

Huntingdon, PA
Tuesday, May 8, 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; Sheriff, Jeff Leonard; Recycling Coordinator, LouAnn Shontz; Planning Director, Mark Colussy; Allison Fisher, JVBDS and visitor, Jim Cassett.

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

It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Sather, abstain; 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.

A personnel, training and recycling request was added to the agenda.

Commissioner Sather announced that there would be no meeting on May 15th due to the Election. Michelle Barnett announced that today is the last day to request an absentee ballot and that all voted ballots must be returned by Friday May 11th. Commissioner Walls urged everyone to vote and announced the continued need for poll workers.

There were no public comments.

There were no matters addressed by the Solicitor.

First order of business was a request from Sheriff, Jeff Leonard to hire Kenneth Harker as a Part Time as Needed Deputy Sheriff. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes) to approve hiring Kenneth Harker effective June 29, 2018. Sheriff Leonard then requested approval to attend the PA Sheriff's Conference. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve attendance to the Conference to be held July 11-14, 2018.

LouAnn Shontz, Recycling Coordinator and Mark Colussy were present to request approval to submit the 903 Grant Application for County expense reimbursement. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes) to approve submitting the grant application as presented. LouAnn also provided information for awareness for the Tri County Solid Waste Recycling program. Due to costs associated, there will be a closure of some drop off sites. The sites in jeopardy include the Jackson Miller School and Porter Township. Parks' garbage (now Apple Valley Recycling) has agreed to service the Wood Miser and Oneida Township locations. LouAnn also announced the Electronics collection to be held May 12th from 9a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Fairgrounds.

The final order of business was a request by Allison Fisher from Juniata Valley Behavior and Development Services (JVBDS). The request was to consider hiring a Fiscal Tech for JVBDS. Commissioner Sather commented that this would normally be considered at a JVBDS Joinder meeting. Allison commented that there was a concern of timeliness; therefore, the Solicitor recommended this approach be taken as it has been in the past. Allison also commented that in the meantime there have been discussions about the actual position. Commissioner Sather commented that we have received a phone call and email correspondence from a Commissioner. Allison stated she had not seen that correspondence and that there is some question regarding the Civil Service job description and there may have been a request to table the matter. Commissioner Walls commented that he received an email with the request to table as well. Allison stated that the previous position had been two equal positions but originally the positions were not equal in the past. Allison also stated that the Mifflin County Solicitor had some questions about the position and requested further discussion. Commissioner Sather asked if this is an existing open position. Allison replied that this is an existing open position. Commissioner Sather stated the correspondence received to table the request were not clear on the reason. Commissioner Sather asked where the Juniata Solicitor stands with the request. Allison commented that she is not sure of the status of the Juniata County Solicitor or if one has been appointed yet.

Commissioner Thomas stated he was ready to act on the request to hire, as he received no correspondence from the other Commissioners regarding the request to table. Commissioner Walls and Sather both commented on the lack of clarity and the unknown pertaining to the request to table hiring the Fiscal Tech. Commissioner Sather explained that JVBDS is on a fiscal year, which explains the immediate need for action. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Sather and carried (Thomas, no; Sather, yes; Walls, yes) to table the request to hire pending further review. Commissioner Thomas commented that the group has discussed this issue many times and the need to fill this position has been stressed. Commissioner Walls apologized to Allison for her travel time to Huntingdon.

There were 4 Veteran Burial allowances.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Walls to adjourn the meeting at 10:12a.m.

Minutes prepared by Michelle Barnett, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary