

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; Community Development Administrator, Jen Bellis; Treasurer, Susan Harry and Daily News Reporter, Joe Thompson.

Katie Unger, EMA Director; CYS Fiscal Tech, Chris Dixon and Planning Director, Jim Lettiere participated via GoToMeeting.

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

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

There were no announcements.

There were no public comments.

There were no matters to be addressed by the Solicitor.

Under new business, Susan Harry, Treasurer, requested consideration of approval to hire Crystal Baker for the position of Clerk effective 4/10/2023. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Chris Dixon, CYS Fiscal Tech, requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with Tyrone Area School District under the Every Child Succeeds Act. This is for contract year July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. This is a renewal from last year. Cost is split between the sending and receiving school districts and the county. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Chris Dixon requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with Southern Huntingdon Area School District under the Every Child Succeeds Act. This is for contract year July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. This is a renewal from last year. Cost is split between the sending and receiving school districts and the county. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes).

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Jen Bellis, Community Development Administrator, requested consideration of approval for Resolution 2-2023 for the Fair Housing Program. This is a renewal from last year for CDBG affirming our compliance with Fair Housing laws. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Jen Bellis requested consideration of approval for an activity extension for the Smithfield Township Levee Culvert Project. This project was delayed in December from a DEP mishap. DEP still has not resolved the issue. This will extend the project until July 15, 2023. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Jen Bellis requested consideration of approval for the MBE/WBE plan for Huntingdon County. This plan is required for compliance with the CDBG program. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes).

Jim Lettiere, Planning Director, requested consideration of approval to extend the 2021 Act 13 Marcellus Shale Grant for the Mapleton Riverside Boat Launch Project to October 30, 2024. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Kathryn Unger, EMA Director, requested consideration of approval for the Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Preparedness Report for the 2022 HMRF Grant. This is an annual report. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Kathryn Unger presented a final update on COVID-19. The number of county cases stands at 13,951. The State total is 2,908,211. We are in the low level of community spread. Hospitalization is at 566. SCI Smithfield has 12 inmates and 2 staff members testing positive. SCI Huntingdon has no inmates and 2 staff members testing positive. The incident rate is 43.2 for the County and 22 for the State. PCR is at 6.8% for the County and 6% for the State. There are 2-8 cases among residents and 2-8 among staff in long-term care facilities. 25,544 people have been vaccinated in Huntingdon County and 4,795 have received their booster. There were two additional deaths in the last week for a total of 282 since the beginning of the pandemic.

Consideration of approval was given for an agreement with the Attorney General's Drug Task Force as requested by the District Attorney. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes).

There was nothing discussed under matters for action.

There were no Veteran's Burial Allowances.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Walls to adjourn the meeting at 9:59 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Heather N. Fellman, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary