

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 and Daily News Reporter, Joe Thompson.

Planning Director, Laurie Nearhood, participated via GoToMeeting.

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 Reeder.

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes) to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

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

There were two additions to the agenda. The first was consideration of approval to appoint a CYS intern. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder and carried (Reeder, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes). The second item was consideration of approval to hire an Office Manager for the Planning Department. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes).

There were no announcements.

There were no public comments.

There were no matters to be addressed by the Solicitor.

Under new business, the Commissioners reminded the public of a proclamation that was passed at the end of 2023 declaring January 9th Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. Commissioner Thomas offered his thanks and appreciation to law enforcement officers. Commissioner Reeder expressed his appreciation and noted that without enforcement of the rule of law this wouldn't be America. Commissioner Walls expressed his appreciation for the service and sacrifices of law enforcement officers.

Kelvin Abrashoff, CYS Director, requested consideration of approval to appoint an intern, Kaleigh Johnson, effective 1/9/2024. This will be a 500 hour internship and she will be in the office Monday through Friday. We are hoping that if all goes well with the internship she will choose to stay on with CYS after she graduates. 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 to hire Jodi Gutshall for the position of Office Manager effective 1/16/2024. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Reeder, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

There were no Matters for Action.

There was one Veteran's Burial Allowances.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Reeder to adjourn the meeting at 9:41 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Heather Fellman, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary