual suicide prevention programs will be conducted on May 24th, Annual Out of the Darkness community walk scheduled for Oct 2nd. Motion entered and seconded to proclaim May Mental Health Awareness Month (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes).

Proclamation to designate April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Rebecca Wells from the Abuse Network discussed the agency's services (hotline-888-810-2444; trainings). The agency partners with the Children's Advocacy Center in State College to investigate child sexual abuse, and with a community sexual assault response team for adults. Also, the agency added educational trainings to their Facebook page. Motion entered and seconded (Wells, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes).

Consideration and approval of the resignation of Madeline Cisney from the Court Administration Office, effective May 4th 2022. Motion entered by Commissioner Sather, seconded by Commissioner Walls (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes).

Jim Lettiere, Planning Director, requested consideration and approval of a review of the 2022 Legacy Act 13 (Marcellus Shale) application cycle. Five applications were submitted for a review of \$66,400. It was moved by Commissioner Sather, seconded by Commissioner Thomas (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Katie Unger, EMA Director, reported on the county's Covid levels. Overall, the area is progressing well. Huntingdon levels are now at LOW; SCI-H has 0 inmates and staff; Penn Highlands currently has 1 in their Med-Surge unit; Juniata College has 56 positive cases for the spring semester, they are low alert; hospitalizations for the state are at 504, up from 440 last week; LTC facilities are doing well; total number of people fully or partially vaccinated is 24,534; Boosters since 8/13 is 10,695. The county is now over 49% vaccinated. Department of Health reported 1 Covid related death. According to CDC Omicron continues to be the dominant variant.

There were no matters for action, information and discussion.

There were no Veteran's Burial Allowances.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Sather to adjourn the meeting at 10:08 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Alonso Brown, Administrative Assistant.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary