

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; Planning Director, Laurie Nearhood; Probation Deputy Director, Amber Snedeker; visitor, Constance Wilson Andresen and Daily News Reporter, Joe Thompson.

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

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 cautioned residents about the cold weather and urged neighbors to check on one another. If anyone needs help with heating, please contact the Center for Community Action. Make sure to care for pets and other outside animals.

Under public comments, Constance Andresen noted that she would like to request a meeting with all three commissioners per the email and fax that she has sent to them. Commissioner Walls responded that Ms. Andresen will need to reach out to Chief Clerk, Heather Fellman, to arrange a meeting.

There were no matters to be addressed by the Solicitor.

Under new business, Amber Snedeker, Probation Deputy Director, requested consideration of approval for the 2025 CCYC contract. The cost of the contract is \$367,459, made in four payments throughout 2025. Commissioner Thomas commented that when he first started as a Commissioner, the cost of this contract was about \$50,000 and now it is up to almost \$400,000. For all the more we use the services, he strongly believes that we need to look into getting out of CCYC. We have other locations that would serve probably better than here and would be much more cost-effective. Commissioners Walls and Reeder concurred. We need to make sure to have a facility that can serve juveniles that need to be placed, but we need to look at how to do it in a more cost-effective way. Deputy Director Snedeker responded that she respects the opinions of the Commissioners, but at the same time she wants them to know that there is a huge issue with finding facilities for juveniles. When something happens, not if, CCYC guarantees us space to house these juveniles. I do not know what we would do with those youth if we did not have a guaranteed facility. The Commissioners assured her that they would never withdraw from CCYC without a solid plan. They are only in the beginning stages of looking into this and will keep lines of communication open with the Probation Department. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder and carried (Reeder, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Laurie Nearhood, Planning Director, requested consideration of approval for a \$5,000 Act 13 Marcellus Shale Allocation to the Huntingdon County Conservation District. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes).

Laurie Nearhood requested consideration of approval for the PA Department of Agriculture Certification of County Funds for the Farmland Preservation Program Year 2025. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder and carried (Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes; Walls, yes).

Laurie Nearhood requested consideration of approval for a \$30,000 Act 13 Marcellus Shale Allocation to fund the County Act 13 Program. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Reeder, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

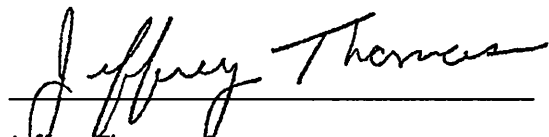
There were no Matters for Action.

There were no Veteran's Burial Allowances.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Heather N. Fellman, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary