

Huntingdon, PA

Tuesday, August 13, 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; Register and Recorder, Virginia Cooper; EMA Director, Joe Thompson; Daily News Reporter, Kylie Hawn 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 Sather.

It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, abstain) to approve the minutes of the July 30, 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 Thomas announced that there was a mistake printed in the newspaper indicating that the mold in the Sheriff's Office basement had already been cleaned. The Commissioners do have a quote for that work but it has not yet been completed. The cleaners will be in shortly to do that work. Commissioner Walls noted that the basement is sealed off and there is no danger to the employees or to the public.

Commissioner Walls announced that the County had its annual summer picnic yesterday. It was very successful and the Commissioners extend their thanks to all who were involved.

Commissioner Sather expressed his appreciation for all 911 dispatchers.

Virginia Cooper announced that the Register and Recorder's Office had just completed its four year audit. Everything came out in order, accurate, and complete.

During the public comment period, Jim Cassatt noted that the Commissioners had recently authorized the demolition of blighted properties in Spruce Creek. Mr. Cassatt would like to know if the county has a lien on the property or who owns those properties. Commissioner Thomas noted that all of those details are being worked out through Spruce Creek.

Jim Cassatt also said that he saw in the paper that the County had granted a three month extension to the County Auditors because the department could not produce the information. Commissioner Sather clarified that the County had not granted the extension, but rather the Auditors had petitioned the Court for an extension until on or before November 1st.

There were no matters to be addressed by the Solicitor.

Joe Thompson, EMA Director, asked for consideration of approval for the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Grant Application. This will designate Joe Thompson as the point of contact between the County and the State for this grant. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Joe Thompson, EMA Director, asked for consideration of approval for the State Homeland Security Grant Program Agreement. This provides funding for three years for the South-Central Mountains Regional Task Force, comprised of Bedford, Blair, Centre, Fulton, Juniata, Mifflin, Snyder, and Huntingdon Counties. The counties work together for counterterrorism purposes and will have grant funding in the amount of \$452, 000 for the three year period). It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Virginia Cooper, Register and Recorder, asked for consideration of approval for a memorandum of understanding for the Retired Senior Volunteers Program. This is the third renewal for this program with the Center for Community Action. The agreement will be in effect from August 13, 2019 through August 13, 2022. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes).

There were no Matters for Action and Information.

There was 1 Veteran's Burial Allowance.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Walls to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Heather N. Fellman, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary