

Commissioners sign proclamation

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The Huntingdon County Commissioners signed a proclamation designating May 5-11 Conservation District Week in Huntingdon County. Those on hand for the presentation were, from the left, commissioners Scott Walls and Jeff Thomas, conservation district manager Celina Seftas and commissioner Mark Sather.

It was a light agenda for the Huntingdon County Commissioners' weekly meeting Tuesday, but it was an opportunity to them to recognize the Huntingdon County Conservation District.

Celina Seftas, manager of the Huntingdon County Conservation District, was on hand to receive a official proclamation from the commissioners proclaiming May 5-11 Conservation District Week.

"We wanted to recognize the work they do for the conservation of public and private land in the county," said board of commissioners' chair Mark Sather.

Seftas also recognized her volunteer board of directors for helping those who work at the conservation district and offering guidance and assistance with projects.

"Agricultural projects are our main focus," said Seftas, noting they will be working on stream bank and riparian buffer projects this year.

"We also make sure we keep the soil on the fields and reducing sediments in fields," she added. "We encourage people to recycle correctly, as putting the wrong items in the wrong places costs more money. We also help with the Dirt, Gravel and Low Volume Road program. We also offer guidance for manure management plans."

The conservation district also offers guidance to area farmers in formulating manure management plans.

The commissioners also signed a yearly resolution to have Connie Brode to remain as the executive director of the Huntingdon-Bedford-Fulton Area Agency on Aging.

The purchase of a service agreement was approved for Children and Youth Services for Bethany Christian School of Central Pennsylvania for foster care services. This is a new contract for the 2018-19 fiscal year.

Commissioner Scott Walls also addressed calls they've been receiving regarding having a hazardous waste collection day.

"There are no funds available right now, but we will be having four electronics collection dates," he said.

Commissioner Jeff Thomas added that because of the recycling Dumpsters were kept in locations like Porter and Jackson townships, there will be no hazardous waste collections.

"The money had to go to those Dumpsters or the hazardous waste collection, and the solid waste authority chose the Dumpsters," he said.