

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; Deputy Chief Clerk, Stacie Cutshall; Solicitor, Larry Newton; CYS Director, Kelvin Abrashoff; EMA Director, Kathryn Unger; Chief Assessor, Melissa Smith; Daily News Reporter, Joe Thompson and public attendees, Amanda Page, Associate Professor of English at Juniata College; Sarah Worley, Director of Community Engaged Teaching & Learning at Juniata College; Christine Corl, 4-H Youth Development Educator along with students, Wilson Kyper, Lydia Couch, and Sawyer Banks.

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 Walls.

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 announced that there will not be a Public Meeting next week as the Commissioners will be at CCAP Conference.

Under public comments, Amanda Page, Associate Professor of English at Juniata College wanted to share an invitation for "Rural Rising". This is a Symposium showcasing grass-roots creativity in rural communities that is sponsored by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. There will be an opening keynote by Matthew Hoagland, Alamance County (NC) Planning Director and author of Guide to Building a Meaningful Life in Rural America. Also a community panel of representatives from innovative Huntingdon County organizations along with a grant writing workshop with Cory Holding, University of Pittsburgh Writing Professor and organizer of the Pitt Prison Education Project. This event will take place on March 28th from 9-5 at Juniata College. Amanda Page can be contacted at page@juniata.edu for more information or to register for the event.

There were no matters to be addressed by the Solicitor.

Under new business, Commissioner Walls on behalf of Penn State Extension, for Consideration of Approval for Proclamation 3-2025 for 4-H Week. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Reeder, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Kelvin Abrashoff, CYS Director, for Consideration of Approval for two (2) Caseworker Resignations. First being Charli Henry with an effective date of 3/28/2025. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes). Second consideration is Thomas Fritz with an effective date of 3/28/2025. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes; Walls, yes).

Kathryn Unger, EMA Director, for Consideration of Approval for the Homeland Security Grant. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder and carried (Reeder, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Melissa Smith, Chief Assessor, for Consideration of Approval to Attend AAP Spring Conference for Melissa Smith and Brandy Moore. The conference will be held in the Poconos from May 7-9th. The cost of the hotel will be \$504.00 and the cost of the conference will be a total of \$1200.00 (\$600.00 per person). It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes).

Public Attendee, Christine Corl, 4-H Youth Development Educator, commented that 4-H is vibrant in Huntingdon County and introduced three (3) students from Huntingdon Middle School with her today. Lydia Couch, Sawyer Banks, and Wilson Kyper. They commented on what they each do within 4-H and the Commissioners commended them and encouraged their continued engagement within 4-H and the community.

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 9:57 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Stacie D. Cutshall, Deputy Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary