

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; Solicitor, Larry Newton; Deputy Chief Clerk, Stacie Cutshall; Planning Director, Jim Lettiere; Daily News Reporter, Kylie Hawn and guest, Curtis McConaughy.

Katie Unger, EMA Director, participated 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; Thomas, yes; Walls, yes) to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Thomas, yes; Walls, 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 and flu vaccines and boosters and to vaccinate their eligible children. Commissioner Walls noted that it is difficult to heat homes right now and we all need to watch out for our neighbors. Commissioner Sather reminded everyone to watch out for youth while they are at play and on their way to and from school. Commissioner Thomas noted that he was in Harrisburg last Wednesday and Thursday serving on the Board of Directors for the County Commissioners Association. He serves on the Human Services Committee and chairs the Taxation and Assessment Committee. We were fortunate to meet with legislative leaders to promote our six priorities for 2023. Our six priorities are 911 funding and reauthorization, resources for county inmates with mental health issues, county medical health-based funding increase, address the needs to children and youth that have complex behavioral health issues, broadband access and development, and promotion of election integrity.

There were no public comments.

There were no matters to be addressed by the solicitor.

Under new business, Jim Lettiere, Planning Director, requested consideration of approval for a short form agreement for engineering services with the EADS Group for preparation of the Huntingdon County Active Transportation Plan. This contract is \$25,000 funded through the PA Walk Works grant that the county received from the PA Department of Health last year. The period for the grant is October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023. After completion of the plan, the County will be in a much stronger position to leverage funding from the major funding entities of DCED, DCNR, SAPDC and other federal and state agencies. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Sather, yes; Thomas, yes).

Kathryn Unger, EMA Director, presented an update on COVID-19. The number of county cases stands at 13,694. The State total is 2,848,613. We are in the medium level of community spread. SCI Smithfield has 28 inmates and 5 staff members testing positive. SCI Huntingdon has no inmates and 6 staff members testing positive. Hospitalization is at 1,258. The incident rate is 59.1 for the County and 63.8 for the State. PCR is at 7.7% for the County and 13% for the State. There are 27 cases among residents and staff in long-term care facilities. 25,483 people have been vaccinated in Huntingdon County and 4,599 have received their booster. There was 1 additional death in the last week for a total of 276 since the beginning of the pandemic.

There was nothing discussed under matters for action.

There were no Veteran's Burial Allowances.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Heather N. Fellman, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary