

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; Victim Witness Coordinator, Allison Hall; Kathy Whelan from JVBDS; Chief Assessor, Melissa Bousum and Daily News Reporter, Joe Thompson.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Commissioner Walls. 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, abstain; 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 were no additions to the agenda.

There were no announcements.

There were no public comments.

There were no matters to be addressed by the Solicitor.

Under new business, Kathy Whelan, Director of Juniata Valley Behavioral and Developmental Services (JVBDS), requested consideration of approval for Proclamation 18-2024 for National Disability Employment Awareness Month. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Reeder, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Consideration of approval was given for Resolution 6-2024 to extend the Keystone Opportunity Zone (KOZ) for 10 years. Commissioner Thomas noted that this helps to attract businesses to the area for the benefit of the residents. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes).

Allison Hall, Victim Witness Coordinator with the District Attorney's Office, requested consideration of approval for the RASA/VOJO grant for fiscal year 2025/2026. This grant fully funds the Victim Witness Coordinator position at \$53,974 per year. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes; Walls, yes).

Melissa Smith, Chief Assessor, requested consideration of approval for staff to attend the AAP fall conference. Melissa Bousum and Brandie Moore will attend the conference. The conference fee is \$680 and the hotel fee is \$537. This will provide the continuing education credits needed for their CPE licenses. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder and carried (Reeder, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Consideration of approval was given to accept the fuel oil bid from Bumgardner and Flasher for the variable rate at 17 cents above rack price. Commissioner Thomas commented that we have gone with the rack price for the last several years. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes).

Consideration of approval was given for change order directive #3 for Westmoreland Electric LLC. The Commissioners expressed a need for clarification on this item from the engineer. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes; Walls, yes) to table this item.

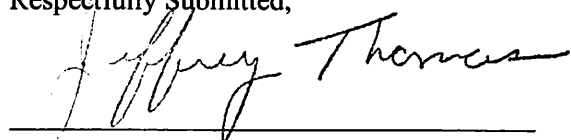
There were no Matters for Action.

There was one Veteran's Burial Allowances.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 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