

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 Donna Iannone, Solicitor Kenneth Levitzky, Deputy Chief Clerk Hope Verelst, Treasurer Katrina Wilkins, Sheriff Bob Montgomery and Dewberry Representative Gini Feigles-Kaar.

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

Commissioner Iannone made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 30, 2021, Commissioners' meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fenton and unanimously carried.

Commissioner Iannone made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-7, Homestead/Farmstead Exclusion Resolution for 2022. The motion was second by Commissioner Fenton and unanimously carried. Commissioner Hoffman noted this enables the county to use Act 13 monies to reduce the real estate tax burden on properties identified as homesteads by \$50.00.

Commissioner Iannone made a motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding for 2022 with Pennsylvania Counties Health Insurance Cooperative whereas Sullivan County wishes to be invoiced at 90% of their maximum claim rate, and that Sullivan County agrees to set aside approximately \$38,700.00 of their current reserve for this purpose. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fenton and unanimously carried.

Commissioner Iannone made a motion to approve the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Federal Fiscal Year 2021 State Homeland Security Grant Program Agreement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fenton and unanimously carried.

Commissioner Iannone made a motion to approve the Sullivan County Human Services Block Grant income and expense report for Sullivan/Bradford joinder services for FY 2020-2021. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fenton and unanimously carried. Director of Human Services Mark Roinick thanked Bradford County for their cooperation in completing this report.

Commissioner Iannone made a motion to approve a CDBG/CV FFY 2020 budget revision as follows:

EMS Disinfection Systems	\$44,865.00
Change	(\$18,951.00)
Revised Budget	\$25,914.00
Peter's Lumber	\$ - 0 -
Change	\$18,951.00
Revised Budget	\$18,951.00

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoffman. Following discussion, Commissioner Iannone and Commissioner Hoffman withdrew their motion and second. Commissioner Fenton made a motion to table the CDBG/CV FFY 2020 budget revision until more details are known. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoffman and unanimously carried.

Commissioner Fenton made a motion to approve a request from Laporte Borough Volunteer Fire Company for the use of the park on December 19, 2021, for carol singing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Iannone and unanimously carried.

Commissioner Fenton made a motion to approve a contract between Columbia County and Sullivan County for prisoner housing at a rate of \$75.00 per day, per inmate, effective January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022, with

the option to renew for one year starting January 1, 2023. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Iannone and unanimously carried. Commissioner Hoffman stated the contract reflects no change in daily rate.

Commissioner Iannone made a motion to approve the encumbrance of \$20,000.00 of liquid fuels monies to be used for repairs to the Sonestown Covered Bridge rehabilitation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fenton and unanimously carried.

Commissioner Iannone made a motion to approve a memorandum of agreement between the Pennsylvania Department of State and Sullivan County for combined Netflow and intrusion detection system monitoring, with analysis of related data; event notification and delivery; and management of associated devices, including hardware and software necessary for service delivery. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fenton and unanimously carried. This agreement pertains to the update of the state election software.

Commissioner Fenton made a motion to accept the retirement of Adult Probation Officer Rocky Hileman effective December 31, 2021. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Iannone and unanimously carried. The Commissioners wish him the best.

Commissioner Fenton made a motion to acknowledge the resignation of Daniel Strailey as full-time Deputy Sheriff II effective December 25, 2021, and his transition to part-time as of that date. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Iannone and unanimously carried.

Commissioner Iannone made a motion to acknowledge the resignation of Sean Thibodeault as Deputy Coroner effective December 31, 2021. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fenton and unanimously carried.

Commissioner Fenton made a motion to pay current invoices in the amount of \$190,381.18. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Iannone and unanimously carried.

Treasurer Wilkins shared the November 2021 Treasurer's Report.

The November 2021 Prothonotary's Report is available for review.

Public Comment: Dewberry Representative Gini Feigles-Kaar inquired about the \$20,000.00 encumbrance of liquid fuels monies for the Sonestown Covered Bridges repairs. Commissioner Hoffman noted the bridge was damaged during flooding in 2018. During subsequent site inspections FEMA officials commented that their agency funding may not be available to repair future flood damage to the structure unless mitigation efforts were undertaken. This is due to it being a repetitive loss structure, meaning flooding has damaged the bridge multiple times. The encumbrance of liquid fuels is for a future flood mitigation project. The mitigation project would lessen the chance of future damage and therefore allow future FEMA funding for the structure.

There being no additional business to discuss, Commissioner Fenton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:31 a.m.

Sullivan County Commissioners

Attest:

Brian Hoffman, Chair

Hope Verelst, Deputy Chief Clerk

Darlene Fenton, Vice Chair

Donna Iannone, Commissioner