

Huntingdon, PA
Tuesday, May 22, 2018
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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 being present: Commissioners Sather, Walls and Thomas; Chief Clerk, Michelle Barnett; Solicitor, Peter McManamon; Treasurer, Susan Harry; Recycling Coordinator, LouAnn Shontz; Planning Director, Mark Colussy; CYS Administrator, Ashley Smyder and visitor Jim Cassatt

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Commissioner Sather, followed by prayer led by Commissioner Walls 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, yes) to approve the minutes of the May 8th, 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 was a request by LouAnn Shontz to attend the PROP Conference and a request by Ashley Smyder to attend the PCYA training added to the agenda.

There were no announcements.

Jim Cassatt inquired about the Electronics Collection and complimented the coordination of the event. Commissioner Sather thanked Mr. Cassatt for his compliment and commented that Recycling Coordinator, LouAnn Shontz would be providing an update on the event.

There were no matters addressed by the Solicitor.

Ashley Smyder, CYS Administrator was first on the agenda with a request for two staff members to attend the Multidisciplinary Team Response training. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes) to approve attendance to the training. The training is to be held September 24th – 27th in Harrisburg. The training is free; cost to the County will be meals and use of a County vehicle. Ashley also requested approval for Claudia Conrad, CYS Fiscal Supervisors as well as herself to attend the PCYA training to be held June 27 through June 29 in Gettysburg. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve attendance to the training. The cost to the County will be \$435.00 for meals and lodging.

Mark Colussy, Planning Director was present to request consideration of funding the Act 13 Legacy Fund recommended projects. On February 6, 2018, the Board of Commissioners approved the project applications for Mapleton Borough Boat Launch Project, \$9,500, Mount Union Borough, Diven Park Project, \$8,500 and Tell Township, Blairs Mills Sportsman Association Renovation \$10,000. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes) to approve funding the projects as presented. Jim Cassatt asked if the amount of the award includes the 6% administrative fee. Mark Colussy stated that the 6% administrative fee is deducted from the award amount. Jim Cassatt was concerned that recipients would be planning for the full award instead of the amount after the administrative fee is deducted. He feels the recipients do not understand the amount they will actually receive.

Mark Colussy then requested consideration executing two Act 13 Legacy Fund contracts. The first contract was with Mapleton Borough. Solicitor, Peter McManamon advised Mark of some revisions that will be needed to the contracts. Solicitor McManamon explained that the permissible uses and actual project descriptions would need to be included in the contracts. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes) to approve the Mapleton Borough contract pending solicitor review. The second contract for consideration was with Shirley Township. Shirley Township and HCBI are ready to move the project forward. The Township is scheduled to act on contract execution by Resolution on May 31st. Solicitor McManamon suggested that the board wait until the Township takes action. Commissioner Thomas commented that it has been nearly two years since the project was brought to the board. Commissioner Sather commented that the Shirley Township should take action first. Mark Colussy then requested an agreement extension for the Tell Township Sportsman Association Renovation Project. Approximately two thirds of the project is

complete, however the township has not been able to finalize the project to date and anticipate they will not complete by July 25th. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to extend the agreement until December 31, 2018.

LouAnn Shontz, Recycling Coordinator was present to provide an update on the first of four Electronics Collection event that was held at the fairground on May 19, 2018. LouAnn commented that the event was overwhelming. LouAnn expressed her concern on how the public treated the fire police from Smithfield Fire Company. The fire police provided traffic control services. LouAnn explained that there were 255 cars serviced and approximately 100 cars has to be turned away due to the containers being completely filled. There were 41,626 pounds collected. May of 2015 there were 30,641 pounds collected. LouAnn announced that there are three additional electronic events scheduled. The next scheduled collections are July 28th, one in September and October 20th. LouAnn also discussed that there are plans to use a larger building and have the traffic routed more efficiently for the next collections. Commissioner Sather announced his appreciation to the Smithfield Fire Police for their service during the collection event. LouAnn also requested approval to attend the 2018 PROP Conference to be held July 25th through July 27th in Harrisburg. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes) to approve attendance to the conference. There is no cost to the County and expenses will be paid by South Central accounts.

Solicitor Peter McManamon presented a request by Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to approve a license agreement giving DEP access to the land surrounding the two bridges in Springfield Township during the rehabilitation. The two bridges are part of a bridge bundle that will be funded by PADOT. Commissioner Sather explained that there is no cost to the County for the bridge rehabilitation. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes) to approve the agreement as presented.

There were 4 Veteran Burial allowances.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Walls to adjourn the meeting at 10:40a.m.

Minutes prepared by Michelle Barnett, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary