

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 Thomas; Chief Clerk, Alayna Clark; Solicitor, Larry Newton; Planning Director, Laurie Nearhood; Chief Assessor, Melissa Smith; HCBI, Debra Clark; Online Visitors, Constance Wilson-Andresen, Michael Miller, Jonai Harlan; In-person Visitors, Danny Davis; Daily News Reporter, Byron Mantoan.

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 Walls.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes) to approve the September 8th meeting minutes.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Thomas, yes; Walls, yes) to approve payment of bills.

There were no additions to the agenda.

Under announcements by the Board, Commissioner Thomas wanted to take a moment to remember 9/11- the lives that were lost, the sacrifices that were made, and the history of our country.

Commissioner Walls announced that the Area Agency on Aging is having a power of attorney educational session held on Thursday, September 17th at the Game Commission building. It is open to all. This session is for older adults who are seeking to designate someone for power of attorney as well as those that are designated as caregivers. There will be several attorneys there as well as officials from banking to educate people.

Under Public Comments, Contance Wilson-Andresen commented that she would like a full public retraction and correction by the Huntingdon County Solicitor concerning his statements he made about Ms. Wilson-Andresen publicly. Ms. Wilson-Andresen commented that the documents that Solicitor Newton read by George Zanic were defamatory, damaging, and improperly used against her.

There were no matters to be addressed by the Solicitor.

Under new business, Debra Clark, HCBI, and Laurie Nearhood, Planning Director, requested Consideration of Approval of Administrative Agreement Huntingdon County Enterprise Zone Program. The purpose of this agreement is to provide funding and formally authorize HCBI to administer and carry out Huntingdon County's Enterprise Zone Program for the year 2026-2027. This is a revolving fund- every payment that a client makes goes right back into the fund then goes on to help the next business. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Larry Newton, Solicitor, opened a fuel oil bid from Bumgardner & Flasher Oil, Inc. Bumgardner & Flasher Oil will submit a variable rate bid for the Huntingdon County Commissioners of 15 cents per gallon above low rack price day of delivery for oil deliveries from October 4, 2026, through October 3, 2027. As of 9/14/26 the rack rate was 5.164. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Thomas, yes; Walls, yes) to accept Bumgardner & Flasher Oil's bid.

Melissa Smith, Tax Assessment Chief Assessor, discussed Act 29 of 2026. The Act 29 of 2026 states that the Chief Assessor of every county is required to collect contact information from non-owner-occupied properties. It is required that the Chief Assessor provides a form. A form was created that is available in the Tax Assessment office and online. Register & Recorder’s office will also be sending out this form to every recorded document that is received. Mailings do not have to be done; the form just must be accessible to people. These forms are mainly for municipalities- if townships/boroughs have a difficult time finding contact information for owners of blighted properties they can request this form from the office for that specific property.

There were no Veteran Burial Allowances

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 9:53 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Alayna L. Clark, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary