

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, Walls and Thomas; Chief Clerk, Heather Fellman; Deputy Chief Clerk, Stacie Cutshall; Solicitor, Larry Newton; Deputy Warden, Dan Weikert; Community Development Administrator, Jennifer Bellis and Daily News Reporter, Kylie Hawn.

EMA Director, Katie Unger attended 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 Thomas.

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

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

There was one addition to the agenda: consideration of approval to accept the resignation of the CYS Director. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Sather and carried (Thomas, no; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Under announcements, Commissioner Thomas asked residents to get their COVID vaccines and to allow their eligible children to get vaccinated as well.

There were no public comments.

There were no matters to be addressed by the solicitor.

Under new business, Dan Weikert, Deputy Warden, requested consideration of approval to hire Timothy Binegar-Enoch for the position of part-time Corrections Officer effective 10/24/2022. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Dan Weikert requested consideration of approval for an intergovernmental agreement with the Department of Corrections for technical training. The Commissioners offered their thanks to the DOC for being great community partners. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes).

Jennifer Bellis, Community Development Administrator, requested consideration of approval for a Notice of Award to Glenn Hawbaker for the Diven Park Project. The scope of this project is being reduced due to bids exceeding the estimate. The total cost is \$154,615. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes) to accept the Notice of Award concurrent with the change order reducing the scope of work.

Jen Bellis requested consideration of approval for the Diven Park Project Agreement. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Jen Bellis requested consideration of approval for a Notice to Proceed to Graciano for the Mapleton Reservoir Project. The scope of this project will also be reduced due to high bids. The cost of the project came in at \$107,500 and is being reduced to \$60,250. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to accept the Notice to Proceed concurrent with Change Order 1.

Jen Bellis requested consideration of approval for the Mapleton Reservoir Agreement. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes).

Heather Fellman, Chief Clerk, requested consideration of approval for a polling place change for Dublin Township. The proposal would move the polling place from Shade Gap Fire Hall to the Shade Gap Ladies Auxiliary Building located at 21367 Main Street in Shade Gap. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Heather Fellman requested consideration of approval for a polling place change for Mount Union, 1st District. The proposal would move the polling place from Bethel AME to Bricktown Senior Center located at 18 N. Washington St. in Mount Union. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Heather Fellman requested consideration of approval to hire Olivia Isenberg for the position of Fiscal Clerk effective 10/17/2022. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes).

Heather Fellman requested consideration of approval to hire Christopher Helsel for the position of Custodial Supervisor effective 10/26/2022. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Consideration of approval was given to accept the resignation of Shannon Walborn, CYS Director, effective 10/27/2022. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Sather and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, no). Commissioner Thomas noted that her resignation letter was just received and he would have preferred to have a conversation with her before adding this item to the agenda. All Commissioners expressed their gratitude for the incredible work she has done during her time with the county.

Katie Unger, EMA Director, presented an update on COVID-19. The number of county cases stands at 13,016. The state is at 2,688,826 cases. We are in the medium level of community spread. Data for the state correctional facilities was unavailable at this time. Hospitalizations are at 1,165. Incident rate and PCR data are currently unavailable. Long-term care facilities are doing well with a few incidents among staff and residents. Vaccine data is currently unavailable. There were two additional deaths in the last week for a total of 263 since the beginning of the pandemic. The dominant variant is still Omicron.

There were no matters for action, information and discussion.

There were no Veteran's Burial Allowances.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Heather N. Fellman, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary