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; Warden, Brad Glover; Mike Hannon from Tri-County Drug and Alcohol and Daily News Reporter, Kylie Hawn.

Katie Unger, EMA Director; guests, Makayla Naccarini and Allison Wrightstone 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 two additions to the agenda: The first item was consideration of approval to hire a CO. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes). The second item was also to hire a CO. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Under announcements, Commissioner Thomas asked residents to get their COVID vaccines and boosters and to vaccinate their eligible children. Commissioner Sather welcomed back the EBT. Commissioner Walls commented that it was wonderful to the see the EBT back in operation.

Under public comments Mike Hannon commented that their new website has launched. He wants to make people aware of the services available in the county. The new website is Juniatavalleydrugandalcohol.com.

There were no matters to be addressed by the solicitor.

Under new business consideration of approval was given for Proclamation 1-2023 in support of Creating Hope and Making Progress (CHAMP). Commissioner Thomas commented that it is great to see our young people coming forward to help those in need. Commissioner Walls commented that CHAMP Day is a great event and it is great to see our youth working so hard to help our community. The families that benefit from this event are very appreciative of the support. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes).

Brad Glover, Warden, requested consideration of approval to hire Corrections Officer Richard Kidd. His start date will be 2/22/2023. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Brad Glover requested consideration of approval to hire Corrections Officer Dalton Cirko. His start date will be 2/23/2023. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Kathryn Unger, EMA Director, presented an update on COVID-19. The number of county cases stands at 13,790. The State total is 2,873,851. We are in the low level of community spread. Hospitalization is at 1,152. SCI Smithfield has 27 inmates and 2 staff members testing positive. SCI Huntingdon has no inmates and 4 staff members testing positive. The incident rate is 68.1 for the County and 60.1 for the State. PCR is at 7.9% for the County and 12.2% for the State. There are no cases among residents and 2-8 among staff in long-term care facilities. 25,510 people have been vaccinated in Huntingdon County and 4,671 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 no Veteran's Burial Allowances.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 9:53 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Heather N. Fellman, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary