

Huntingdon, PA
Tuesday, October 15, 2024
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 and Reeder; Chief Clerk, Heather Fellman; Solicitor, Larry Newton and Daily News Reporter, Joe Thompson.

Guests Aaron Rothermel, Ethan Isenberg, and Sarah Betz from Juniata College attended via GoToMeeting.

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 Walls.

It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Reeder, yes) to table approval of the minutes of the previous meeting.

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

There were no additions to the agenda.

Under announcements, Commissioner Walls thanked the Juniata College students for attending the meeting. Unfortunately there is not much on the agenda today, but I appreciate your participation. Chief Clerk, Heather Fellman provided an update on the election. The 21st is the last day to register to vote or update your registration. October 29th is the last day to apply for a mail-in ballot. Ballots are on the road to our facility as we speak. They will be arriving in the office today. We plan to complete an inventory of those ballots this afternoon and then we are all set to begin mailing ballots out to voters who requested them. If you have any questions about the status of your mail-in ballot, please feel free to give us a call. We anticipate that we will be able to get all of the ballots out for people that have applied as of today's date by the end of the week. Commissioner Walls announced that it is darker in the mornings, so please use extra caution on your morning commute and watch out for students who are boarding their buses to head to school. Renovations continue on the Courthouse. We will soon be starting to work on the new entrance in the rear. The rear entrance will be temporarily closed and we will be putting up a temporary ramp on the front to facilitate residents with disabilities who need to access the Courthouse. A reminder to municipalities, the Hazard Mitigation Plan update is underway. Every municipality is expected to participate. There are several that have not responded. Please reach out to the Planning Office. The repairs to the cell doors at the Jail continue. That is expected to be completed in the next 3-4 weeks. Inmates have been transported to other facilities until the project is completed. Joe Thompson asked if there was an update on the status of the proposed new Jail build. Commissioner Walls commented that the Prison Study Committee will be meeting later today to select a consultant for that project. There has not been a decision made to definitely build a new Jail, but the consultants will present us with all of our options. Commissioner Reeder commented that there are a lot of state and federal grants that municipalities will not be eligible to receive if they do not sign onto the Hazard Mitigation Plan. It is very important that all municipalities participate.

There were no public comments.

There were no matters to be addressed by the Solicitor.

There was no new business.

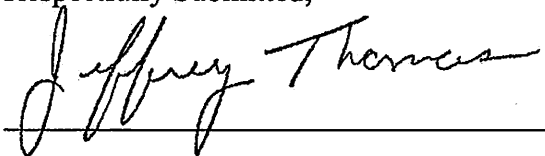
There were no Matters for Action.

There were no Veteran's Burial Allowances.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Reeder to adjourn the meeting at 9:43 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Heather Fellman, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeffrey Thomas". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary