

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, Commissioner Walls and Commissioner Thomas; Chief Clerk, Michelle Barnett; Treasurer, Susan Harry; EMA Director, Joe Thompson; Celina Seftas, Conservation District; Sid McConahy, Mission Critical; Mike Hannon, Tri County Drug and Alcohol; Daily News Reporter, Kylie Hawn and visitors Tom Ritchey, Joan Cassatt and 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 Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the minutes of the December 5th 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.

One Veteran Burial Allowance was added to the Agenda.

Commissioner Walls thanked the Michaels Company for their generous donation to the less fortunate children.

Joan Cassatt continued discussions on receiving copies of the budget at no cost. Tom Ritchey asked if it was necessary to complete a Right to Know Request to obtain copies of the budget. Michelle Barnett explained that the request form is not required but the County has the right to charge for the copies of any document.

Celina Seftas of the Conservation District requested reappointment of several individuals to the Ag Land Preservation board. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes) to reappoint Janet Lake for a three-year term. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the reappointment of Ryan Senft for a three-year term. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes) to approve the reappointment of Ann Reynolds for a three-year term.

Celina Seftas of the Conservation District was present to provide an update on activities. Projects include stream bank restorations to prevent erosion. \$243k grant funds were spent this year for projects. \$118k was spent in 2017 for agricultural conservation. Projects will continue in 2018 with special grants.

Susan Harry, Treasurer, requested approval of a resolution to increase the per parcel per municipal tax lien from County, Municipal and School entities. The request failed due to lack of a motion.

Joe Thompson, EMA Director requested approval of an agreement with Eagle Towing & Recovery of Milesburg, PA for Hazmat release and guidance. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes) to approve the agreement as presented. Joe Thompson also made an announcement that we are to get an arctic blast with very low wind chills for Wednesday.

Sid McConahy from Mission Critical was present today to request approval of an agreement with Mission Critical for 911 Professional Services. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the agreement as presented.

There was a request to approve a contract for services agreement between Huntingdon County and The firm of Shoaf and Wencker as part time Assistant Public Defender. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes) to approve the contract in the amount of \$80,000 annually.

There was a request to approve a contract for services agreement between Huntingdon County and Lawrence Newton as Conflict Counsel. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes) to approve the contract as presented.

There was a request to approve a contract for services agreement between Huntingdon County and Lance Marshall as Conflict Counsel. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the contract as presented.

There was a request to accept the resignation of Grant Wills, Mapping Director. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes) to accept Grant's resignation effective December 29, 2017.

A request to consider appointing Wendy Melius to the JVBDS Citizens Advisory Board was tabled pending additional information.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 10:27 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Michelle Barnett, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary