Huntingdon, PA

Tuesday, May 6, 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; Chief Clerk, Heather Fellman; Probation Director, Len Hahn; CYS Director, Kelvin Abrashoff; Brian Wiser from Keller Engineers 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 Reeder.

It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas 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 additions to the agenda: a work change directive for Mark Services. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder and carried (Reeder, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Under announcements, Commissioner Walls noted that it is Corrections Officer Week. He commended the Corrections Officers at the Huntingdon County Jail for the excellent work they do.

There were no public comments.

There were no matters to be addressed by the Solicitor.

Under new business, Brian Wiser from Keller Engineers presented a recommendation for the bid award for the Bridge Project. Sealed bids were opened at last week’s public meeting. Bids were reviewed and the engineer provided a suggestion to the County Solicitor, who concurred. The recommendation is for Wen-Brooke Contracting Inc. with a contract total of $645,317.17. Commissioner Walls asked when construction will begin. Mr. Wiser responded that the contractor will have 15 days to submit their bonds and insurance and then they will be issued a notice to proceed. Steel delivery will likely hold up the project until September. The project is scheduled to be completed by November 26th. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes).

Len Hahn, Probation Director, requested consideration of approval to hire Teree Lipscomb for the position of Adult Probation Officer. She has completed her pre-employment screenings and the Judge has approved her hire. Her start date will be 5/5/2025. This will leave 2 vacancies with the agency. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes; Walls, yes).

Kelvin Abrashoff, CYS Director, requested consideration of approval for Proclamation 8-2025 for Foster Care Awareness Month. Mr. Abrashoff commented that the County is in need of foster parents, especially for teens and at the north and south ends of the County. If you would like more information on becoming a foster parent, you can call 814-643-3270, visit the County website, or stop by our booth at Portstown Park on May 20th from 2-6pm. You can also become a respite care foster parent if you are not able to commit to long-term placements. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Reeder, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Heather Fellman, Chief Clerk, requested consideration of approval to hire Lexi Souders for the position of Assistant Election Coordinator effective on 5/12/2025. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder and carried (Reeder, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Consideration of approval was given for Change Order #8 for K&K Plumbing to add a circulator pump on the electric water heater. The cost of this change is $1,464.43. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Reeder, no).

Consideration of approval was given for Change Order #9 for K&K Plumbing to repair a broken sanitary clean-out. The total cost is $1,518.88. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes; Walls, yes).

Consideration of approval was given for Work Change Directive #2 for Marc Services to repair the existing HVAC system. The total cost is $950. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder and carried (Reeder, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

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 10:05 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Heather N. Fellman, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary