

Tuesday, October 21, 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 and Reeder; Chief Clerk, Heather Fellman; Solicitor, Larry Newton; Brian Wiser, from Keller Engineers; Ryan Pasternak from Penn Highlands; Laurie Nearhood, Planning Director; Cecelia St. Clair, CYS Fiscal Supervisor and Daily News Reporter, Byron Mantoan.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Commissioner Walls. Prayer was led by Commissioner Walls and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Commissioner Reeder.

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 was one addition to the agenda: Consideration of approval to accept the resignation of the Assistant Elections Coordinator. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Reeder, yes) to add this item to the agenda.

Under announcement, Commissioner Walls advised drivers to watch out for trick-or-treaters.

There were no public comments.

There were no matters to be addressed by the Solicitor.

Under new business, Brian Wiser of Keller Engineers requested consideration of approval for Pay App #1 to Wenbrook Contracting for the Bridge 17 project in the amount of \$213,397.96 to be paid out of Act 13 funding. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Reeder, yes; Walls, yes).

Ryan Pasternak from Penn Highlands and Laurie Nearhood, Planning Director, requested consideration of approval for a partnership between the County and Penn Highlands for a statewide LSA application to fund new mammography equipment. For these grant funds, the hospital will need a local government sponsor, but the hospital will be responsible for applying for an administering the grant. The Commissioners asked Solicitor Newton to review the associated documents prior to submission. Commissioner Walls did note that he has been disappointed in the communication between the hospital and the Board of Commissioners and expressed his hopes that the hospital will be more communicative in the future. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Reeder, yes) to approve the partnership pending solicitor approval.

Cecelia St. Clair, CYS Fiscal Administrator, requested consideration of approval to hire Allissa Deters for the position of Caseworker 1 effective October 27th. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Reeder, yes; Walls, yes).

Cecelia St. Clair requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with Cen Clear Child Services, Inc. This is a renewal at the state-approved rates for July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. Cen Clear provides psychiatric evaluations and therapy. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Reeder, yes).

Cecelia St. Clair requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with Summit Schools, Inc. This is a renewal at the state-approved rates for July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Reeder, yes; Walls, yes).

Cecelia St. Clair requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with Family Care Services, Inc. This is for foster care services at the state-approved rates for July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Reeder, yes).

Cecelia St. Clair requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with the Children's Home of Reading Youth and Family Services, Inc. for foster care, psychiatric treatment, and other specialized treatment and services for contract year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Reeder, yes; Walls, yes).

Consideration of approval was given for Westmoreland Electric Change Order #8 in the amount of \$11,266.53 for wiring and installation of an audio visual system in the Courtroom. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Reeder, yes).

Consideration of approval was given for Westmoreland Electric Change Order #9 for fire alarm upgrades. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Reeder, yes; Walls, yes).

Consideration of approval was given for the resignation of Assistant Election Coordinator Lexi Souders effective on 10/31/2025. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Reeder, yes).

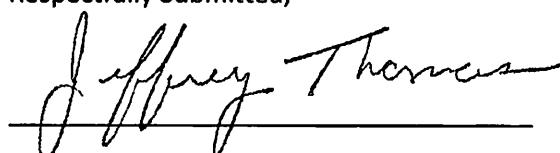
There were no Matters for Action.

There were 3 Veteran's Burial Allowances.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Reeder to adjourn the meeting at 10 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Heather N. Fellman, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jeffrey Thomas

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary