

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; CYS Director, Kelvin Abrashoff; Planning Director, Laurie Nearhood; Register and Recorder, Kelsey Dunn; EMA Director, Katie Unger; Daily News Reporter, Byron Mantoan and guests, Bob Henry, Barb Covert, Mike Hannon, Beverly Foor, Samantha Ochs, Danielle Ochs and Micaela Mills.

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 Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes) to approve of 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: consideration of approval for the EMA MOU with RSVP. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Reeder, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Under announcements, Commissioner Walls offered his thanks to Alexandria Borough and our county firefighters. It was good to see so many people out supporting our local volunteers during last week's convention.

There were no public comments.

There were no matters to be addressed by the Solicitor.

Under new business, Danielle Ochs, representing AmeriCorps RSVP Program, requested consideration of approval for an MOU with the Register and Recorder's Office. She noted that last year there were 4 volunteers working with this office who put in a combined total of over 1400 hours. Ms. Dunn commented that these volunteers play a vital role in her office. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes).

Danielle Ochs requested consideration of approval for an MOU with the EMA office. She noted that last year there were 5 volunteers working in this office who put in a combined total of over 500 hours. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder and carried (Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes; Walls, yes).

Kelvin Abrashoff, CYS Director, requested consideration of approval for the resignation of Keri Ondrejik effective 7/12/2025. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder and carried (Reeder, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Kelvin Abrashoff requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with the Children's Aid Home Program of Somerset County. This is a renewal from last year to provide residential and foster care services as needed for contract year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes).

Kelvin Abrashoff requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with Outside In School of Experiential Education, Inc. This is a renewal from last year to provide drug and alcohol recovery services for contract year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder and carried (Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes; Walls, yes).

Laurie Nearhood, Planning Director, requested consideration of approval for the Act 13 Legacy Fund Award Agreement for the Mount Union Borough Pennsylvania Avenue Wall Mural Project. The award amount is \$5,300. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Reeder, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Consideration of approval was given for Penn State Construction Change Order #23 for chimney repair, additional exit signage, pillar trim, and drywall. The total cost of this change order is \$25,136.94. The Commissioners voted to approve with one addendum: \$4,033.25 needs to be removed from this change order because the work is already covered in Change Order #24. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes).

Consideration of approval was given for Penn State Construction Change Order #24 for pillar trim in the amount of \$4,033.26. The Commissioner noted that the cost seems excessive for such a small change. This agenda item failed due to lack of a motion and second.

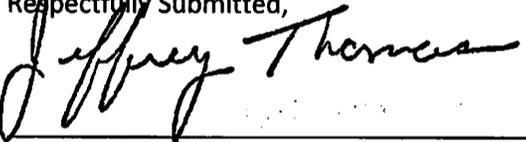
Under Matters for Action, Commissioner Walls provided an update on the financial information for the Huntingdon County Visitor's Bureau. Matt Price dropped off the financial information in person to the Chief Clerk yesterday and is requesting an opportunity to do the same for the Commissioners. Mr. Price sent an email to Commissioner Walls indicating that he disagrees with the commissioner's interpretation of the ordinance, but is providing the information in the spirit of cooperation. Commissioner Walls noted that while he appreciates the cooperation, he wants it to be understood that the Commissioners are not required to collect the tax that funds their work in the first place, but they do because they believe in the importance of tourism to our local economy. Commissioner Reeder concurred, stating that we need to be good stewards of public money and in order to do that we have to know where and how the money is actually being spent.

There was 1 Veteran's Burial Allowance.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Reeder to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Heather N. Fellman, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeffrey Thomas". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a solid horizontal line.

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary