

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; Chief Clerk, Heather Fellman; Solicitor, Larry Newton; Sarah Keck from CES Engineering; Representative from WTAJ and Daily News Reporter, Joe Thompson.

Kelvin Abrashoff and Cecelia St. Clair, from the CYS Department, participated via GoToMeeting.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Commissioner Walls. Prayer was led by Commissioner Thomas 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, 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 Thomas announced that there is a job fair at the Smithfield Fire Hall on September 5<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Walls reminded residents that the 4<sup>th</sup> Street crossing at the railroad tracks will be closed today through probably Friday.

There were no public comments.

There were no matters to be addressed by the Solicitor.

Under new business, Sarah Keck from CES Engineering, requested consideration of approval to put out an RFP for the fire alarm upgrade in the Courthouse. The current panel is antiquated and we may not be able to fix it the next time it breaks. The design for the upgraded system would be compatible with the existing system. CES Engineering proposes a not to exceed cost of \$14,000 to hold design meetings, administer the RFP and bidding process, and manage implementation of the upgraded system. Commissioner Reeder asked for clarification on if this \$14,000 would be the cost if the Commissioners choose to move forward with the project. Ms. Keck clarified that it is for CES's design work and management of the RFP process. The actual upgrade would be an additional, separate cost. Commissioner Walls asked if there is any timeline that we need to do this in. Ms. Keck responded that we would not want to do it until the current construction project is closed out. It is hard to say how much time we might have. She is not sure when the last time was that there was an issue with the fire alarm. Commissioner Walls commented that we received an estimated cost, but we do not know for sure what this project will cost. Ms. Keck responded that the cost we were quoted was while we were already under contract, so there was no motivation for the company to provide a fair price. That is why we want to consider putting it out to bid. You will have more people looking at it and you will receive more competitive pricing. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Reeder, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Sarah Keck requested consideration of approval for Penn State Construction Change Order #7. The total cost of this change order would be \$7,912 to add two doors. We can proceed as originally designed. This addition would give attorneys an additional meeting space. This request failed due to lack of a motion or second.

Kelvin Abrashoff, CYS Director, requested consideration of approval to hire Kaitlynn Wise for the position of Clerk Typist effective 9/16/2024. 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 appoint Carolyn Barshinger as a fall intern. She is a junior in the Social Work program at Juniata College. If approved, she will complete an 80-hour field placement beginning on 9/9/2024. This is an unpaid position. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes; Walls, yes).

Cecelia St. Clair, CYS Fiscal Supervisor, requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with White Deer Run, LLC, DBA Cove Prep. This is a secure care facility for adolescent males. It is a renewal from last year for contract year July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. There is no increase and it is at the state-approved rates. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder and carried (Reeder, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Cecelia St. Clair requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with The Children's Aid Home for residential and foster care services. This is a renewal from last year with a slight increase at the state-approved rates for contract year July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes).

Cecelia St. Clair requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with Huntingdon County Child and Adult Development Corporation for daycare services for children in foster care. This is a renewal from last year at the state approved rates for contract year July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes; Walls, yes).

Public notice was given regarding mosquito population reduction measures. Commissioner Thomas noted that West Nile Virus can be deadly, especially for youth and the elderly. He is glad the DEP is coming in and monitoring and enacting mitigating efforts. WTAJ asked if some type of spraying is done every year. Commissioner Walls commented that they take samples of mosquitos and test for West Nile Virus. They only spray when there is a high concentration. Commissioner Thomas commented that this is the first time he can recall that they have sprayed for mosquitoes. We do have an annual black fly treatment along the Juniata River. WTAJ asked how important it is for the County to cooperate with DEP and keep residents safe. Commissioner Walls responded that DEP comes in and does it. We welcome that. We are concerned with the welfare of our residents and want to cooperate with anything that can be done to mitigate West Nile Virus.

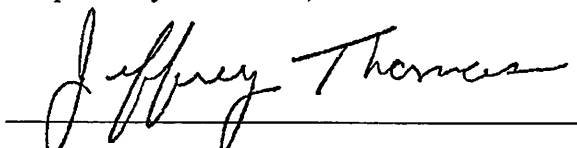
There were no Matters for Action.

There were no Veteran's Burial Allowances.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Reeder to adjourn the meeting at 9:54 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Heather Fellman, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary