

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; Sheriff, Jeffrey Leonard; George Conrad, President of the Standing Stone Trail Club; Cecelia St. Clair, CYS Fiscal Supervisor; Damon Miller, IT Coordinator; 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 Reeder and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Thomas.

It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes) to table approval of the minutes to the next public meeting on 6/16/2026.

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

There were two additions to the agenda:

- 1) Consideration to allow attendance to CYS Permanency conference. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, and carried (Reeder, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).
- 2) Consideration to allow Sheriff Leonard to attend the Sheriff's conference. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder, and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes).

Under announcements:

Commissioner Reeder stated it was Children's Day with the phrase: "We do not inherit the Earth from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children".

Commissioner Walls mentioned that the Huntingdon County Fireman's Convention is in a few weeks and urged the community to show support.

There were no public comments.

Larry Newton, Solicitor, had nothing to report.

Under new business:

George Conrad presented a brief history of the Thousand Steps trail and an update on the current challenges the club is facing. Mr. Conrad stated that the trail is extremely popular and has been reported in numerous publications and serves between 30,000 and 40,000 visitors a year. Some of the clubs' projects include: a reroute of part of the trail, a bridge replacement, resurfacing the entrance parking lot and installation of a guard rail, and developing an informational app for hikers. Mr. Conrad stressed that the Thousand Steps is suffering from vandalism, litter, and natural deterioration. The steps will need major restorations in the future. Lastly, Mr. Conrad wanted to publicly acknowledge Joe and Betty Clark from Mt. Union for supporting and documenting the Thousand Steps for over twenty-five years.

IT Coordinator, Damon Miller asked the board to consider approval to appoint Ethan Huff as an intern, to begin Friday, May 12th. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, and carried (Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes; Walls, yes).

Cecelia St. Clair requested the board to approve three purchase service agreements:

Perseus House for transitional and support services, at approved state rates (from July 1st 2026 to June 30th 2027). It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder, and carried (Reeder, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Children's Advocacy Center of Centre County, for interview and crime witness services (from July 1st 2026 to June 30th 2027), at approved rates. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes).

Lastly, Intrinsic Interventions for drug testing supplies, and there is no cost increase (from July 1st 2026 to June 30th 2027). It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder, and carried (Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes; Walls, yes).

Also, Ms. St. Clair asked the board to consider approval for Nicole Leturgey to attend the 2026 Permanency Conference. From June 16th to the 19th, at a total cost of: \$716.28. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, and carried (Reeder, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Sheriff Jeff Leonard requested the board to consider approval for his attending the 2026 Sheriff Conference from July 13th to 17th, at a total cost of: \$688.20. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder, and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes).

Commissioner Walls presented the board with a consideration to approve renewing the parking lease with Kathleen Herr. A motion was entered by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, and carried (Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes; Walls, 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 9:57 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Alonso Brown, Administrative Assistant

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary