

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; Solicitor, Larry Newton; Chief Clerk, Heather Fellman; Deputy Chief Clerk, Stacie Cutshall; Prothonotary, Sarah Snare; Register and Recorder, Kelsey Dunn and Daily News Reporter, Kylie Hawn.

Deputy Treasurer, Cathy Bilger and EMA Director, Katie Unger attended 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, yes) to approve the November 15th meeting minutes.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes) to approve the November 29th meeting minutes.

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

There were no additions to the agenda.

Under announcements, Commissioner Walls wished a happy birthday to Commissioner Sather. He also thanked the road crews for being out today to keep the roads safe. Commissioner Thomas also wished Commissioner Sather a happy birthday. Additionally, he asked residents to get their COVID vaccines, to vaccinate their eligible children and get their flu shots. Commissioner Sather urged residents to take time to enjoy the Christmas holiday season with their families and friends.

There were no public comments.

There were no matters to be addressed by the solicitor.

Under new business, the Commissioners presented the 2023 proposed county budget. This will be on display for 20 days. There is no tax increase this year. The special debt millage was partially paid off which will result in a small tax cut. The Commissioners will officially take action on the budget at the regular public meeting on December 27th.

Katie Unger presented an update on COVID-19. The number of county cases stands at 13,317. The State total is 2,761,582. We are in the medium level of community spread. SCI Smithfield has 17 inmates and zero staff members testing positive. SCI Huntingdon has no inmates and one staff member testing positive. The incident rate is 58.1 for the County and 60.6 for the State. PCR is at 9% for the County and 9.9% for the State. There has been an increase in cases among residents and staff in long-term care facilities. These facilities are currently reporting positive cases in 39 residents and 17 staff members. 25,367 people have been vaccinated in Huntingdon County and 3,553 have received their booster. There was one additional death in the last week for a total of 269 since the beginning of the pandemic.

There were no matters for action.

There was one Veteran's Burial Allowance.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 9:44 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Heather N. Fellman, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary