

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 Donna Iannone, Commissioner Darlene Fenton, Solicitor Kenneth Levitzky, Chief Clerk Francine Doyle, Treasurer Katrina Wilkins, Director of Children and Youth Lisa Wilcox, Human Services Director Mark Roinick, Sheriff Bob Montgomery, along with members of the public Bill Bohensky, John Krakoski, Robin Simpson, Barb Davis, Yvonne Saylor and Richard Saylor.

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

Commissioner Iannone made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2021 Commissioners' Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fenton and unanimously carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Yvonne and Richard Saylor voiced their concerns regarding the rumors they are hearing that Family Practice is closing and that Dr. Schrack has resigned. The Commissioners explained that the County's relationship with Family Practice is landlord/tenant. That relationship does not empower the county to dictate or control Family Practice Center's business decisions. The Commissioners added that they have met with Family Practice and learned that Family Practice Center does not intend to close and that they would like to expand their services. Ken Levitzky, as a member of the Guthrie Board, indicated that Guthrie Clinic, located in Dushore, continues to offer services to the community. Barb Davis, Bill Bohensky and John Krakoski all gave opinions on the possibility of extended/weekend hours to better fit the community and possible ways to attract a new doctor to the area. John Krakoski also inquired as to who the community should reach out to bring awareness of the need for county health care services. The Commissioners advised that Sullivan County Action can be contacted as their main purpose is enhancing county health care. Family Practice plans to hold a public meeting in April to make citizens aware of their services. Questions regarding leases for the medical center and matern building were asked and answered by commissioners.

Commissioner Iannone made a motion to approve a Proclamation recognizing March as Intellectual Disability Awareness Month. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fenton and unanimously carried. Due to Covid-19, the MH/ID community was unable to attend the commissioners meeting this year. Instead, they prepared a video which was viewed during the meeting.

Chief Clerk Francine Doyle opened bids which were received for Mattern Building Exhaust Hood
P & B Supply, Dallas, PA 18612 - \$31,395.00. No action was taken.

There were no bids received for UV Decontamination System and Foggers.

Commissioner Iannone made a motion to approve a donation to Sullivan County Little League in the amount of \$5,625.00 from Act 13-Legacy Funds toward the 2021 season. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fenton and unanimously carried.

Commissioner Iannone made a motion to approve a lease agreement between the County of Sullivan and Sullivan County Action, t/a/d/b/a Sullivan County Dental Clinic effective March 9, 2021. Said lease shall continue for 60 months and shall automatically renew at the expiration of said term. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fenton and unanimously carried.

Commissioner Iannone made a motion to accept the 2020 Community Development Block Grant award in the amount of \$209,187.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fenton and unanimously carried.

Commissioner Fenton made a motion to approve the application for the Plan of Safe Care Support Grant in the amount of \$25,000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Iannone and unanimously carried.

Commissioner Iannone made a motion to acknowledge District Attorney Leonard Simpson's attendance at the juvenile prosecutor conference in State College, PA in April, 2021 at an estimated cost of \$360.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fenton and unanimously carried.

Commissioner Fenton made a motion to approve the FMLA request for Jeffery Peterman from on or about March 4, 2021 through May 4, 2021. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Iannone and unanimously carried.

Commissioner Fenton made a motion to pay current invoices in the amount of \$91,474.13. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Iannone and unanimously carried.

Treasurer February 2021 report was presented by Katrina Wilkins.

Sheriff February 2021 report was presented by Bob Montgomery

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Questions from attendees included how many vehicles and buildings the county owns, PSP retirement bailout, status on broadband in Sullivan County, as well as the Chesapeake settlement.

INFORMATION:

On March 4, 2021 the County Commissioners signed an Assurance of Compliance with Department of Human Services for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program FFY 2020-2021. Sullivan County will be subcontracting with Trehab to administer the program. This agreement was signed under the Covid-19 emergency declaration due to a time restriction.

Sullivan County has received a Hospitality Grant in the amount of \$68,706.00 which will be administered through Northern Tier Regional Planning & Development.

There being no additional business to discuss, Commissioner Fenton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Sullivan County Commissioners

Attest:

Brian Hoffman, Chair

Francine Doyle, Chief Clerk

Darlene Fenton, Vice Chair

Donna Iannone, Commissioner