

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; Probation Director, Len Hahn; Chief Assessor, Melissa Smith; Chris Stevens and Dave Dick from the 911 Center; Mike Hannon and Micaela Mills from Tri-County Drug and Alcohol; Jen Caron from Eckert Seamans and Daily News Reporter, Joe Thompson.

EMA Director, Katie Unger 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 Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes) to approve 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 were one additions to the agenda: Proclamation 9-2024 in honor of the Huntingdon County 911 Dispatchers. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Reeder, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Under announcements, Commissioner Walls noted that there will be no public meeting next week due to the Presidential Primary.

There were no public comments.

Under matters to be addressed by the Solicitor, Solicitor Newton confirmed that the FNB lease renewal is complete. Commissioner Thomas thanked Solicitor Newton for his diligence.

Under new business, Jen Caron from Eckert Seamans requested consideration of approval for Ordinance 1-2024. This is a debt ordinance for the Courthouse renovation project and general obligation loan in the amount of \$4,210,000. Closing will be in mid-May. Commissioner Thomas commented on Huntingdon County's improved bond rating and noted that it is difficult for counties to achieve the rating that we now have. It is a testament to sound fiscal management on the part of the Commissioners and on the counsel we employ. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes).

Len Hahn, Probation Director, requested consideration of approval for a PCCD Grant application for the Intermediate Punishment Program. This funding will be used towards the salary of the Intermediate Punishment Officer. There are currently 93-96 offenders in the program. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes; Walls, yes).

Consideration of approval was given for Proclamation 9-2024 in recognition of County 911 Dispatchers. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Reeder, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Laurie Nearhood, Planning Director, requested consideration of approval for a professional services agreement for the County Hazard Mitigation Plan pending the removal of the binding arbitration requirement from the agreement. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder, and carried (Reeder, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Melissa Smith, Chief Assessor, requested consideration of approval to hire Nichole Isenberg for the open Clerk position in her office effective 4/22/2024. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes).

Kathryn Unger, EMA Director, requested consideration of approval to add a volunteer summer internship position to her office. It was moved 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 Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 10:01 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