

Tuesday, September 23, 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; Lee Zeger from CES Engineers; Deputies Stan Snyder and Keith Hesketh; Planning Director, Laurie Nearhood; Chief Assessor, Melissa Smith; CYS Fiscal Supervisor, Cecelia St. Clair; guests, Dennis Plane, Rachel Walters, Mike Hannon, Constance Andresen, Kim Baldwin, and Daily News Reporter, Byron Mantoan.

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

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 two additions to the agenda. The first addition is a local bridge reprioritization for the TIP from Laurie Nearhood, Planning Director. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Reeder, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes). The second addition was opening of the paving project bids. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes).

There were no announcements.

There were no public comments.

Under matters to be addressed by the Solicitor, Lee Zeger presented the paving project bids. Two bids were received. The first was from CHD Enterprises in the amount of \$120,922.60. The second was from Glenn O Hawbaker in the amount of \$127,244. The apparent low bidder is CHD Enterprises. Mr. Zeger will review and make a recommendation at the next meeting. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder and carried (Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes; Walls, yes) to table a decision pending recommendation from the engineer.

Under new business, Rachel Walters and Kim Baldwin from Huntingdon House requested consideration of approval for Proclamation 12-2025 recognizing October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes; Walls, yes).

Melissa Smith, Chief Tax Assessor, requested consideration of approval for herself and Brandy Moore to attend the North Central Chapter Meeting, which provides continuing education credits for their CPE Licenses. There is no cost for attendance. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder and carried (Reeder, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Melissa Smith requested consideration of approval for herself and Brandy Moore to attend the Assessor's Association of Pennsylvania Fall Conference, which provides continuing education credits for their CPE Licenses. The cost for this conference is \$350/person and the lodging cost is \$169/night. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes).

Laurie Nearhood, Planning Director, requested consideration of approval for the solid waste capacity agreement with Southern Alleghenies Landfill. This is a 10 year plan. 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 transfer station agreement with Mifflin County Barner Transfer Station. This is a 10 year plan. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Reeder, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Laurie Nearhood requested consideration of approval for local bridge reprioritization for the TIP. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes).

Cecelia St. Clair, CYS Fiscal Supervisor, requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with White Deer Run DBA Cove Prep. This is a renewal from last year at the state approved rates. Cove Prep provides secure housing for minors. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes).

Cecelia St. Clair requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with Cornell Abraxas Group, LLC. They provide intensive treatment and secure housing services. This is a renewal from last year. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes; Walls, yes).

Cecelia St. Clair requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with George Junior Republic. This is a renewal from last year. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder and carried (Reeder, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Consideration of approval was given for Proclamation 13-2025 enacting a county-wide burn ban beginning at 10:15am on 9/25/2025. The burn ban will be in place for 30 days, and may be renewed for an additional 30 days. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes).

Consideration of approval was given for selection of a fuel oil vendor. 2 bids were received and opened at the last public meeting. The first was from Alexandria Energy for a variable rate with no details as to what the variable rate would be based on. The price on the day of bid submission was listed as \$2.44. The second bid was received from Bumgardner and Flasher. They provided two options. The first is a fixed rate of \$2.77. The second is a variable rate at \$.15 above the rack price on date of delivery. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder and carried (Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes; Walls, yes).

Consideration of approval was given for the retirement of Ruth Snair effective 10/6/2025. Commissioner Walls commented that she has 12 years of institutional knowledge and has been a dedicated employee. We wish her the best in her retirement. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Reeder, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

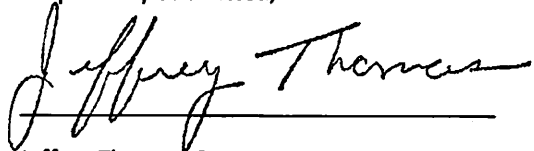
There were no Matters for Action.

There were 3 Veteran's Burial Allowance.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Heather N. Fellman, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary