

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, Tracey Rhodes; Fiscal Clerk, Stacie Cutshall; Solicitor, Larry Newton; CYS Director, Shannon Walborn; CYS Fiscal Officer, Cecelia St. Clair; Sheriff, Jeff Leonard; Planning Director, Jim Lettiere; Community Development Administrator, Jennifer Bellis; Kathy Whelan and Lisa Bollinger from JVBDS 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 Walls and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Commissioner Thomas.

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 Walls thanked Deputy Chief Clerk Tracey Rhodes for her service and welcomed the new Deputy Chief Clerk, Stacie Cutshall. Commissioner Thomas asked residents to get their COVID vaccines and to allow their eligible children to get vaccinated as well. Commissioner Sather commented that the Commissioners will be receiving fuel bids until close of business next Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. Bids will be opened at the public meeting on September 27<sup>th</sup>.

There were no public comments.

There were no matters to be addressed by the solicitor.

Under new business, Kathy Whelan and Lisa Bollinger from Juniata Valley Behavioral and Developmental Services (JVBDS) requested consideration of approval for Proclamation 12-2022 to recognize October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month. JVBDS works collaboratively with CareerLink and other local organizations and businesses to encourage families of individuals with disabilities to provide the ability to live a full and purposeful life including having meaningful jobs in the community. Lisa Bollinger noted that in 2022 we had 64 employees employed through this program at 60 employers. In order to kick off National Disability Employment Awareness Month, JVBDS secured a grant from the PA Council of Disabilities and we are sponsoring 2 sessions on employment. We still have openings in our family session on Thursday evening from 5-8. The workshop is called, "Work is Possible: Imagining a Great Life for Individuals with Disabilities." Families play a key role in helping their loved one explore interest and prepare for employment success. Throughout the month of October, there will be a schedule of online events thanks to Mifflin County CareerLink. We will post them on our Facebook page, which is HMJ Employment Coalition. Commissioner Thomas offered his thanks to Ms. Bollinger for her leadership in this area. Commissioner Sather thanked JVBDS for all of the work done by their organization in our community. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Jennifer Bellis, Community Development Administrator, requested consideration of approval for an agreement with State Pipe Services, Inc. for the Smithfield Township levy culvert rehabilitation project. We received 2 bids. This provider offered the lowest bid. The total cost is \$79,000. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Jennifer Bellis commented that a survey was sent out to 12 residents in Mount Union on West Davis and West Garber Street on July 27<sup>th</sup>. We received 4 back via mail. We began calling everybody else. We did not receive any responses back via phone. We went door to door and received 2 more. We are still outstanding several. Without 100% participation by all residents in the area, the project will not be able to be considered for grant funding. It is important that those residents complete those surveys. They are strictly

confidential. It remains in our office. We are looking for percentages, not individual data. The survey takes about a minute and a half to complete. This will offer water lines and a fire hydrant for these streets.

Chris Dixon, CYS Fiscal Tech, requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with Adelphoi Village, Inc. They provide foster care and residential services. This is for contract year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. It is a renewal from last year at the state-approved rates. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes).

Consideration of approval was given for Proclamation 12-2022 for United Way Day of Caring on September 21, 2022. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Heather Fellman, Chief Clerk, requested consideration of approval to hire Stacie Cutshall for the position of Deputy Chief Clerk effective 26 September 2022. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Katie Unger, EMA Director, presented an update on COVID-19. The number of county cases stands at 12,787. The state is at 2,652,218 cases. We are in the medium level of community spread. SCI Smithfield currently has 17 inmates and 4 staff members testing positive. SCI Huntingdon has no inmates and 4 staff members testing positive. Our incident rate for the county is 130.7 per 100,000 and the state is 96.9. The PCR percent positivity is 10.7% for the county and 15.6% for the state. Long-term care facilities are doing well with a few incidents among staff and residents. 2 of our 3 facilities are reporting. 25,094 vaccines have been distributed in the county. 11,320 boosters have been given. There have been 2,690 that have received a second booster. The county is 51% vaccinated. There were no additional deaths in the last week for a total of 260 since the beginning of the pandemic. The dominant variant is still Omicron.

There were no matters for action, information and discussion.

There were no Veteran's Burial Allowances.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Heather N. Fellman, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary