

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 Cerett; Solicitor Peter McManamon; EMA Director, John Cirko; Planning Director, Mark Colussy; Veterans Affairs/Recycling Coordinator, Louann Shontz; Warden, Duane Black; CYS Administrator, Joyce Zolten; CYS Staff Claudia Conrad, Shawna Clark, Richard Putt; Celina Seftas, Conservation District Director; Andy Patterson, Retiring Conversation District Director; Brian Wisner, Keller Engineers; Daily News reporter, Kylie Hawn; and visitors Jim Cassatt, Mike Hannon, Bruce Pergament, Ted Simpson and Dean Fluke.

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

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Sather and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the minutes of the January 5th public meeting.

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

There were two additions to the agenda today that will be addressed at the end of the meeting.

Commissioner Sather announced that the Allegrippis trail at seven points recently received national attention and was ranked 13th in the world. He thanked Matt Price, Ed Stoddard and the Tourism agency for all that they do.

Jim Cassatt asked if Solicitor McManamon found the missing letter yet. He also asked if the letter would interfere with the individual's unemployment. Solicitor McManamon has not had a chance to locate the letter and he stated it would not jeopardize the unemployment. Dean Fluke asked who made the decision to appeal the unemployment claim for Kelly Hughes. Michelle stated that she handles the Human Resource duties for the county and handles those claims. She conferred with Robin Binder-Heath prior to filing the appeal. Bruce Pergament invited the Commissioners to the Counsel of Government meeting being held on January 20th at the Oneida Township fire hall. Bruce recommended forming a committee to work on bringing gun manufacturers to the County. He also stated that he feels the operation of Lake Raystown should be done by the County or the Municipality, not the Government.

There were no matters addressed by the Solicitor today.

First on the agenda today was John Cirko, EMA Director with a request to approve the Hazardous Material Response grant. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes) to approve the Hazardous Material Response grant in the amount of \$4,085.00 for a period covering July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

Lou Ann Shontz requested approval to submit the Household Hazardous Waste report for reimbursement. She stated Huntingdon County collected 17,551 pounds of materials while Bedford and Fulton Counties collected 20,336 pounds between them. The total cost of the collection was \$46,022.64 and Louann will request reimbursement for one half of the cost. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the reimbursement submittal as requested.

Mark Colussy requested approval of the Agricultural conservation easement certification of funds. This is an annual form required to report on roll back taxes and money allocated to the Conversation District. The total amount reported is \$5,819.00 which consists of \$5,000.00 from Act 13 funds and \$819.00 from roll back taxes. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes) to approve the certification of funds as requested.

Warden, Duane Black presented a contract with Mainstream Counseling to provide mental health and addiction services to inmates. These services are required under act 37. The contract is for up to 10 hours per week, not to exceed \$21,600.00 for a period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes) to approve the contract as presented.

Celina Seftas, Conservation District Director was present today to provide updates on all their programs. She stated the Conservation District focuses on Agricultural and her staff has been successful in securing a lot of state funding for the conversation projects through the Growing Greener program. The District also assists farmers with developing their manure management plans and other projects as needed. She also talked about the Dirt and Gravel road program, which has increased significantly in the past few years. Townships are eligible to apply for funds through the District and their staff is willing to help with the application process.

Andy Patterson has been with the Conservation District for 38 years and will be retiring January 15th. Michelle prepared a resolution outlining his accomplishments and thanking him for his dedication to the District. Andy was not in attendance; therefore Commissioner Sather read the resolution. Following the reading, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to adopt Resolution 1-2016 recognizing Andy Patterson for all his years of service and dedication to the Conversation District. Commissioner Thomas added that Andy has had many accomplishments over the years and wished him the best of luck in his retirement.

Next was the consideration of Resolution 2-2016, which was requested by Penn DOT. The County recently signed a contract with PennDOT to repair four county bridges. The agreement needs amended to clarify that PennDOT will be responsible for all phases of the project. The original resolution related to this matter is 9-2015, which Michelle provided to the Board. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes) to adopt Resolution 2-2016 as presented.

Keller Engineers provided their annual designation form for consideration. They have done the County engineering services since 1998. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes) to approve Keller Engineers as the County Engineer for the year 2016.

At this time, the two additions were addressed. Commissioner Thomas pointed out after last week's meeting that they did not appoint members of the Rural Transportation Technology Committee and he suggested considering it this week. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to appoint Mark Colussy to the Rural Transportation Technology Committee. It was moved by Commissioner Sather, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes) to appoint Amy Wise to the Rural Transportation Technology Committee.

The next addition was a resolution recognizing Richard Putt for his years of service at CYS. Richard has been employed at the Agency for 15 years and retired on disability effective January 4th. Richard was present to accept the resolution and thanked the Commissioners for providing it. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes) to adopt Resolution 3-2016 honoring Richard Putt for his years of service at CYS.

At this time, Andy Patterson joined the meeting and was presented his resolution. Commissioner Sather commented that Andy has laid a strong foundation for the District. Commissioner Thomas commented on Andy's many accomplishments. He thanked Andy for all the programs he started and all the work he has done for the County.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Walls to adjourn the meeting at 10:41 a.m. Minutes prepared by Michelle L. Cerett, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary