

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; Solicitor, Larry Newton; Court Administrator, Angela Robinson; Register and Recorder, Kelsey Dunn; EMA Director, Katie Unger and Daily News Reporter, Kylie Hawn.

Ryan Prater from the Central PA Food Bank attended via GoToMeeting.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Commissioner Sather. Prayer was led by Commissioner Thomas and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was 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 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 Sather commented that drivers should be aware of students who are now returning to school.

There were no public comments.

There were no matters to be addressed by the solicitor.

Under new business, Ran Prater from the Central PA Food Bank requested consideration of approval for Proclamation 11-2022 for Hunger Action Month. The second ever White House Conference on Hunger will take place September 28th. The last one was held during the Nixon administration. At this conference, the White House will be revealing a national strategy to end hunger. Anyone that wants to get involved in efforts to end hunger can donate, participate, and/or advocate. You can participate by volunteering in your community and advocate by contacting your public officials and encouraging them to support policies to end hunger. There are resources on our website to help you learn more. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Angela Robinson, Court Administrator, requested consideration of approval to accept the resignation of Julie Palmer from the position of part-time TIP staffer effective 9/1/2022. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Angela Robinson requested consideration of approval to hire Mary Ann Walters for the position of part-time TIP Staffer effective 9/1/2022. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes).

Under matters for action, information and discussion, Katie Unger, EMA Director, gave the weekly COVID-19 update. We are in the medium level of community spread. SCI Smithfield currently has 26 inmates and 2 staff members testing positive. SCI Huntingdon has no inmates and 2 staff members testing positive. Our incident rate for the county is 95.3 per 100,000 and the state is 110.4. The PCR percent positivity is 8.8% for the county and 16.4% for the state. Long-term care facilities are doing well with a few incidents among staff and residents. 25,051 vaccines have been distributed in the county. 11,277 boosters and 2,638 second boosters have been given. There were no deaths in the last week for a total of 259 since the beginning of the pandemic. The dominant variant is still Omicron.

There were no Veteran's Burial Allowance.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Walls to adjourn the meeting at 9:57 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Heather N. Fellman, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary