

The meeting of the Sullivan County Commissioners was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on the above date by Chair Brian Hoffman. The meeting was conducted both in person and via teleconference. The teleconference access was implemented to permit public participation in the meeting due to citizen travel restrictions imposed under the Covid-19 virus declared public health emergency. Attending in person were Commissioner Brian Hoffman, Commissioner Donna Iannone, Commissioner Darlene Fenton, Solicitor Kenneth Levitzky and Treasurer Katrina Wilkins. Participants via teleconference were Chief Clerk Francine Doyle, Director of Emergency Services Joseph Carpenter, and Michael Hokkanen from the Sullivan Review. No members of the public acknowledged being on the teleconference other than Michael Hokkanen or offered public comment.

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

Commissioner Iannone made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2020 Commissioners meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fenton and unanimously carried.

Commissioner Iannone made a motion to adopt Emergency FMLA Expansion and Emergency Paid Sick Leave Policy Covid- 19. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fenton and unanimously carried.

Commissioner Fenton made a motion to approve the agreement between Logistic Systems, Inc. and Sullivan County for the Computer-Aided Dispatch System for Department of Emergency Services at a cost of \$155,007.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Iannone and unanimously carried. DES Director Joseph Carpenter explained that this system will replace the current which was purchased in 2008. With surrounding counties all operating with the same system, it presents opportunity for mutual aid in dispatching in the event of an emergency.

Commissioner Fenton made a motion to approve a proclamation recognizing April as Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Iannone and unanimously carried.

Commissioner Iannone made a motion to approve Director of Planning and Development Mark Haas to attend the CCAP GIS Conference in State College in May, 2020 at an estimated cost of \$502.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fenton and unanimously carried.

Commissioner Iannone made a motion to accept the resignation of John Burgmann, Security Officer I, effective March 13, 2020. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fenton and unanimously carried.

Commissioner Fenton made a motion to accept the resignation of Mark Urner, Security Officer I, effective March 30, 2020. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Iannone and unanimously carried.

Commissioner Fenton made a motion to approve the hiring of Bonnie Shaner as Security Officer I, effective March 30, 2020. This is a part time position with no benefits, not to exceed 999 hours per year. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Iannone and unanimously carried.

Commissioner Iannone made a motion to approve the hiring of Michael J. Scarry, Jr. as Security Officer I, effective March 30, 2020. 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 carried.

The March Treasurer report was presented by Katrina Wilkins.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mike Hokkanen of the Sullivan Review asked if there was any information of the positive Covid -19 case in Sullivan County. Director of Emergency Services Joseph Carpenter commented that at this time, there is no way of know who or where it is.

**INFORMATION:**

- **Commissioners signed a Declaration of Disaster Emergency – COVID-19**
- **The Meeting of March 25, 2020 was cancelled due to COVID-19.**
- **County office buildings will remain closed to the public through April 30, 2020, entrance by appointment only. Operations will continue with essential personnel only.**

**Commissioner Hoffman added the following:**

“Our life experiences have taught us that hard times pass. We’ve also learned that after stressful periods pass, we remember not only the event, but also how we treated each other. For our sense of community and collective conscience post COVID-19, be rational, perform your mitigation efforts, and be kind.”

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

**Sullivan County Commissioners**

**Attest:**

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**Brian Hoffman, Chair**

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**Francine Doyle, Chief Clerk**

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**Donna Iannone, Vice Chair**

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**Darlene Fenton, Commissioner**