

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; Chief Clerk, Heather Fellman; District Attorney, Dave Smith; Court Administrator, Angela Robinson and Daily News Reporter, Kylie Hawn.

Cecelia St. Clair, CYS Fiscal Supervisor; Chris Dixon, CYS Fiscal Clerk and 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 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 minutes of the previous meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes) to approve payment of bills.

There was one addition to the agenda: Consideration of approval to hire a Director for Domestic Relations. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Under announcements, Commissioner Thomas asked residents to get their COVID and flu vaccines and boosters and to vaccinate their eligible children. Commissioner Walls commented that petition packets are now available in the Commissioners' Office for those seeking to run for public office this year. You cannot circulate your petitions until the 14th.

There were no public comments.

There were no matters to be addressed by the solicitor.

Under new business, Dave Smith, District Attorney, requested consideration of approval to attend the Mid-Winter Meeting. This meeting will fulfill his continuing education requirements. The total cost is \$362.52 for the hotel stay. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Angela Robinson, Court Administrator, requested consideration of approval to hire Mike Kipphan for the position of Director of Domestic Relations effective March 1, 2023 pending Kathy Richards' retirement. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes).

Cecelia St. Clair and Chris Dixon from the CYS Fiscal Office requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with the Children's Aide Society of Franklin County. This agreement is for contract year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 for residential and foster care services. These are state approved rates and this is a renewal from last year. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Kathryn Unger, EMA Director, presented an update on COVID-19. The number of county cases stands at 13,713. The State total is 2,856,992. We are in the low level of community spread. SCI Smithfield has 15 inmates and 9 staff members testing positive. SCI Huntingdon has no inmates and 9 staff members testing positive. Hospitalization is at 1,214. The incident rate is 31.8 for the County and 60.5 for the State. PCR is at 4.6% for the County and 12.5% for the State. There are 27 cases among residents and 44-48 among staff in long-term care facilities. 25,496 people have been vaccinated in Huntingdon County and 4,619 have received their booster. There was 1 additional death in the last week for a total of 277 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 Walls to adjourn the meeting at 9:44 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Heather N. Fellman, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary