

Huntingdon, PA

Tuesday, June 25, 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; CYS Director, Shannon Walborn; Planning Grant Administrator, Melody Mason; Planning Intern, Stanley Willis; Veterans Affairs Director, Brian Bassett; Vice President of Mission Critical Partners, Sid McConahy; Daily News Reporter, Kylie Hawn and visitors, Mike Hannah and Jim Cassatt.

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

It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the minutes of the June 18, 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.

There were no additions to the agenda.

Commissioner Sather announced that the State budget is currently under review. Funding concerns remain a top priority for Counties in replacing election equipment that has been driven by the Stein Settlement Agreement, a Federal Ruling that is legally binding on the commonwealth, and thus on counties. The State has mandated replacement of all voting machines but has not yet dedicated funding for their replacement. The County is seeking maximum funding from the state and federal government for equipment replacement as part of the state budget process. Any equipment replacement dollars that do not come from state or federal funds will be required to come directly from the County.

There were no public comments.

There were no matters to be addressed by the Solicitor.

Sid McConahy of Mission Critical Partners asked for consideration of approval for the Jack's Tower Site Agreement. Jim Cassatt asked if this is the tower we paid \$18,000 to add equipment onto. Mr. McConahy answered that the county did make improvements in order to make the radio work. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Shannon Walborn, CYS Director, asked for consideration of approval to have two staff members attend the "Ignite the Future – Transiting Older Youth" Training in State College. They will use a county vehicle, lunch is included, and registration will cost \$95 per person. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Under Matters for Action, consideration of approval was given to hire a new County Chief Assessor, Melissa Bousum. Jim Cassatt asked if she is qualified for the position. Commissioner Thomas answered that she is. Commissioner Sather indicated that she is CPE certified. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes).

There were 2 Veteran's Burial Allowances.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Heather N. Fellman, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary