

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; 4-H Representatives, Christine Corl, Russell Bard, and Carson Riley; Bridge Employee, John Thompson; Christine Steidle from Mainstream Counseling and Daily News Reporter, Kylie Hawn.

Katie Unger, EMA Director and Juniata College students, Tyler Yusulm and Sam Patston participated via GoToMeeting.

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

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 were no additions to the agenda.

Under announcements, Commissioner Thomas asked residents to get their COVID and flu vaccines and boosters and to vaccinate their eligible children. Commissioner Sather commented that today is the final day to file a petition to be on the ballot in the May Primary.

There were no public comments.

Under Matters to be Addressed by the Solicitor, the Solicitor announced the opening of sealed bids for the sale of three county vehicles. Heather Fellman left the meeting to retrieve the sealed bids.

It was moved by Commissioner Walls and seconded by Commissioner Thomas to recess until Heather Fellman returned from retrieving the sealed bids.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas and seconded by Commissioner Walls to return from recess.

Under new business Christine Steidle from Mainstream Counseling requested consideration of approval for Proclamation 2-2023 for Kindness Month. This is the third year celebrating Kindness Month. It provides an opportunity to highlight things at the national level that school districts are doing to promote kindness and wellbeing. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Christine Corl, 4-H representative, requested consideration of approval for Proclamation 3-2023 for 4-H Week. 4-H Week will be from March 12th through March 18th. Russel Bard, 4-H Member, commented that he has been in 4-H since he was 8. He show goats and lambs, and takes part in a wide variety of clubs and activities provided through 4-H. Carson Riley is involved in the Shaver's Creek 4-H Club, the after school program and the Alexandria Small Rifle Club. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Bids were opened for the three county vehicles that are for sale. The first vehicle is the 2014 Ford Focus. Three bids were received: \$410.50 from Chris Lalli, \$2,500 from Lawrence Duvall and \$350 from Ellen Hess. The second vehicle was for the 2010 Ford Edge. Three bids were received: \$326.01 from Larry Yingling, \$1,001 from John Thompson and \$500 from Ellen Hess. The third vehicle was the 2005 Ford Freestar. Two bids were received: \$325 from Joseph Patterson and \$450 from Ellen Hess. It was moved by

Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes) to accept the high bids for all three vehicles.

Kathryn Unger, EMA Director, presented an update on COVID-19. The number of county cases stands at 13,861. The State total is 2,888,230. We are in the low level of community spread. Hospitalization is at 1,035. SCI Smithfield has 23 inmates and 8 staff members testing positive. SCI Huntingdon has no inmates and 1 staff member testing positive. The incident rate is 61.3 for the County and 47.4 for the State. PCR is at 5.6% for the County and 10.9% for the State. There are no cases among residents and 2-8 among staff in long-term care facilities. 25,526 people have been vaccinated in Huntingdon County and 4,702 have received their booster. There were no additional deaths in the last week for a total of 279 since the beginning of the pandemic.

There was nothing discussed under matters for action.

There were three Veteran's Burial Allowances.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Heather N. Fellman, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary