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; Jeff Hackenberg and Torey Fischer from the Extension Office 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 Walls.

It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; 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 was one addition to the agenda: a contract renewal with Susquehanna Accounting and Consulting. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Reeder, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Under announcements, Commissioner Walls reminded residents to look out for their neighbors and their pets during this cold weather.

There were no public comments.

There were no matters to be addressed by the Solicitor.

Under new business, Torey Fischer from the Penn State Extension, discussed Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI).

Consideration of approval was given for Proclamation 1-2025 for CHAMP. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes).

Consideration of approval to hire Ben Steines for the position of Veterans Affairs Director effective 2/18/2025. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder and carried (Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes; Walls, yes).

Consideration of approval was given to hire Lance Marshall for the Assistant Public Defender position. He will start part time on 3/3/25 and full time on 5/1/25. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Reeder, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Consideration of approval was given for a renewal to the contract with Susquehanna Accounting and Consulting for 2025. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes).

There were no Matters for Action.

There were 4 Veteran's Burial Allowances.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Reeder to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Heather N. Fellman, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully/Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary