

Huntingdon, PA

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

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, Thomas and Reeder; Solicitor, Larry Newton; Chief Clerk, Heather Fellman; CYS Director, Kelvin Abrashoff; Guests for Week of the Young Child and Daily News Reporter, Joe Thompson.

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 Thomas.

Consideration of approval was given for Proclamation 9-2024 for Week of the Young Child. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes).

Commissioner Thomas read the story "The Rainbow Fish" to visiting head start students.

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

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

There were no additions to the agenda.

Under announcements, Commissioner Thomas commented on the sobering event raising awareness for child abuse that was held in front of the Courthouse this morning. It is good to have students from the local Head Start here for the public meeting today. Commissioner Reeder commented that everything we do as a community affects children first.

Under public comments, Kelvin Abrashoff commented that it was an honor to have the Commissioners present at this morning's child abuse awareness event, and it is a blessing to have the children visit the public meeting this morning.

There were no matters to be addressed by the Solicitor.

Under new business, consideration of approval was given to table Ordinance 1-2024 for Courthouse Renovation Funding. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes).

Kelvin Abrashoff, CYS Director, requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with Peoples R' Us Community Residential Services, Inc. They are a teen residential facility that specializes in transitional living services. It is a new contract for the contract year 7/1/2023 through 6/30/2024 It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder and carried (Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes; Walls, yes).

Kelvin Abrashoff requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with Summit Early Learning, Inc. This is a renewal from last year for the contract year 7/1/2023 through 6/30/2024. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Reeder, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Kelvin Abrashoff requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with Jacob W. Diviney for solicitor services. This contract went out to public bid. Three bids were received. Upon review, all three were fixed rates and Diviney provided the lowest bid at \$6,000 per month. This is for contract period 4/1/2023 through 6/30/2024. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder, and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes).

Heather Fellman, Chief Clerk, provided an update on the status of mail-in ballots for the 2024 Presidential Primary. Testing of all Huntingdon County voting equipment has been completed. We received ballots in house on Friday afternoon and inventory was completed. We are on track to finish mailing mail-in and absentee ballots today to all who have already applied. There will be about 1700 ballots sent out in the mail in the first half of the week.

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 10:06 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Heather Fellman, Chief Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary