

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; Sheriff, Jeff Leonard; Veteran Affairs Director, Brian Bassett; Veterans Services Officer, Matt Lindsey; District Attorney, David Smith; Planning Director, Laurie Nearhood; Lee Zeger and Sarah Keck from CES Engineering; Daily News Reporter, Joe Thompson and guests Curtis McConnaughey, Willis Sneath, Dan Sneath; John Harlow; Craig Swineford; TJ Newbauer; Chase Newbauer; Scott Specht; Olivia Luzier and Karen Rush.

CYS Fiscal Supervisor, Cecelia St. Clair and EMA Director, Katie Unger attended virtually via GoToMeeting.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Commissioner Sather. Prayer was led by Commissioner Thomas and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was 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 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 commented that there will be no public meeting next week due to Election Day. Commissioner Walls commented that the Veterans Day Parade will be held next Saturday.

There were no public comments.

There were no matters to be addressed by the Solicitor.

Under new business, Willis Sneath requested consideration of approval for Proclamation 15-2023 for Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Karen Rush and Olivia Luzier from Together with Veterans requested consideration of approval for Proclamation 16-2023 to designate the Sunday after Veterans' Day as Warrior Call Day. Warrior Call Day is a day of action to prevent suicide among veterans. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Lee Zeger from CES Engineering presented the sealed bids for the county building renovation projects. Allied Mechanical and Electrical submitted hard copies. All others submitted via Penn Bid. For the Annex II HVAC Project, Allied Mechanical submitted a bid of \$504,000. Mark Services submitted a bid of \$474,050. For the Annex II Electrical Project, Westmoreland Electrical Services submitted a bid of \$82,250. For the Annex II General Construction Projects, CE Wood submitted a bid of \$124,688. Penn State Construction submitted a bid of \$48,400. For the Courthouse General Construction Projects, Penn State Construction submitted a base bid of \$1,853,600. For the Courthouse HVAC Project, Allied Mechanical submitted a bid of \$767,000. Mark Services submitted a bid of \$675,000. For the Courthouse Plumbing Project, Allied Mechanical submitted a bid of \$388,000. K & K Plumbing submitted a bid of \$386,950. For the Courthouse Electrical Project, Westmoreland Electrical Services submitted a bid of \$365,500. Mr. Zeger recommended tabling a vote on these bids until after a work session to discuss the bids in more depth. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Katie Unger, EMA Director, requested consideration of approval for the State Homeland Security Grant Program Agreement. This is a three year agreement for 2024, 2025, and 2026. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes).

Cecelia St. Clair, CYS Fiscal Supervisor, requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with Christian Family Services Management Corporation/The Bair Foundation of Pennsylvania. This agreement is for fiscal year 2023/2024 for foster care services. It is a renewal from last year at the state-approved rates. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes).

Cecelia St. Clair requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with George Junior Republic. This agreement is for fiscal year 2023/2024 for community residential services. It is a renewal from last year. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Consideration of approval was given to hire Laurie Nearhood for the position of Planning Director effective 8/21/23. She has been serving as the Interim Planning Director since that date. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Consideration of approval was given to appoint Karen Rush and Bonnie Rose to the Huntingdon County Children and Youth Services Advisory Committee. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes).

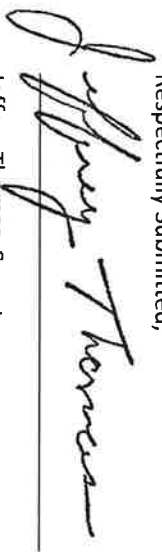
There were no Matters for Action.

There were no Veteran's Burial Allowances.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Walls to adjourn the meeting at 10:33 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Heather Fellman, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey Thomas", written over a horizontal line.

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary