

Huntingdon, PA

Tuesday, February 19, 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; Huntingdon County Children and Youth Services Director, Shannon Walborn; Deputy Treasurer, Kathy Bilger; Daily News Reporter, Kylie Hawn and visitor, Nancy McNamera.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Commissioner Sather, followed in prayer led by Commissioner Walls and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag by Commissioner Thomas.

It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the minutes of the February 12, 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 Sather recognized the passing of Joe Giacobello.

There were no public comments.

There were no matters to be addressed by the Solicitor.

CYS Director, Shannon Walborn, asked for the consideration of approval to attend the Statewide Permanency Roundtable from April 22nd through the 24th. Five registrations and hotel stays are provided to the county. Seven individuals would like to attend. The cost for additional attendees is \$250 for registration and \$95 per night for the hotel stay. The cost for this training has been budgeted. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Consideration was given to the appointment of two new General Authority Board Members, Dennis Scott of Three Springs, and Jim Foster of Alexandria. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Consideration of approval was given to approve Resolution 2019-5 authorizing the signing of the Lobbying Certification Form from PennDOT. In order to receive funding for the Shade Creek Bridge, this document must be signed. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes).

Matthew Price, from the Huntingdon County Visitor's Bureau, presented a review of the Huntingdon County Visitor's Bureau Audit for the fiscal year July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. CPA Associates performed this audit. They ended the fiscal year with about \$45,000 more in current assets and about \$64,000 more in total assets. This was largely because of the ordinance passes last year the created the 5% hotel occupancy tax, which was an increase from the 3% that existed before that. The support revenue was a little over half a million dollars in 2018. \$328,000 of that was from room tax. The rest was from membership dues, donations, and other program revenues. The Visitor's Bureau opted not to increase their expenses much this year. There was approximately a \$40,000 increase for salary increases. They also invested in a new website for approximately \$30,000. 2017 was a record-breaking year for visitor spending in Huntingdon, with visitors spending over \$170 million here in the county. The biggest chunk of liabilities is for employee paid time off. There is a line of credit that is maintained, although they have not had to utilize this credit in 11 years.

There were no Matters for Action, Consideration, and Discussion.

There was one Veteran's Burial Allowance.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Sather to adjourn the meeting at 10:11 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Heather N. Fellman, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary