

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 being present: Commissioners Sather, Walls and Thomas; Chief Clerk, Michelle Barnett; Deputy Chief Clerk, Kellie Benson; Planning Director, Mark Colussy; Community Development Grant Administrator, Melody Mason; EMA Director, Joe Thompson; EMA Volunteer, Vince Lombardi; EMA Volunteer, Jack Harman; EMA Administrative Assistant, Katie Unger; Sheriff, Jeff Leonard; Treasurer, Susan Harry; Deputy Treasurer, Cathy Bilger; Coroner, Paul Sharum; Huntingdon County Conservation District, Celina Seftas; National Weather Service, Pete Jung; visitors Barry Wright, Nancy McNamara and Jim Cassatt.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Commissioner Sather, followed in prayer led by Commissioner Thomas and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led 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 November 27, 2018 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 the advertisement and display of the 2019 proposed budget. A public comments meeting is scheduled for December 11th at 7 p.m. and a special meeting to consider taking action on the proposed budget will be December 20th at 10 a.m. Copies of the proposed budget are available in the Commissioner's Office and on the County website.

During the public comment period, Treasurer, Susan Harry announced that dog license applications have been mailed out to dog owners. The Bureau of Dog Law has paid for the mailings. Susan also announced that sales for over the counter deer applications in the 4A area have increased and 1000 license have been sold. Susan also commented the lifetime dog license are still available.

Visitor Nancy McNamara asked if a figure is available for the costs for inmates housed in other counties for this year. Commissioner Thomas replied, "He does not have figures with him but the figures are noted on the budget". Commissioner Sather also commented, "The figures are on the proposed budget." Nancy commented, "There is a rumor that the County plans to purchase the Mutual Benefit, CYS office building". Commissioner Sather replied, "There have been discussions but no decisions have been made".

Solicitor, Peter McManamon asked Susan Harry to announce her recommendations of the 2019 Tax Anticipation Note bids. It was recommended by Treasurer Harry to award the 2019 \$1,750,000 Tax Anticipation Note to Community State Bank at 2.59%. Susan recommended the depository be awarded to FNB at a rate of 2.10%. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes) to accept the recommendations as presented.

Celina Seftas from the Huntingdon County Conservation District was present to request consideration of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Huntingdon County Conservation District addresses various items of mutual interest to the District and County. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes) to approve the Memorandum of Understanding as presented. Celina also presented Addendum A to the Huntingdon County Ag Land Preservation Program for consideration. The Addendum A addressed various items of mutual interest to the Huntingdon County Conservation District and the County of Huntingdon. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the addendum as presented.

Coroner, Paul Sharum requested consideration of a proposal from Forensic pathology Associates for autopsy and associated fees for 2019. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes) to approve the proposal as presented.

EMA Director, Joe Thompson requested approval to submit a letter of commitment and the Hazardous Mitigation Grant Application. Hazardous Mitigation plans are updated every five years and will be due again in 2020. The estimated project cost is \$50,000 and will provide 75% with an in kind match of 25% from the County. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes) to approve submitting the application.

Peter Jung of the National Weather Service recognized Huntingdon County Emergency Management Agency as a Weather Ready Nation Ambassador of Excellence for Central Pennsylvania. To be officially recognized as a Weather Ready Nation Ambassador, an organization must commit to promoting Weather Ready Nation messages and themes, engage with NOAA personnel on potential collaboration opportunities, share success stories of preparedness and resiliency and serve as an example by educating employees on workplace preparedness.

Planning Director, Mark Colussy and Community Development Grant Administrator, Melody Mason requested execution of the Housing Preservation Grant Agreement for FY 2018. The Rehabilitation program is designed to address acute, minor home repair of low income homeowners within the County. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the agreement as presented.

Under Matter for action, information and discussion, there was a request to consider renewing an agreement between Mainstream Counseling and the Huntingdon County Prison. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes) to approve the agreement renewal for 2019.

There was a request to accept the termination of employment of Graham Wright as Custodial staff effective November 27, 2018. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

There were 0 Veterans Burial allowances.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Michelle Barnett, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary