

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 and Walls; Chief Clerk, Heather Fellman; Deputy Chief Clerk, Tracey Rhodes; Solicitor, Larry Newton; Wendy Melius and Natasha Brubaker from the Center for Community Action; Mike Hannon from Tri-County Drug and Alcohol and Daily News Reporter, Kylie Hawn.

Shannon Walborn, CYS Director; Claudia Conrad, CYS Fiscal Supervisor; Chris Dixon, CYS Fiscal Tech and Katie Unger, EMA Director participated 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 Sather.

It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Sather and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes) to approve the previous week's minutes as presented.

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

There was one addition to the agenda: consideration of approval for the 2023 County Holiday Calendar. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Sather and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

There were no announcements.

Under public comments, Mike Hannon commented that Naloxone is available to agencies and individuals who need it. Anyone interested can call 717-242-1446. Tri-County Drug and Alcohol is also hoping to resume prevention activities in schools at the same rate as before COVID when the new school year starts.

There were no matters to be addressed by the solicitor.

Under new business, Wendy Melius and Natasha Brubaker from the Center for Community Action presented agency updates. Natasha Brubaker presented PHARE reports for 2018-2020. \$36,184 of the 2018 funding have been spent. There are three jobs under contract using 2018 funds as well. After those projects are complete, there will be about \$38,816 left over. For the 2019 year, the agency received \$100,000 to be used for homelessness prevention. These funds were just opened at the beginning of this year. \$14,064 have been spent so far. The 2020 funds have been received but not opened for use yet. These funds are also for homelessness prevention. 2019 funds must be spent before 2020 funds. The State has continued to grant extensions for expending these funds due to COVID delays.

Natasha Brubaker asked for consideration of approval for the 2021 PHARE contract. They have applied for and been granted \$125,000 for rental assistance. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Sather and carried (Walls, yes; Sather, yes).

Wendy Melius gave an update on Center for Community Action as a whole. She distributed reports to the Commissioners detailing the work of her agency over the previous year. In 2021 they served 1,585 individuals from 723 families in Huntingdon County. In FY 2020 they served 984 individuals across 499 families. These numbers do not include those served at the food pantry. There was an increase in housing program usage. They helped divert evictions for 281 families. They helped pay rent in arrears for 209 families. They implemented new programs including car purchase and repair programs, scholarship programs, employment programs, and lending library of tech programs. 5 people were assisted through the scholarship program. Mobile hotspots and laptops can be checked out for telehealth appointments, virtual work from home and home education. In the first year of ERAP 1 funding, 101 families were helped. In the second year of ERAP 1 funding 412 families and 1,042 individuals were helped.

Katie Unger, EMA Director, presented an update on COVID-19. The average number of new cases per day in the county was 7. The state is at 19,947. We are in the medium level of community spread. SCI Smithfield currently has 10 inmates and 2 staff members testing positive. SCI Huntingdon has no inmates and 5 staff members testing positive. Our incident rate for the county is 82 per 100,000 and the state is 113.3. The PCR percent positivity is 6% for the county and 15.3% for the state. Long-term care facilities are doing well with a few incidents among staff and residents. 24,740 vaccines have been distributed in the county. 11,007 boosters have been given. There have been 1,993 that have received a second booster. The county is 50% vaccinated. There were no deaths in the last week for a total of 255 since the beginning of the pandemic. The dominant variant is still Omicron.

Shannon Walborn, CYS Director, requested consideration of approval to send Lori Deline, the agency's Education Liaison, to training for the PA Student Assistance Program (SAP). This is a three-day training hosted locally in Huntingdon County. No hotel room is needed. The total cost of the training is \$350. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Sather and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Claudia Conrad and Chris Dixon from the CYS Department requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with the Cornell Abraxas Group, LLC. They provide residential and secure residential services and a detention facility. This is for contract year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 and it is a renewal from last year. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Sather, yes).

Claudia Conrad and Chris Dixon requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with Families United Network, Inc. They provide residential and foster care services. This is for contract year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 and it is a renewal from last year. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Sather and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Claudia Conrad and Chris Dixon requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with the Youth Advocate Program. They provide family preservation, family reunification and truancy services. This is for contract year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 and is a renewal from last year. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Sather and carried (Walls, yes; Sather, yes).

Consideration of approval was given for the 2023 holiday calendar which includes all federal holidays, Good Friday, the day after Thanksgiving and the day after Christmas. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Sather and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

There were no matters for action, information and discussion.

There were 4 Veteran's Burial Allowance.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Walls to adjourn the meeting at 10:16 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Heather N. Fellman, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary