

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 Walls, Thomas and Reeder; Solicitor, Larry Newton; Chief Clerk, Heather Fellman; Sarah Keck from CES Engineering; Planning Director, Laurie Nearhood; Community Development Administrator, Jen Bellis; Ilona Ballreich from Penn State and Daily News Reporter, Joe Thompson.

CYS Fiscal Supervisor, Cecelia St. Clair, participated via GoToMeeting.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Commissioner Walls. Prayer was led by Commissioner Reeder and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Commissioner Walls.

It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes) to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

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

There were no additions to the agenda.

Under announcements, Commissioner Walls commented that the first week of May is Small Business Support Week. He encouraged residents to support our local small businesses.

There were no public comments.

There were no matters to be addressed by the Solicitor.

Under new business, consideration of approval was given for Proclamation 10-2024 for ABATE in honor of Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Reeder, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Ilona Ballreich, Sustainable Communities Collaborative Program Director, gave an update on the work being done in her program.

Sarah Keck from CES Engineering requested consideration of approval for a waterline change order for the Courthouse renovation project. The amount of the change order is not to exceed \$20,143. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes).

Sarah Keck requested consideration of approval for a change order for window replacement in the Courthouse. The Commissioners are concerned about exceeding the project amount with change orders happening so soon after the start of the project. They are requesting removal of the basement window replacement. This will eliminate \$69,250 from the cost of the project. Commissioner Thomas expressed objections, noting that if these windows are not replaced now, the history of building projects in the county indicates that they will not be

replaced in the foreseeable future. The current windows are inefficient and need to be replaced. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Walls, and carried (Thomas, no; Reeder, yes; Walls, yes).

Laurie Nearhood, Planning Director, requested consideration of approval for Act 13 award recommendations. 14 applications were received and reviewed. The proposed awards are as follows: \$10,000 to Cassville for three projects, \$1,746 to Warrior's Mark, \$2,020 to Marklesburg, \$8,904 to Alexandria, and \$7,330 to Petersburg. Commissioner Thomas commented that municipalities should be aware that the C2P2 grant is now open for applications. This award can be used for matching funds for the C2P2 grant so that municipalities can get more funding for their projects. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder and carried (Reeder, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Jen Bellis, Community Development Administrator, requested consideration of approval for a notice of award to Snyder Excavating, LLC for the West Davis/West Water Street Waterline Project in the amount of \$149,805. The project is expected to be completed by the end of the summer. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes).

Cecelia St. Clair, CYS Fiscal Supervisor, requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with Bethany Christian Services. This is a renewal from last year for contract year July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 at the state-approved rates. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder and carried (Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes; Walls, yes).

There were no Matters for Action.

There were 2 Veteran's Burial Allowances.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Reeder to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Heather Fellman, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary