

The regular meeting of the Huntingdon County Commissioners was held on the above date and time in the Commissioner's Meeting Room with the following present: Commissioners Walls, Thomas, and Reeder; Solicitor, Larry Newton; Chief Clerk, Heather Fellman; VA Director, Ben Steines; Planning Director, Laurie Nearhood; CYS Fiscal Supervisor, Cecelia St. Clair; Brian Wiser from Keller Engineers; Daily News Reporter, Joe Thompson and guests, Jay Buchanan, Rick Rogers, Paul Stumpf, Tiffany McCartney, Reeder Swartz, Elmer Weimert, Craig Conklin, Daniel Young, Douglas Smith, Mike Choboby, and Frank Bider.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Commissioner Walls. Prayer was led by Commissioner Walls and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Thomas.

It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes) to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder and carried (Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes; Walls, yes) to approve payment of bills.

There were no additions to the agenda.

Under announcements, Commissioner Walls noted that the burn ban will be lifted on May 3rd unless the State Forester petitions to extend it.

There were no public comments.

There were no matters to be addressed by the Solicitor.

Under new business, Brian Wiser from Keller Engineers opened bids for the Bridge #17 Project. There were 10 plan holders and 6 bids were received. Bid amounts were as follows: George Hann and Son, Inc. \$694,482.28; HRI, Inc. \$760,300; Wenbrooke Contracting, Inc. \$645,617.17; CH&D Enterprises \$718,207.55; Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc. \$712,712; Kukurin Contracting, Inc. \$787,000. Bids will be reviewed by the engineer and an award decision will be made at the next public meeting.

Consideration of approval was given for Proclamation 7-2025 for Military Appreciation Month. Armed Forces Day is on May 17th and there will be a ceremony at 11am in front of the Courthouse. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Reeder, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Kelvin Abrashoff, CYS Director, requested consideration of approval for 4 staff members to attend the summer PCYA Conference. The total cost is \$900 for registration. There will be no hotel costs. This is a budgeted expense. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes).

Kelvin Abrashoff requested consideration of approval for a transportation contract with Juniata Valley School District. This is a renewal from last year at the state approved rates for fiscal year 2025-2026. 1/3 of the cost of this contract is paid by the County. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes; Walls, yes).

Kelvin Abrashoff requested consideration of approval for a transportation contract with Tyrone Area School District. This is a renewal from last year at the state approved rates for fiscal year 2025-2026. 1/3 of the cost of this contract is paid by the County. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder and carried (Reeder, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Kelvin Abrashoff requested consideration of approval for a transportation contract with Southern Huntingdon School District. This is a renewal from last year at the state approved rates for fiscal year 2025-2026. 1/3 of the cost of this contract is paid by the County. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes).

Kelvin Abrashoff requested consideration of approval for a transportation contract with Huntingdon Area School District. This is a renewal from last year at the state approved rates for fiscal year 2025-2026. 1/3 of the cost of this contract is paid by the County. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder and carried (Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes; Walls, yes).

Laurie Nearhood, Planning Director, requested consideration of approval for Act 13 funding recommendations. 11 applications were received. Staff reviewed and ranked the applications and they were presented to the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission has recommended funding 5 of these projects: Pennsylvania Ave Wall Mural Project, Pool Renovations, Baseball Field updates, Cassville Community Building Repairs, and upgrades at the Woodcock Valley Community Park. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Reeder, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Laurie Nearhood requested consideration of approval for a letter of amendment for the reimbursement agreement on the New Fording Bridge Project. The current reimbursement agreement is for \$1,675,000. There is additional work required on this project so there is a request for additional funds. PennDOT will put in \$40,000. The County share will be \$2,000 which will be paid out of liquid fuels funds. The new total for the project will be \$1,715,000. Commissioner Thomas noted that the engineering firm is taking longer than he's ever seen for a project like this. This project was started 3 years ago and construction has not even begun yet. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes).

Consideration of approval was given for Penn State Construction Change Order #18. This will eliminate a media table base and add a fire door. There is no cost for this change order. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes; Walls, yes).

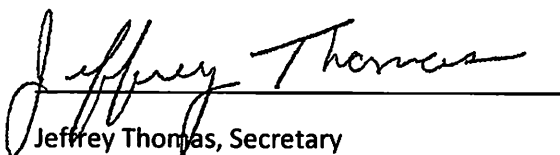
There were no Matters for Action.

There were no Veteran's Burial Allowances.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 10:21 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Heather N. Fellman, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,


Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary