

Huntingdon, PA

Tuesday, April 30, 2019

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The regular weekly meeting of the Huntingdon County Commissioners was held on the above date and time in the Commissioners Meeting Room with the following present: Commissioners Sather, Walls, and Thomas; Chief Clerk, Heather Fellman; Solicitor, Peter McManamon; Veterans Affairs Director, Brian Bassett; Deputy Treasurer, Cathy Bilger; Planning Administrative Assistant, Laurie Nearhood; EMA Director, Joe Thompson; CYS Fiscal Tech, Chris Riling; CYS Fiscal Supervisor, Claudia Conrad; Victim Witness Coordinator, Allison Hall; Daily News Reporter, Kylie Hawn; Doug Franks, Pam Franks, Art Erikson, and Paul Cannon of ABATE and visitor, Kim Cassatt.

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

It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2019 Public Meeting.

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

The following items were added to the agenda: Vote on approval for Planning office to coordinate to address ADA accessibility egress issues in the courthouse. Vote on approval of the Hazard Mitigation Update Grant for EMA.

There were no announcements.

There were no public comments.

There were no matters to be addressed by the Solicitor.

The Alliance of Bikers Aimed Towards Education requested consideration of approval for a proclamation to declare May Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Claudia Conrad and Chris Riling, CYS Fiscal Techs, requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with Erica Shoaf as a Guardian Ad Litem. 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 Riling, CYS Fiscal Techs, requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with Christopher Wencker as a Guardian Ad Litem. This is a renewal from last year. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes).

Allison Hall, Victim Witness Coordinator, requested consideration of approval for a renewal of the Pennsylvania Statewide Automated Victim Information Notification (PA SAVIN) Contract. PA SAVIN notifies victims when offenders are released or when terms of incarceration change. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Allison Hall, Victim Witness Coordinator, requested consideration of approval to accept the Rights and Services Act by Victims of Juvenile Offenders grant. This grant would provide funding from a variety of sources in the amounts of \$103,848, \$4,491, \$8,982, and \$4,491. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Dave Smith requested consideration of approval to participate in the State and Local Internship Program (SLIP). Through this program, interns can work for a total of 320 hours and the program covers the cost of clearances, drug testing, and workers compensation. Employers are being asked to contribute 25% of the cost this year. Payment will be made in two bills in the amount of \$446.10. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes).

Laurie Nearhood, Administrative Assistant in the Planning Department, requested consideration of approval for an Act 13 Legacy Fund Contract with Mount Union Borough. The funds were approved for this contract on May 22, 2018. \$8,500 will be designated for Mount Union Borough. The county will retain 6% for administration. This will leave a total of \$7,990 to be dispersed to the Borough of Mount Union. This money will be used to build a pavilion. The Borough will be paying for the concrete and electrical. Jim Cassatt asked if this is the only Act 13 Legacy Fund money that the Borough of Mount Union has received. Commissioner Thomas answered that they have received money before. Mr. Cassatt indicated that it was his belief that there was a certain period of time after an area is awarded funding that they are not allowed to receive funding again. Commissioner Thomas explained that there is a ranking system and if an area was awarded funding the previous year that area would get a lower ranking this year. They are not necessarily prevented from getting money just because they were awarded funding the previous year. The Commissioners further detailed several educational opportunities for municipalities to learn about funding. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Consideration of Approval was given for a Pennsylvania Counties Risk Pool (PCoRP) Ordinance renewing commitment to the agreement that Huntingdon County originally entered into over 30 years ago. This is an intergovernmental cooperative act in which the local governments work together to provide a joint risk management pool to assist in preventing and reducing losses and injuries to county property and persons which might result in claims. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Under Matters for Action, Consideration, and Discussion Joe Thompson, Emergency Manager, requested consideration of approval for an update to the Hazard Mitigation Plan Agreement. The plan must be updated every five years. It will be due for renewal in 2020. Before the update, we had applied for an 80/20 matching grant that would cost about \$50,000. With the update, the grant would offer 100% funding from PEMA through FEMA. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes).

The Commissioners took action to approve discussion on ADA egress issues on the second floor of the courthouse. Planning will contract with CES Engineering to complete specifications for egress issues for a total of \$3,500. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

There was 1 Veteran's Burial Allowance.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 10:26 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Heather N. Fellman, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary