

The meeting of the Sullivan County Commissioners was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on the above date by Chair Donna Iannone. Attending were Commissioner Donna Iannone, Commissioner Brian Hoffman, Commissioner Darlene Fenton, Chief Clerk Hope Verelst, Solicitor Kenneth Levitzky, Treasurer Katrina Wilkins, Sheriff Bob Montgomery, Melissa Matthews from SEDA-COG, and Frank Thompson and Missy Fleming from Northern Tier Regional Planning and Development Commission.

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

Commissioner Fenton made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2023, Commissioner meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoffman and unanimously approved.

The Commissioners' meeting was recessed at 10:01 a.m. for the Sullivan County Community Development Block Grant FFY 2022 Competitive Grant Final Public Hearing and reconvened at 10:15 a.m.

Commissioner Fenton made a motion to approve Sullivan County Resolution 2023-1 for submission of the Community Development Block Grant FFY 2022 Competitive Grant application. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoffman and unanimously approved. Commissioner Iannone thanked Melissa Matthews for her work on this application.

Commissioner Fenton made a motion to approve the signature of supporting documents for the Sullivan County Community Development Block Grant FFY 2022 Competitive Grant application. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoffman and unanimously approved.

Commissioner Hoffman made a motion to approve the Certification of County Funds for 2023 Farmland Preservation Program in the amount of \$11,838.00 with \$4,500.00 allocated from county funds and \$7,338.00 being interest collected from the 2022 Clean & Green rollback tax penalties. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fenton and unanimously approved. Rollback tax penalties are significantly increased over last year's certification.

Commissioner Hoffman made a motion to approve a 60-month lease agreement between Sullivan County and Doing Better Business for a copier for the Sheriff's office, at a rate of \$116.49 per month with zero down, \$1.00 buy-out option, and a one-time \$85.00 lease filing fee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fenton and unanimously approved.

Commissioner Fenton made a motion to grant Donna Iannone, Chair of the Sullivan County Commissioners, signing authority for the recording of Amendment #1 to the Perpetual Easement, Right-of-Way, Consent to Enter, and Construction Agreement between Sullivan County and Sean P. and Michelle N. Thibodeault for the construction, operation, and maintenance of an emergency communications tower. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoffman and unanimously approved.

Commissioner Hoffman made a motion to adopt Sullivan County "Policy Prohibiting Political Activities on County-Owned Property" effective January 17, 2023. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fenton and unanimously approved. The Commissioners noted this is to clarify allowable use by the public, with the exception of buildings the county rents (Mattern).

The Prothonotary's December 2022 report was available for review.

Treasurer Wilkins presented her December 2022 report.

INFORMATION

Commissioners approved and paid current invoices in the amount of \$172,849.03.

There being no additional business to discuss, Commissioner Fenton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:22 a.m.

Sullivan County Commissioners:

Attest:

Donna Iannone, Chair

Hope Verelst, Chief Clerk

Brian Hoffman, Vice-Chair

Darlene Fenton, Commissioner