

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; Deputy Chief Clerk, Sarah Helton; Solicitor, Peter McManamon; CYS Administrator, Joyce Zolten; CYS Fiscal Tech, Chris Riling; HCBI Executive Director, Amy Wise; HCCD District Manager (or Conservation Program Coordinator), Celina Seftas; Daily News reporter, Kylie Hawn; Visitor, Jim Cassatt

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

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2016 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 no additions to the agenda today.

Commissioner Thomas congratulates Mapleton on the 150th anniversary of the Borough. He explains that they had several events over the weekend for the sesquicentennial celebration.

There were no public comments or matters to be addressed by the solicitor.

Amy Wise presented a resolution for Johnathan Hyde to borrow \$23,400 through an Enterprise Zone Revolving Loan for the purchase of Little Hearts, Big Hearts, Furniture & More, LLC. She explained that the total investment for the project will be \$52,000. The match of funds will be through a small business loan with Kish Bank and with owner equity. The primary costs in purchasing the business are new inventory and a new store name. This purchase will keep a family business open, but the name will be changing. Johnathan is the nephew of the current owner and has worked in the business for many years.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Thomas, Yes; Sather, Yes; Walls, Yes) to approve Resolution 12-2016 permitting Johnathan Hyde to borrow \$23,400 through an Enterprise Zone Revolving loan. The purpose of the loan is to purchase Little Hearts, Big Hearts, Furniture & More, LLC. The County will match the banks' financing terms of no less than 5 years and no more than 7 years at 3.5% interest rate. The county will hold first lien position on business inventory and equipment. The loan is contingent upon approved financing through Kish Bank. The terms are also contingent upon the current owners paying off their business enterprise loan.

Celina Seftas gave an update on the agricultural work in the county. She said that the Conservation District was recently awarded Three Growing Greener Grants from the state totaling \$595,960. That amount does not include matching funds coming in from operators and project partners. The support received from the County allows nearly all the funds to go to local contractors to implement best management practices. The grants allow for up to 5% of the grant to go towards administrative fees but because of the County's support only a ½ % is being used.

The projects for the Growing Greener Grants will be focusing on implementing best management practices for agricultural projects in three watersheds: Warrior's Mark Run, Sadler Creek, and the Little Juniata River watershed. The projects in these three areas include: stabilizing animal concentration areas, diverting water away from heavy use areas, and stabilizing stream banks. These projects will help to reduce nutrient and sediment pollution for local waterways, create fish habitats and also help with the Commonwealth's efforts towards the Chesapeake Bay. The projects are in line with the Conservation District's mission of helping the farmers of Huntingdon County.

Commissioner Thomas remarked that it is great news that the Growing Greener Grant funds have been approved, especially with the Chesapeake reboot program and all the guidelines from the federal and state government put on the farmers. These projects will help the farmers in the County stay in compliance. Celina explained that the Conservation District has had great cooperation and success working with the farmers in Huntingdon County.

A request was made for the Elections Coordinator and the Chief Clerk to attend an election officials conference. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Sather, Yes; Walls, Yes; Thomas, Yes) to approve Michelle Barnett and Michelle Cerett to attend the Pennsylvania County Election Officials Conference on Monday, August 15 through Thursday, August 18, 2016 at the Penn State Conference Center Hotel in State College, PA. The cost of the conference is \$235 per person and they will not be staying at the conference.

Chris Riling and Joyce Zolten were present to request the approval of three agreements. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, Yes; Thomas, Yes; Sather, Yes) to approve to renewal of the Purchase of Service Agreement with McCloskey Counseling Services for 2015-2016. Joyce states that this counseling service is used for sexual assault counseling and assessment.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Thomas, Yes; Sather, Yes; Walls, Yes) to approve the consulting agreement with AVANCO. The agreement is a renewal for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. Joyce Zolten explained that this contractual agreement for technical support such as user support, trainings, and upgrades, for the case management software used at Children Services.

It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Sather, Yes; Walls, Yes; Thomas, Yes) to approve the Child Accounting and Profile System Application Service Provider Agreement with AVANCO. This is the Case Management System Software that is used at Children Services. This agreement is for the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, Yes; Thomas, Yes; Sather, Yes) to approve the resignation of Roger L. Dehart, Corrections Officer, effective Monday, May 23, 2016.

There were three Veteran Burial Allowances for approval today.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 10:11 a.m. Minutes prepared by Sarah Helton, Deputy Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary