

Tuesday, August 12, 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; Deb Clark from HCBI; CYS Director, Kelvin Abrashoff; Planning Director, Laurie Nearhood; Brian Wiser from Keller Engineers; CYS Fiscal Supervisor, Cecelia St. Clair 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 2 additions to the agenda. The first was a lease agreement with FNB for the drive-through at Annex 2. The second item for consideration to add was the Perdue-Sackler Settlement. There was also a correction to the agenda: Kelvin Abrashoff will request approval to appoint an intern, not hire a caseworker. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Reeder, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Under announcements, Commissioner Reeder noted that it was a great fair week. This was the largest attended Huntingdon County Fair, with over 70,000 attendees. Commissioner Walls informed residents that there have been mosquitos who tested positive for West Nile Virus in Huntingdon Borough and Mount Union. Residents should not be concerned. It is being monitored and mitigation efforts will begin if deemed necessary. Commissioner Walls also announced that the campgrounds at Raystown Lake will be opening August 15th and the Seven Points campgrounds will be opened beginning September 5th.

There were no public comments.

There were no matters to be addressed by the Solicitor.

Under new business, Brian Wiser from Keller Engineers requested consideration of approval for change order #1 for the county bridge approaches project. Unexpected excavation was required to add guiderails and a paved approach. This change order will provide a time extension of 21 day and add \$55,169 to the project cost for a new project total of \$450,162.50. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes).

Brian Wiser requested consideration of approval for a supplemental engineering proposal for Keller Engineers. This will allow for an additional estimated 40 hours of work per week at a cost not to exceed \$12,667.21. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes; Walls, yes).

Kelvin Abrashoff, CYS Director, requested consideration of approval to appoint Talbot Reed-Jaquay to the position of intern. He will be the county's first CWEB intern from Juniata College and will be working at the county 80 hours in the fall and 500 hours in the spring from August 25th-May of 2026. This program is at no cost to the County and it is hoped that he will choose to stay on as an employee at the completion of his program. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder and carried (Reeder, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Laurie Nearhood, Planning Director and Deb Clark from HCBI requested consideration of approval for an EZ Admin Agreement. This is a routine cooperative agreement between the county and HCBI. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes).

Consideration of approval was given for a lease agreement addendum with FNB for use of the drive-through at Annex 2. This is a three year renewal starting on September 1, 2025. In year one, FNB will pay \$2,000/month; in year two, \$2,500/month; year three, \$3,000/month. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes; Walls, yes).

Consideration of approval was given for the Purdue-Sackler Settlement Agreement for the existing opioid abuse litigation. The total settlement is \$6.5 billion dollars. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's share is \$205.3 million. The participation form presented today is required for participation in this settlement. Huntingdon County's portion of the settlement will be paid over a 15 year period and funds are to be used towards addiction abatement efforts. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder and carried (Reeder, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

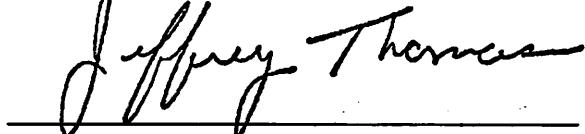
There were no Matters for Action.

There were no Veteran's Burial Allowance.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Reeder to adjourn the meeting at 10:09 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Heather N. Fellman, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey Thomas".

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary