

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; CYS Director, Kelvin Abrashoff 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 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 approve 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 commented that last week at the United Way banquet, the employees of the County were given a certificate – the 2023-2024 Gold Award – for achieving an increase in giving. Thank you to the employees of the County. We hope that is a pattern that we can continue to see in years to come.

There were no public comments.

There were no matters to be addressed by the Solicitor.

Under new business, Kelvin Abrashoff, CYS Director, presented a report on the CYS budget for 2023-2024. Huntingdon County CYS was originally approved for a \$7.6 million budget, but was able to close out the year with a finalized spent funds figure of \$6.836 million, a final total of over \$842,000 under budget. This was able to be accomplished in large part due to the purchase of the building a few years ago which allowed us to bring foster care services back in house. Now, 90% of our placements are to homes licensed through Huntingdon County CYS. Commissioner Walls expressed his appreciation for the CYS department and the work that they have done to achieve this. He commented that when we first bought that building there were some questions about why we needed it. This was the plan all along. While we are making payments on the building, 80% of that cost is reimbursed by the State. It's a testament to Mr. Abrashoff's leadership and the leadership of supervisors in the CYS Department. It is nice when a plan can come together.

Kelvin Abrashoff requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with Pathways Adolescent Center, Inc. This is a secure facility for children aged 13+ to receive mental health services. It is a renewal from last year for contract year July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Reeder, yes).

Kelvin Abrashoff requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with the Children's Aid Society of Franklin County for 45 day diagnostic services. This is a renewal from last year for contract year July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Reeder, yes; Walls, yes).

Consideration of approval was given for change order #2 for Westmoreland Electric, LLC for a fire alarm system upgrade. This will be an increase in cost of \$36,584.96. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Reeder, yes).

Consideration of approval was given for change order #3 for Westmoreland Electric, LLC for power to the AC cassette on the first floor. This will be an increase of \$2,110.35. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Reeder, yes; Walls, yes).

Consideration of approval was given for change order #6 for Penn State Construction for a pre-fabricated roof hatch for the rooftop HVAC unit for accessibility. This will be an increase of \$3,952.53. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Reeder, yes).

Consideration of approval was given to hire Kevin Barger for the position of Veterans' Affairs Director, effective 9/3/2024. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Reeder, yes; Walls, yes).

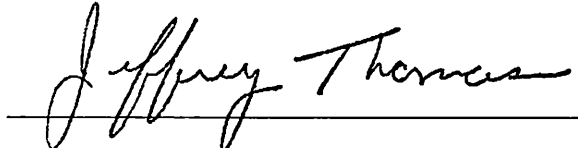
There were no Matters for Action.

There were 21 Veteran's Burial Allowances.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Reeder to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Heather Fellman, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary