

The meeting of the Sullivan County Commissioners was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on the above date by Chair Brian Hoffman. Attending were Commissioner Brian Hoffman, Commissioner Darlene Fenton, Commissioner Scott Myers, Chief Clerk Hope Verelst, Solicitor Kenneth Levitzky, Treasurer Katrina Wilkins, Sheriff Jared Houck, and Sunshyne Lynch from the Daily Review.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Commissioner Fenton made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2024, Commissioner Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Myers and unanimously approved.

Commissioner Myers made a motion to grant Chair of the Sullivan County Commissioners signing authority for the recording of the mortgage satisfaction for Penny Jean Speary and Clara E. Benjamin (Life Tenant) on real estate located at 40 Lilac Street, Lopez, PA 18628. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fenton and unanimously approved.

Commissioner Myers made a motion to accept a proposal from Huckestein Mechanical, Costars vendor #008-E22-885, to purchase an uninterrupted power supply including a bypass unit and manufacturer's warranty in the amount of \$48,384.50. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fenton and unanimously approved. This power supply will replace a unit at the Department of Emergency Services that is nearing end of life.

Commissioner Fenton made a motion to approve an addendum to the site license agreement originally dated October 31, 2012, between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting through the Pennsylvania State Police, and the County of Sullivan to add the Schlock Road Tower for an initial term of 99 years. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Myers and unanimously approved. This agreement allows the Pennsylvania State Police to reserve space on the tower for communications equipment.

Commissioner Myers made a motion to approve an agreement between Bradford/Sullivan Drug & Alcohol, Single County Authority and Marworth effective February 1 through June 30, 2024. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fenton and unanimously approved.

Commissioner Fenton made a motion to approve an amended confidential disclosure and software transfer agreement originally signed December 19, 2023, between Sullivan County and the University of Utah for Children & Youth caseworkers to utilize virtual reality training software, free of charge, to improve observation and assessment skills. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Myers and unanimously approved.

Commissioner Fenton made a motion to appoint Tom Beatty to the Sullivan County Planning Commission to fill the vacancy left by resigning member Fred Fiester with a term ending December 31, 2024. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Myers and unanimously approved.

Commissioner Fenton made a motion to approve a donation to Sullivan County Little League in the amount of 6,250.00 from Act 13-Legacy Funds toward the 2024 season. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Myers and unanimously approved.

Commissioner Fenton made a motion to approve a donation to Sullivan County AYSO in the amount of \$6,250.00 from Act 13-Legacy Funds toward the 2024 season. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Myers and unanimously approved.

Commissioner Myers made a motion to acknowledge the re-hiring of Cody Barto as Deputy sheriff I effective February 27, 2024. This is a part-time position with no benefits, not to exceed 999 hours per year. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fenton and unanimously approved.

Commissioner Fenton made a motion to approve a conference/workshop/travel request for Children & Youth at a total cost to the county of \$481.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Myers and unanimously approved.

Commissioner Fenton made a motion to approve a conference/workshop/travel request for Probation at a total cost to the county of \$800.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Myers and unanimously approved.

Commissioner Fenton made a motion to approve a conference/workshop/travel request for Veteran's Affairs at a total cost to the county of \$400.00.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Daily Review reporter Sunshyne Lynch asked for clarification regarding what the youth sports donations are specifically used for. The commissioners explained a grant application is submitted annually by each organization outlining costs incurred the previous year. The donations are used to cover a portion of those costs such as registrations, uniforms, and equipment.

**INFORMATION**

No bids were received following a third solicitation by the county for a communications equipment shelter for the Schlock Road tower project.

The Commissioners accepted a proposal from T-Ross Brothers Construction, Inc. to complete emergency masonry work to stabilize and repair a damaged block wall at the Mattern Building in the amount of \$41,979.00.

The Commissioners voted by electronic ballot in favor of a settlement plan for the reorganization of ENDO International PLC as it relates to local government opioid claims. This was done outside of a meeting due to the deadline for voting coming before a meeting date.

Commissioners approved and paid current invoices in the amount of \$175,569.32.

There being no additional business to discuss, Commissioner Fenton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:13 a.m.

Sullivan County Commissioners:

Attest:

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Brian Hoffman, Chair

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Hope Verelst, Chief Clerk

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Darlene Fenton, Vice-Chair

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Scott D. Myers, Jr., Commissioner