

The meeting of the Sullivan County Commissioners was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on the above date by Chair Darlene Fenton. Attending were Commissioner Darlene Fenton, Commissioner Donna Iannone, Commissioner Brian Hoffman, Chief Clerk Hope Verelst, Solicitor Kenneth Levitzky, Treasurer Katrina Wilkins, Sheriff Robert Montgomery, Darla Bortz, Dr. Samuel Schrack, and Rural Health Corporation representatives Tiffany Tankalavage, Linda Dorrance, and Patty Lavan.

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

Commissioner Hoffman made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2022, Commissioners' Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Iannone and unanimously approved.

Rural Health Corporation representatives Tiffany Tankalavage, Linda Dorrance, and Patty Lavan explained the health care provider plans to begin serving patients at the Laporte Medical Center tentatively May 1, 2022. Their mission is to provide medical services to the uninsured, underinsured and traditionally underserved population. RHC currently operates 7 medical centers, 3 dental centers and 1 homeless clinic. They are looking at the possibility of running the dental center in Laporte at a future date. RHC is currently working through the credentialing process for providers and insurance companies and will be able to accept all insurances as well as provide services on a sliding fee basis. There is also the future potential for some patient transportation to appointments.

Dr. Schrack gave credit to the Commissioners for being proactive and reaching out to several health care providers to fill the vacancy at the Medical Center saying, "They are the real deal. They genuinely care." He is looking forward to providing a more personal level of health care and noted, "RHC is a great fit for longevity in Sullivan County."

Commissioner Hoffman made a motion to award the bid for the sale of a 2006 TWF trailer to Robert D. Montgomery of 16737 Route 42, Eagles Mere, PA 17731 being the highest bidder at \$750.00. Commissioner Iannone seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Iannone made a motion to approve a letter of support to PennDOT Bureau of Maintenance and Operations supporting their Highway Safety Outreach Program. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoffman and unanimously approved.

Commissioner Iannone made a motion to approve an agreement between Sullivan County and Moodus Media for production of four (4) video "vignettes" promoting Sullivan County Tourism at a total cost of \$5,000.00. This project will be funded through an Endless Mountains Visitors Bureau Room Tax grant. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoffman and unanimously approved.

Commissioner Hoffman made a motion to approve an agreement between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, through the Department of Education, and Sullivan County for the Sullivan County Library to receive \$8,075.00 in American Rescue Plan and Institute of Museum and Library Services grant funding for the purchase of updated public and staff computers. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Iannone and unanimously approved.

Commissioner Iannone made a motion to acknowledging the termination of Cody Barto as Deputy Sheriff with the Sullivan County Sheriff's office effective February 10, 2022. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoffman and unanimously approved.

Commissioner Iannone made a motion to approve a Conference/Workshop request for Commissioner Fenton, Commissioner Iannone and Commissioner Hoffman to attend the County Commissioners Association of PA

(CCAP) Annual Spring Conference in March at a total cost to the county of \$2,133.35. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoffman and unanimously approved.

Commissioner Iannone made a motion to pay current invoices in the amount of \$131,748.78. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoffman and unanimously approved.

Treasurer Wilkins presented her January 2022 report.

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INFORMATION:

Sullivan County’s office of Children and Youth Services (CYS) achieved a 100% compliance rating during a recent Title IV-E funding review conducted by the PA Dept of Human Services. The period covered by the review was April 1 – September 30, 2021. Consistently achieving this level of compliance is remarkable and deserving of public recognition.

The Area Agency on Aging (AAA) delayed the March 1st opening of the Mildred Active Living Center. Staffing issues contributed to the delayed opening. They are looking for a part-time Human Services Program manager and meal delivery personnel to complement their team. AAA will notify the public of the new opening date when it is determined.

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:

Darlene Fenton, Chair

Hope Verelst, Chief Clerk

Donna Iannone, Vice-Chair

Brian Hoffman, Commissioner