

Tuesday, July 1, 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; Administrative Assistant, Jodi Gutshall and Daily News Reporter, Byron Mantoan.

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

It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; 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 Thomas urged residents to enjoy the holiday weekend but use common sense and be safe.

There were no public comments.

There were no matters to be addressed by the Solicitor.

Under new business, the President Judge requested that his agenda item (consideration of approval to hire an administrative assistant) be tabled. 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 to hire Lindzi Fisher for the position of Caseworker 1 effective July 14th. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes).

Kelvin Abrashoff requested consideration of approval to hire Scott Brumbaugh for the position of Caseworker 2 effective July 28th. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes; Walls, yes). This will bring the agency up to almost full staffing. They are waiting on pre-employment screenings for the last new hire they currently need.

Kelvin Abrashoff requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with Nicholas Newfield for guardian ad litem services. This is a renewal from last year at the same rates for contract year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. 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 purchase of service agreement with the Children's Aid Society in Clearfield County. This is a renewal from last year. Rates have increased, but fall within the reimbursable rate set by the State. They provide juvenile delinquency facilities and diagnostic programming. This is for contract year July 1,

2025 through June 30, 2026. 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 purchase of service agreement with Hoffman Homes, Inc. for psychiatric evaluations and transitional living services. This is a renewal from last year. Rates have increase for their shelter care and group home services. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder and carried (Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes; Walls, yes).

Jodi Gutshall, Planning Department Administrative Assistant, requested consideration of approval for the Act 13 Legacy Fund agreement for the Walker Township Baseball Field update. The award amount of \$5,830 was previously approved. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Reeder, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Heather Fellman, Chief Clerk, requested consideration of approval for two staff members to attend a Munis conference in State College. This conference provides continuing education on our fiscal software at no cost to the county. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes).

Heather Fellman requested consideration of approval for two staff members to attend the Annual Election Conference. The registration cost is \$385 per person. The hotel cost is \$144 per person per night. This conference provides continuing education on the ever-changing world of elections administration and facilitates open communication between the Counties and the State. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes; Walls, yes).

Heather Fellman requested consideration of approval for renewal of the parking lot lease agreement with Kathleen Herr. This is an annual agreement for employee parking. The renewal rate for 2025 is \$5,259.10. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder and carried (Reeder, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

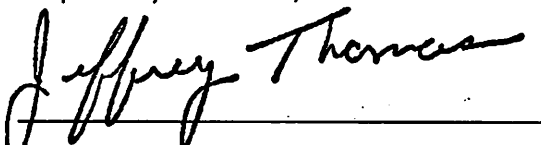
There were no Matters for Action.

There were 4 Veteran's Burial Allowances.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Reeder to adjourn the meeting at 9:49 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Heather N. Fellman, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary