

Huntingdon, PA

Tuesday, January 14, 2020

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The regular 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; Veterans Affairs Director, Brian Bassett; Planning Director, Mark Colussy; Planning Intern, Stan Willis; News Reporter, Kylie Hawn and visitors, Jim Cassatt and Mike Hannon.

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

It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the minutes of the January 7th 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 three additions to the agenda: ratification of the Board of Commissioners, appointments to the Housing Authority, and approval for the solicitor to advertise a loan package.

There were no announcements.

Under public comment, Jim Cassatt reiterated a previously asked question regarding a potential discrepancy he found in the total balance for the Bailey Building. Commissioner Sather noted that the Commissioners had looked into it several weeks ago but did not currently have the information in front of them. He noted that the payments have been consistent but to answer any more specific questions he would need to look at the information.

Mike Hannon commented that he would like first responders and members of law enforcement to know that if they are in need of naloxone they can give his office a call at 717-242-1446.

There were no matters to be addressed by the solicitor.

Under new business, the Board of Commissioners was ratified with no changes. Mark Sather is the Chairman, Scott Walls is the Vice Chairman, and Jeffrey Thomas is the Secretary. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Mark Colussy, Planning Director, requested consideration of approval for the annual Department of Agriculture certification of county funds for the 2020 program year. In Huntingdon County there are two specific sets of funds to highlight. The first set is the \$5,000 set aside from the Act 13 Legacy Fund. The second set is the interest that the County collects based off the Clean and Green Rollback Taxes that the Treasurer collects in the amount of \$2,070. Total funds for the 2020 program year are \$7,070. It was

moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls, and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Mark Colussy requested consideration of approval for three appointments to the Planning Commission for 4-year terms: Ron Rabena, Bryan Yeungling, and Raymond Baney. Mr. Baney has expressed that he would like to be replaced at some point but is willing to serve until a replacement is found. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Mark Colussy requested consideration of approval to make the Act 13 Legacy Funds available for municipal application. Projects that are eligible under the Act 13 Legacy Funds are recreation and land preservation projects. Once change to how this program will be organized this year is that the announcement will be made to municipalities earlier in the year to allow municipalities to get to work on their projects earlier in the construction season. This will give them time to ensure that deadlines are met. \$30,000 will be available to municipalities with a cap of \$10,000 per project. Additionally, \$5,000 was designated for Farmland Preservation. Public workshops will be held for interested municipalities on March 30 at noon and 5:30. Applications will be due by April 9th at 4:00 PM. Projects will be reviewed at the Planning Commission's Review workshop on April 16th at 6:00 PM. Kylie Hawn asked how much total funding is received under Act 13. Commissioner Thomas responded that it varies from year to year depending on the gas price. This year we are expected to get 21% less than is typical. We should know by June how much the County will receive for 2020. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes).

Consideration of approval was given for Resolution 2-2020 affirming the Second Amendment to the U. S. Constitution. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls yes).

Consideration of Approval was given for an appointment to the Housing Authority. The Housing Authority submitted a recommendation to extend the current term of George Kyle. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Consideration of approval was given for the County Solicitor to advertise for a loan package of \$1.2 million for election equipment and the Tax Assessment software package. Jim Cassatt commented that he thought the State was reimbursing for the election equipment and there was also a millage increase to cover the cost. Commissioner Sather commented that the County still has to be able to pay for the equipment up front. There is a reimbursement coming, but the County has to be able to pay now. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes).

There were no matters for action, information and discussion.

There was 1 Veteran's Burial Allowance.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 10:17 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Heather N. Fellman, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary