

Huntingdon, PA

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

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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; Solicitor, Peter McManamon; Veterans Affairs Director, Brian Bassett; Planning Intern, Stan Willis; News Reporter, Kylie Hawn and visitor, Jim Cassatt.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Commissioner Sather, followed in prayer led by Commissioner Walls and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag 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 December 3, 2019 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 no additions to the agenda.

Commissioner Sather addressed the question that Jim Cassatt asked during the public comments section at last week's meeting regarding the county audit and a \$10 million discrepancy from year to year. Commissioner Sather explained that the audit was incorrectly advertised last year and that a correction had been submitted to the paper. There is only a discrepancy in the numbers if you are looking at the original advertisement of the audit for 2017 which contained a typo.

During the public comment period, Jim Cassatt commented that the fixed assets number has not changed since 2014. He wonders how the county can have such a stable fixed asset number. Commissioner Sather commented that PCorp does an evaluation of county buildings. The fixed asset number has changed and the corrected copy of the audit reflects those changes. Jim Cassatt further asked about the Bailey mortgage and why there was a \$68,000 increase last year. Commissioner Sather commented that he has given Mr. Cassatt a copy of the corrections. If there are further questions the Commissioners will need to meet with the county auditors to get more details.

There were no matters to be addressed by the solicitor.

Under new business, consideration of approval was given for the clock tower annual service agreement with Rodgers Clock Service. The total cost will be \$295 per year for a two year period. Kylie Hawn asked if this is the same company that held the annual service agreement in the past. Commissioner Thomas noted that there was no agreement in the past and that companies have been called in as needed when the clock has broken. This service agreement will allow the clock to be properly maintained. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Consideration of approval was given for the appointment of Dennis Johnson to the Conservation District Board of Directors. 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 appointment of Jeffrey Thomas to the Conservation District Board of Directors. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Sather and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes).

Consideration of approval was given for the appointment of Thomas Weyandt and Charles Culbertson to the Juniata Valley Behavioral and Developmental Services Citizens Advisory Board. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Consideration of approval was given for the appointment of Tammy Park, Barbara Wakefield and Mahlon Morder to the Huntingdon County Children's Services Advisory Committee. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Heather Fellman, Chief Clerk, announced that the Swearing-In Ceremony for newly elected officials will take place on December 30, 2019 at 11:00AM in the Bailey Building Ballroom. Elected officials have been notified and are asked to RSVP as soon as possible.

Commissioner Sather announced that there will be a special budget meeting on December 11, 2019 at 10:00AM in the Commissioner's Meeting Room.

There were no matters for action, information and discussion.

There were no Veteran's Burial Allowances.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Heather N. Fellman, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary