

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

9:30 a.m.

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; CYS Director, Kelvin Abrashoff; Community Development Administrator, Jen Bellis; Treasurer, Susan Harry; guest, Dennis Plane and Daily News Reporter, Byron Mantoan.

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

It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, abstain; Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes) to approve of 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 reminded residents to be mindful of children and buses commuting to and from schools.

Under public comments, Susan Harry noted the tax upset sale was held last night. 26 parcels were up for sale. 11 were sold bringing in \$128,000. 14 parcels were moved to judicial sale. Treasurer Harry commented that she does not at all enjoy doing this. Commissioner Thomas added that nobody wants to see properties go up for tax sale, but he wants to the public to understand that there are laws that need to be followed.

There were no matters to be addressed by the Solicitor.

Under new business, 2 fuel oil bids were received. The first was from Alexandria Energy Products. They only submitted a variable rate bid. As of today, that variable rate is \$2.45/gallon. Bumbgardner and Flasher provided two options. Option 1 is a variable rate at \$.15 above the rack price on date of delivery. Option 2 is a fixed rate price of \$2.77/gallon. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder and carried (Reeder, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to table this item for further review.

Kelvin Abrashoff, CYS Director, requested consideration of approval for a new program in partnership with Susan Harry called "Hunt Safe," promoting safe firearms storage to reduce the risk of accidental shootings involving children. Shootings are the 2nd leading cause of death for children in PA. Hunting is popular here. It is a rich tradition passed down through families. Mr. Abrashoff encourages families to make discussions of gun safety a part of this tradition with their children. Under this program, all residents who purchase a hunting license will receive a gun lock and safety checklist, firearm storage safety sheet, the Project Child's Safety Pledge, and information about the Veteran's Crisis Line. This is a no-cost initiative. The locks and educational materials were donated through grant programs. Commissioner Thomas commented that this information should be posted to the main page of the County website. Treasurer Harry announced that she will be handing these out at Orbisonia Hardware too. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes).

Jen Bellis, Community Development Administrator, requested consideration of approval for revision request #1 for FY 2024 CDBG program. Habitat for Humanity was slated to complete renovations of 2 homes but were unable to do so due to staffing shortages. \$99,561 will be reassigned to the Jonathan Love Memorial Park Project. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder and carried (Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes; Walls, yes).

Jen Bellis requested consideration of approval for revision request #2 for FY 2023 CDBG program. This will reallocate \$38,253.80 from the Habitat project. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Reeder, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Lee Zeger, from CES Engineers, requested consideration of approval for a notice of award for Liberty Restoration. This is for the Annex 1 roof replacement project. Mr. Zeger recommends awarding the base bid for shingle replacement. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes).

Lee Zeger requested consideration of approval for Penn State Construction Change Order #26 for a time extension on the Courthouse Clocktower Roof Replacement. There is a 10-12 week lead time on materials. Expected completion date is on or before December 10th. There is no cost associated with this change order. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes; Walls, yes).

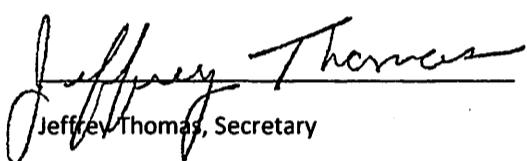
There were no Matters for Action.

There was 1 Veteran's Burial Allowance.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 10:09 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Heather N. Fellman, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary