

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 Sather, Walls and Thomas; Solicitor, Larry Newton; Chief Clerk, Heather Fellman; Interim Planning Director, Laurie Nearhood; CYS Director, Kelvin Abrashoff; Daily News Reporter, Joe Thompson and guests, Curtis McConnaughey and Mike Hannon.

Ryan Prater from the Central PA Food Bank attended via GoToMeeting.

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

It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2023 public meeting.

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

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

There was one addition to the agenda: consideration of approval to appoint Laurie Nearhood as interim Planning Director. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Under announcements, Commissioner Walls commented that the Commissioners were honored to participate in the Orbisonia Homecoming Parade last week. It is nice to see communities come together.

Under public comments, Kelvin Abrashoff noted that most county school start back to school tomorrow. Be mindful of school zones, speed limits and buses. Mike Hannon from Tri-County Drug and Alcohol commented that his office is still seeing a high number of overdoses. If anyone needs assistance, please contact his office at 717-242-1446.

There were no matters to be addressed by the Solicitor.

Under new business, Ryan Prater from the Central PA Food Bank requested consideration of approval for Proclamation 11-2023 for Hunger Action Month in September. Public participation is encouraged in four ways: Donate, Participate, Educate and Advocate. Commissioner Walls asked how the organization ensures that those that have the highest need receive the help. Mr. Prater responded that they work with Center for Community Action to ensure they are reaching the people with the most need. It is difficult to ask for help. Generally we try to help everyone who asks. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes).

Len Hahn requested that both of his items be tabled until the next public meeting. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Thomas, yes; Sather, yes; Walls, yes).

Kelvin Abrashoff, CYS Director, requested consideration of approval to hire Tammy Girard for the position of Social Service Aide effective 8/28/2023. It was moved by Commissioner Walls, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Sather, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Consideration of approval was given to appoint Laurie Nearhood as the interim Planning Director with signing authority for all projects. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Sather, yes).

There were no Matters for Action.

There were no Veteran's Burial Allowances.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Walls to adjourn the meeting at 9:57 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Heather N. Fellman, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jeffrey Thomas", written over a horizontal line.

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary