

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; Chief Clerk, Heather Fellman; Solicitor, Larry Newton; CYS Director, Kelvin Abrashoff; Community Development Administrator, Jen Bellis 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 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 was one addition to the agenda: Consideration of approval to hire a second full-time custodian. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder and carried (Reeder, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Under announcements, Heather Fellman announced that the County has partnered with TextMyGov to provide a convenient way for county residents to receive reliable information related to elections. Unfortunately, there is a lot of misinformation surrounding elections. This new service will provide a way for the County to communicate directly with voters to provide them accurate information. A new widget went live this morning on the County Election page. You can use that widget to sign up for the service. Commissioner Walls announced that Penelec has been in contact to say that there was a planned outage for equipment repair on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, but given the extreme heat that was postponed to June 30<sup>th</sup>. It will affect people in Warriors Mark and Tyrone Township.

Under public comments, Kelvin Abrashoff reminded residents to be mindful of children who are outside playing during the summer. He also reminded residents of the importance of water safety. Information on safe swimming is available at the CYS Office.

There were no matters to be addressed by the Solicitor.

Under new business, Kelvin Abrashoff, CYS Director, requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with Nicholas Newfield, Esquire. This is a renewal from last year for guardian ad litem services. There has been no change to the rate. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes).

Kelvin Abrashoff requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with Tyrone Area School District. This is a renewal from last year to provide transportation services to children in foster care. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes; Walls, yes).

Kelvin Abrashoff requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with Evolution Counseling Services LLC. This is a renewal from last year for various counseling services. These are evidence-

based services that have been approved for state reimbursement. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder and carried (Reeder, yes; Walls, no; Thomas, yes).

Kelvin Abrashoff requested consideration of approval for a purchase of service agreement with Juniata Valley School District. This is a renewal from last year for transportation services for children in foster care. 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 the CWIS Data Sharing Agreement. This is for contract year October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025 and is a renewal from last year. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder and carried (Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes; Walls, yes).

Jen Bellis, Community Development Administrator, requested consideration of approval for revision request #2 for the FY 2022 CDBG contract. This change order will reallocate \$1.75 of remaining funds to the 7<sup>th</sup> Street Parking Rehabilitation Project. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Reeder, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Jen Bellis, on behalf of the Landmarks Committee, requested consideration of approval for the county to accept the donation of a miniature replica of the original courthouse. It would require installation of a concrete pedestal. Commissioner Reeder asked if the Landmarks Committee had looked into putting it on Borough property, where the original Courthouse once stood. Ms. Bellis commented that that is where the Standing Stone is and there is not a lot of room there. It is also darker, so that was a consideration. We don't want people hanging out in a dark intersection if they visit at night or come through on an evening walking tour. The rest of them are pretty much situated beside where they are currently, so we thought next to the Courthouse would be the best place for it. Commissioner Walls commented that it is a nice idea, but it is not a replica of this Courthouse. We should have probably been consulted before this place was determined by others. He mentioned that he is concerned about how much we are putting on the grounds. Right now, county grounds are reserved primarily for veterans' monuments. Ms. Bellis commented she wasn't sure what the new entrance would look like at the back once construction is done, and if there might be room there. The little houses have a following. Commissioner Walls commented that he thinks it would be more appropriate to put it closer to where the original Courthouse was. Commissioner Reeder asked about who would be paying for the concrete pedestal. Ms. Bellis commented that we could discuss that further. Maybe while the construction crews are here maybe that's something we could do. Commissioner Walls commented that in previous discussions with others, it had been indicated that the County would be responsible for putting up the pedestal and also for insuring it. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder and failed due to lack of majority votes (Walls, no; Thomas, abstain; Reeder, yes).

Heather Fellman, Chief Clerk, requested consideration of approval to hire Joseph Cunningham for the position of Custodian effective 7/1/2024. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes; Walls, yes).

Heather Fellman requested consideration of approval to hire Ralph Williams for the position of Custodian effective 7/1/2024. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder and carried (Reeder, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Consideration of approval was given for a contract with Morefield to replace the county's phone system. This is a project that has been in the works for 2-3 years. We have talked to several vendors. The total cost is \$71,574.05 for 186 phones, installation of the new system, and professional services. This new contract is for 10 years and provides significant support cost savings. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes).

Consideration of approval was given for change order #2 with Marc Services Inc. for the Courthouse renovation project. This will modify the HVAC system and there will be no change in cost. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder and carried (Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes; Walls, yes).

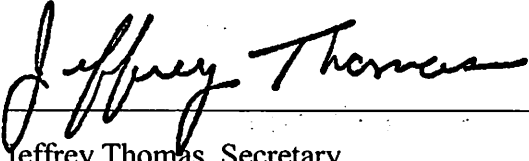
There were no Matters for Action.

There were no Veteran's Burial Allowance.

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Reeder to adjourn the meeting at 9:57 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