

Huntingdon, PA

Tuesday, August 20, 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; CYS Director, Shannon Walborn; CYS Fiscal Supervisor, Claudia Conrad; CYS Fiscal Tech, Chris Riling; Mapping Director, Sean Houck; Veteran's Affairs Director, Brian Bassett; Deputy Treasurer, Cathy Bilger; Wendy Melius, Tiffany Jones, and Makayla Bollman from the Center for Community Action; News Reporter, Kylie Hawn and visitor, Jim Cassatt.

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

It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the minutes of the August 13, 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 Thomas reminded members of the public to check on their neighbors and the elderly and not to leave pets outside during the next heat wave.

During the public comment period, Jim Cassatt inquired about the petition that the County Auditors filed in court asking for an extension on the audit report. He expressed his belief that the Commissioners were not requiring county employees to comply with requests from the auditors in a timely manner. Commissioner Sather noted that the petition filed in court by the County Auditors indicates that they are waiting on the State audit report. This report will not be available from the County's external auditing firm until approximately the end of September.

There were no matters to be addressed by the Solicitor.

Sean Houck, Mapping Director, asked for consideration of approval for the State-Wide Data-Sharing Agreement. This will allow for sharing of some basic data such as parcel boundaries and municipal boundaries. Benefits include reduction in volume of Right to Know Requests to counties for basic information, promotion of economic development, reduction of risk in communities, encouraging communication at all levels of government and long-time preservation of data. Commissioner Sather commended Mr. Houck and his department for their hard work. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Wendy Melius from the Center for Community Action presented a review of their Annual Report and 6 Month Report to the State for the Community Development Block Grant. This report covers the following five domains: Employment, Education and Cognitive Development, Housing, Health, and Social Development. The Center for Community Action has identified goals for each are that fit the mission of

the organization. Ms. Melius reports that the organization is currently well within its goals and only falls short of where they would like to be in the area of employment.

Tiffany Jones from the Center for Community Action provided an update on the services the Center for Community Action was able to provide to Huntingdon County residents so far this year. Commissioner Walls asked how the needs of Huntingdon County compare to other counties served by the organization. Ms. Melius reported that the needs are about the same. Ms. Jones noted that the "Home for Good" program was new this year and they have applied to participate again next year.

Ms. Melius thanked the Commissioners for allowing the Center for Community Action to apply for the Pennsylvania Housing Affordability Fund (PHARE) Program. Through PHARE, the organization was awarded \$100,000 for the Wood Township Senior Housing project. Makayla Bollman discussed plans for the new building project. Commissioner Thomas asked when construction is expected to begin. Ms. Melius responded that if everything goes well they would like to begin construction next fall or winter, although she noted that this is a very aggressive timeline. Jim Cassatt asked about the building on 5th Street in Huntingdon that just sold. He asked if part of the proceeds from the sale of that building would be going towards this new project. Ms. Melius noted that the proceeds from that sale were used to pay off that building. She further noted that it was a zoning issue that made them sell that property and the grant money that they received for it was shifted to prevention and rapid rehousing because that is what that grant was intended for. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Chris Riling, CYS Fiscal Tech, asked for consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with White Deer Run, Inc. Cove Prep. This facility is part of Acadia Health Hospital System. It is a secure facility primarily used by juvenile probation. This is a renewal from last year for July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes).

Chris Riling asked for consideration of approval for a purchase of service contract with Intrinsic Interventions. This company provides drug tests. This is a new contract for July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. Commissioner Thomas asked if results will be delayed as this company is based out of Florida. Shannon Walborn, CYS Director responded that they send the tests and most are instant result tests. Claudia Conrad, CYS Fiscal Supervisor, noted that the previous provider was based out of California. Ms. Walborn explained that the reason for the change is that this company offers newer drug tests that cover a broader range of substances. They were also able to offer a discount. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Chris Riling asked for consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with Huntingdon County Child and Adult Development Corporation. This company provides daycare services for children in foster care. This is a renewal for July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Chris Riling asked for consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with Evolution Counseling Services, LLC. This is a renewal for July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes).

Heather Fellman, Chief Clerk, asked for consideration of approval to attend the Society of County Human Resource Professionals of Pennsylvania (SCHRPP) Annual Conference. There is no registration fee because the County belongs to the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania. Attendance

at this conference goes towards continuing education credits that reduce county expenses for insurance. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

There were no Matters for Action and Information.

There were 3 Veteran's Burial Allowances.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Heather N. Fellman, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary