

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 and Reeder, via online Commissioner Thomas; Deputy Chief Clerk, Stacie Cutshall; Solicitor, Larry Newton; Deputy Warden, Dan Weikert; Executive Director HCBI, Debra Clark; and Daily News Reporter, Byron Mantoan.

The meeting was called to order at 9:37 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; Reeder, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder and carried (Reeder, yes; Thomas, yes; Walls, yes) to approve payment of bills.

There were no additions to the agenda.

Under announcement, Commissioner Reeder commented that it is a National Day of Remembrance for Charlie Kirk's birthday. We should all champion free speech.

There were no public comments.

There were no matters to be addressed by the Solicitor.

Under new business, Debra Clark, Huntingdon County Business and Industry, requested consideration of approval for an EZ Loan package in the amount of \$100,000 for Knob Field Holdings, LLC. This has been reviewed and approved by the HCBI board. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Walls, yes; Reeder, yes).

Dan Weikert, Deputy Warden, requested consideration of approval for a contract with Arcadia Home Care and Staffing. Currently we have an inmate being housed in Mifflin who needs around-the-clock nursing care. This contract will provide for his care on a PRN basis. The Commissioners asked for review by Solicitor Newton. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder and carried (Walls, yes; Reeder, yes; Thomas, yes) pending solicitor review.

Consideration of approval was given for a notice to proceed on the Annex 1 roof replacement through Liberty Restoration and Construction, LLC. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Reeder, yes; Thomas, yes; Walls, yes).

Consideration of approval was given for Penn State Construction Change Order #27 for the repairs to the roof deck around the clock tower and front brick repair. The total increase is \$10,462.09. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder and carried (Thomas, yes; Walls, yes; Reeder, yes).

Consideration of approval was given for grant consulting services. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder. The motion failed due to lack of a second. Commissioner Reeder was concerned last week when he asked to have a Chief Financial Officer approved that we did not have discussion so at this time I will open this topic for discussion. Commissioner Reeder commented that he brought it up because even one mid-size win would be \$250,000-\$750,000, which would pay

for that position. We had two contractors come in. Their proposition was \$35,000 to do the County, or \$60,000 to represent the boroughs, townships, and fire companies. I would prefer the \$60,000 contract. It could help us with the Indigent Defense Grant (\$110,000) and USDA grants, which would pay for a portion of new vehicles for the Sheriff's Office. The companies were offering grant writing, grant administrating, and lobbying services. We received their quotes quite some time ago and have not provided them with an answer. Commissioner Walls commented that Commissioner Reeder provided an Evaluation Funding Plan this morning. Commissioner Walls commented that we are already getting the Indigent Defense Grant, so we don't really need to pay a grant writer for that. The DCNR Conservation partnerships, possibly. The LSA Local Share Account, Judy Ward controls through the Senate and interested parties can contact her office. The PennDOT multi-modal transportation fund is handled through the Southern Alleghenies Planning Commission. ARC grants are also handled by Southern Alleghenies and we got one of the largest ones ever awarded for the Riverview Business Park without paying a grant writer to be here. We have been discussing a grant writer, but we have been in discussions with DCED about the STMP plan. DCED is going to help finance that. If they find inadequacies, they told us they would potentially help fund positions that are needed. We are waiting on the recommendations of DCED. Commissioner Reeder commented he has spoken to other counties. In Potter County one of these companies that we received quotes from brought in \$9 million last year. Tioga County received over \$24 million through their contracted grant writer. Commissioner Walls commented that we could receive large amounts of grant money, but there are no guarantees. Commissioner Reeder commented that currently we put the responsibility for applying for these grants on our Department Heads. They're not trained to get the grants at the most efficient amounts. I hate to put that on our employees to do that legwork when we could have this position. Commissioner Walls commented that DCED will make recommendations after evaluating our needs. Right now, we are jumping the gun. I think we need to wait until we see funding for it.

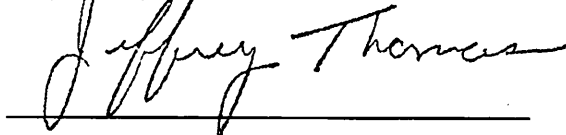
There were no Matters for Action.

There was 1 Veteran's Burial Allowances.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Reeder to adjourn the meeting at 9:56 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Heather N. Fellman, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary