

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; CYS Director, Kelvin Abrashoff; Probation Director, Len Hahn; Tiffany Jones from the Center for Community Action; Kathy Whelan from Juniata Valley Behavioral and Developmental Services; Planning Director, Laurie Nearhood; Deputy Court Administrator, Stephanie Smith; Mike Hannon from Tri-County Drug and Alcohol; William Frazier from Kiwanis International; Community Development Administrator, Jen Bellis; Katie Kerr from the Central PA Food Bank and Daily News Reporter, Kylie Hawn.

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 Commissioner 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 was one addition to the agenda: consideration of approval to accept the intermediate punishment grant funds. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Reeder, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

There were no announcements.

There were no public comments.

Under matters to be addressed by the Solicitor, Solicitor Newton announced that there will be a pre-trial conference this morning for the Wal-Mart tax appeal.

Under new business, Tiffany Jones, Kathy Whelan, and Mike Hannon requested consideration of approval for the Human Services Block Grant Assurance of Compliance for FY 2024-2025. CCA will change income guidelines to increase access to assistance to those who need it. JVBDS reports that there will be an emphasis on children's mental health programming. Opioid addiction continues to be top priority for Tri-County Drug and Alcohol. Commissioner Thomas commended the agencies on their collaboration and providing services to Huntingdon County residents. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes).

William Frazier from Kiwanis International requested consideration of approval for Proclamation 15-2024 in honor of 100 years of community service. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes; Walls, yes).

Katie Kerr from the Central PA Food Bank requested consideration of approval for Proclamation 16-2024 for Hunger Action Month. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder and carried (Reeder, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Stephanie Smith, Deputy Court Administrator, requested consideration of approval for 6 employees to attend the Judicial Summit on Mental Health. There is no cost to the county for registration or accommodations. Those costs will be covered by AOPC. The County will only need to cover the mileage reimbursements. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes).

Laurie Nearhood, Planning Director, requested consideration of approval for the resignation of Zack Lee from the Active Transportation Committee. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes; Walls, yes).

Laurie Nearhood requested consideration of approval to appoint Matthew Bjorkman to the vacant position created by Mr. Lee's resignation on the Active Transportation Committee. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder and carried (Reeder, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Jen Bellis, Community Development Administrator, requested consideration of approval for a proposal from Snyder Environmental Services, Inc. for the storm sewer phase East project in Smithfield Township. This phase of the project will provide evaluation of the pipes to assess the damage and determine the scope of the rest of the project. The Planning Office evaluated 3 Costars bids. Snyder was the lowest bidder with a total of \$31,000 plus contingency costs of up to \$3,950. This project uses CDBG funding. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes).

Jen Bellis requested consideration of approval to table the notice to proceed as she has not received the signed document needed to move forward from Snyder Environmental Services yet. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes).

Kelvin Abrashoff, CYS Director, requested consideration of approval to be appointed to the Tri-County Drug and Alcohol Board effective September 1, 2024 for a three year term. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder and carried (Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes; Walls, yes).

Kelvin Abrashoff requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with the Children's Aid Society of Clearfield County. This is a placement facility and a renewal contract from last year. There was no rate increase for contract year 7/1/2024-6/30/2025. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Reeder, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Kelvin Abrashoff requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with Stephanie L. Cooper, Esquire for Guardian Ad Litem services. This is a renewal from last year at the standard rate of \$80/hour for contract year 7/1/2024-6/30/2025. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes).

Kelvin Abrashoff requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with the Children's Advocacy Center of Centre County for forensic interviews for children. This is a renewal from last year with no rate increase for contract year 7/1/2024-6/30/2025. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes; Walls, yes).

Len Hahn, Probation Director, requested consideration of approval to hire Christine Clevenger for the position of Collections Clerk. An executive session was requested. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder and carried. Executive session began at 10:08am. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder and carried (Reeder, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to leave executive session at 10:10am. Personnel matters were discussed. No decisions were reached. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes) to approve the hire.

Len Hahn requested consideration of approval to accept funds in the amount of \$35,000 from the Intermediate Punishment Grant Program. These funds will be applied towards the salary of the Intermediate Punishment Officer. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes; Walls, yes).

Consideration of approval was given for Penn State Construction's change order #5 for a holding cell door for a second holding cell. This will increase project costs by \$5,885. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder and carried (Reeder, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

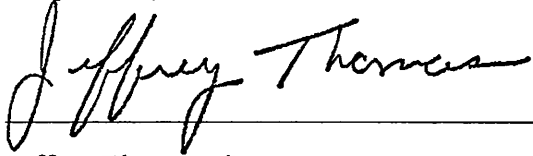
There were no Matters for Action.

There were 0 Veteran's Burial Allowance.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 10:13 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