

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; Solicitor Peter McManamon; Community Development Administrator, Melody Mason; Planning Director, Mark Colussy; Treasurer, Susan Harry; 911 Director, Chris Stevens; Director of Court Appointed Counsel, Fred Gutshall; Shelly Ravello of J.C. Blair; Daily News Reporter, Kylie Hawn; visitors Jim Cassatt, Herb Kann, Don Talasky, Ken Wilson and Barry Wright

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 led by Commissioner Walls.

It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Sather and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the minutes of the July 24, 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 was one addition to the agenda.

Commissioner Thomas congratulated Register of Wills and Recorder of Deeds, Jinny Cooper for her being President of her Association and commented that she is a huge asset to the County. Commissioner Thomas also commented that the tonnage of the recycling event will be updated as soon as the information is out. Commissioner Walls thanked the Shade Gap Fire Company for the invitation to attend the parade. Commissioner Sather announced that due to the CCAP Conference there would be no meeting on August 7, 2018.

During the public comments period, visitor, Jim Cassatt asked if there is an update on the 911 expenditures. Commissioner Sather replied that yes and to date as of July 27, 2018 including 2017 and 2018 expenses totals, \$3,010,423.85 of the \$5,899,808.00. Part of that is yet to be done including finalizing installation and final acceptance so the remainder would be due to that. Jim asked if the report was detailed and if he could have a copy. Commissioner Sather provided the report to Jim Cassatt as public record information.

There were no matters addressed by the Solicitor.

911 director, Chris Stevens was first as an addition to the agenda. Chris was present to request approval of a joint resolution with Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Centre, Fulton and Somerset Counties. The resolution authorizes the Counties to seek grants and funding from PEMA in the amount of \$4,968,843.01 to support their efforts under the Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement date July 17, 2018. The funds would be divided between the six Counties and to be used for interconnectivity. Commissioner Sather read the proposed Resolution aloud during Public Meeting. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes) to approve the Joint Resolution as presented.

Shelly Ravello from J.C. Blair was next on the agenda to request to ratify a letter of support. The letter is in support of J.C. Blair Health System's application for the Federal Rural Communities Opioid Response Program Planning Grant. Shelly explained that the grant is designed to help communities and stakeholders work together on a project. First it is for planning and then implementation. The grant is for a total of \$200,000 for one year. This grant targets specifically rural areas. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve ratifying the letter of support as presented.

Director of Court Appointed Counsel, Fred Gutshall was present to request approval to hire a full time Assistant Public Defender. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes) to approve hiring Amy Stoak effective August 13, 2018.

Planning Director, mark Colussy and Community Development Administrator, Melody Mason requested approval for Melody and Taylor Pollicino to attend a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

New Staff Training. The training is offered to employees with three years or less of experience in the program. The training is to be held on August 14 through August 16, 2018 at DCED in Harrisburg. The cost to attend the training is free. The cost to the County will be mileage and lodging at \$104.00 per night for each Melody and Taylor. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes) to approve attendance to the training.

Mark Colussy also requested consideration of the formal execution of the Federal Fiscal year 2017 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) contract in the amount of \$419,047 for Huntingdon County and on behalf of, Huntingdon Borough and Smithfield Township. Mark also wanted to note that the contract was just received from DCED within the last week of July and the contract was effective in March. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve and execute the contract. Commissioner Thomas thanked Planning for their hard work in putting these projects together.

There was a request from the Huntingdon County Auditors for approval to attend the 2018 Auditor's Convention. The convention is being held in Indiana County September 30, 2018 through October 4, 2018. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes) to approve attendance. The cost to the County is \$425 for registration and meals plus lodging expenses.

As the Treasurer, Susan Harry was present, Commissioner Sather requested she handle the resignation that was on the agenda for information and discussion. Susan announced the resignation of Bobbi Jo Gearhart as Deputy Treasurer effective Friday August 3, 2018. Treasurer Harry then announced that she has appointed Cathy Bilger of Mount Union to assume the duties of the Deputy Treasurer beginning Monday August 6, 2018.

There were 2 Veteran Burial allowances.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 10:17a.m.

Minutes prepared by Michelle Barnett, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary