

Huntingdon, PA

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

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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 present: Commissioners Sather, Walls, and Thomas; Chief Clerk, Heather Fellman; Solicitor, Peter McManamon; Treasurer, Susan Harry; Daily News Reporter, Kylie Hawn and visitors, Jim Cassatt, Barry Wright, and Nancy Macnamera.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Commissioner Sather, followed in prayer led by Commissioner Sather and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag 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 February 26, 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.

There were no announcements.

Jim Cassatt asked for an update on the consideration to add a disclaimer to checks issued by the county stating that the checks are void after a certain date. Commissioner Thomas indicated that the Commissioners do not have an update at this time.

Jim Cassatt asked for clarification on the budget impasse of 2015 and the \$1,300,000 that the county was supposed to be getting that was held from the payment of youth services. He wanted to know if that money was received. Commissioner Thomas stated that he would have to look into that but that he believes that the county received that money. Jim Cassatt asked when it was received and who spent it. Commissioner Thomas stated that he would have to research the question. Jim Cassatt asked that the Commissioners look into this question and get back to him with an answer.

There were no matters to be addressed by the Solicitor.

Consideration was given to appoint Jacob Gordon as a member of the Huntingdon County Library Board. Jacob Gordon is currently the librarian for Juniata College. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Consideration was given to accept the retirement of Ken Tucker from the position of Chief Tax Assessor. Ken Tucker submitted a letter indicating that he plans to retire and that May 3<sup>rd</sup> will be his last day. Mr. Tucker has served the county for almost 19 years. Commissioner Thomas expressed his regret and thanked Mr. Tucker for his years of service. Jim Cassatt asked if the Commissioners plan to cancel his required training seminars. Commissioner Sather responded that the training was for the office and that

someone would go in his stead. Barry Wright asked if the county will post to fill that position or will it be filled from within? Commissioner Sather responded that it will definitely be advertised as all positions are required to be. Barry Wright questioned whether the staff could be reduced by filling the position from within and not hiring a new person. Commissioner Thomas indicated that staff for that office should not be cut because that office is how the county gets its revenue. If there are no people to go out and assess for taxes then there is no money coming in. Commissioner Walls indicated that the Commissioners would certainly encourage any current employees to apply for the position and that they like to promote those who are qualified from within. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

There were no matters for Action, Consideration, and Discussion.

There were 4 Veteran's Burial Allowances.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Walls to adjourn the meeting at 9:44 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Heather N. Fellman, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary