

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; CYS Director, Shannon Walborn; CYS Fiscal Officer, Cecelia St. Clair; Community Development Administrator, Jennifer Bellis; 911 Director, Chris Stevens; Chief Assessor, Missy Bousum; Treasurer, Susan Harry and Daily News Reporter, Kylie Hawn.

EMA Director, Katie Unger and CYS Fiscal Tech, Chris Dixon attended via GoToMeeting.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Commissioner Sather. Prayer was led by Commissioner Sather and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was 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 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 were no additions to the agenda.

Under announcements, Commissioner Thomas asked residents to get their COVID vaccines and to allow their eligible children to get vaccinated as well. Commissioner Thomas also expressed his deepest condolences on behalf of the county to Mark Sather for the loss of his father, Larry Sather. Larry Sather was a Commissioner for many years and a State Representative. Commissioner Walls commented that Larry Sather was a great public servant. Commissioner Sather commented that Larry Sather was his mentor and he was also a youth leader, county leader and a state legislator. To many, he was a community person, from fire companies to Boy Scouts and everything in between.

There were no public comments.

There were no matters to be addressed by the solicitor.

Under new business, Chris Stevens, 911 Director, requested consideration of approval to accept the 2022 911 Statewide Interconnectivity Grant Funding in the amount of \$203,046. This funding is used for regional equipment maintenance. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Susan Harry, Treasurer, requested consideration of approval to hire Angela Dixon effective 10/3/2022. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Shannon Walborn, CYS Director, requested consideration of approval for a contract modification for the CAI contract for professional fiscal consulting services. Commissioner Sather commented that action had previously been taken to approve this contract pending solicitor review. A review has been completed. The amount of the contract remains the same at \$45,600. 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 modification to the contract for the FY 2020 COVID funds. The original project was for housing and utility assistance within the Borough, however we have not received any additional applications for assistance. We were granted recently an extension for these funds so we are working on reallocating those funds from the housing and utility assistance to some playground enhancements at Portstown Park. The total amount to be reallocated is \$60,100. Commissioner Walls expressed his appreciation to the Planning Department for keeping this money in the county. When you send these funds back, they are redistributed and another county gets to use them in their community. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Jen Bellis requested consideration of approval for Resolution 9-2022 for the funding reallocation for Portstown Park. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Consideration of approval was given to add an extension request for the Portstown Park Project to the agenda. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Wall and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes).

Jen Bellis requested consideration of approval to request an extension for the Portstown Park project to May 31, 20223. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Missy Bousum, Chief Assessor, requested consideration of approval for herself and the Deputy Assessor to attend the AAP fall conference. The cost is \$330 for the room and \$300/person for the conference for a total of \$930. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Missy Bousum provided some information on the third-party contractor that is working on data collection for her office throughout the county. This vendor is helping to ensure that all property records are updated and accurate. This is not a reassessment. All of their cars are clearly marked. They have identification badges both from Vision and the County and they wear fluorescent yellow vests with "Vision" printed on the back. They will be taking pictures that are strictly for use in the Tax Assessment Office. These pictures will not be for public access and use. These workers will not ask to come inside your house, although they may ask you general questions about the inside of your house. For example, number of rooms, bathrooms, whether your basement is finished, etc.

Consideration of approval was given to accept a heating oil bid. Two bids were received – one from Shipley Energy and one from Bumgardner and Flasher. Shipley offered a fixed rate of \$4.79 or a variable rate of \$.75 above the OPIS price, which currently stands at \$4.65. Bumgardner and Flasher offered \$.15 above the rack price, which currently stands at \$3.82. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Sather and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes) to accept the bid from Bumgardner and Flasher for contract year October 4, 2022 through October 3, 2023.

Katie Unger, EMA Director, presented an update on COVID-19. The number of county cases stands at 12,969. The state is at 2,678,949 cases. We are in the medium level of community spread. SCI Smithfield currently has 31 inmates and 2 staff members testing positive. SCI Huntingdon has 1 inmate and 6 staff members testing positive. Hospitalizations are at 1,186. Our incident rate for the county is 139.6 per 100,000 and the state is 85.6. The PCR percent positivity is 13.6% for the county. Long-term care facilities are doing well with a few incidents among staff and residents. 25,079 vaccines have been distributed in the county. 11,329 boosters have been given. There have been 2,693 that have received a second booster. There were no additional deaths in the last week for a total of 261 since the beginning of the pandemic. The dominant variant is still Omicron.

There were no matters for action, information and discussion.

There were two Veteran's Burial Allowances.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 10:09 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Heather N. Fellman, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary