

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; Brian Wisner from Keller Engineers, Mark Potter from DCNR; Jay Zeiglerand from the Rothrock Trail Alliance 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.

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 was one addition to the agenda: Brian Wisner from Keller Engineers will present a contract supplement for the Bridge 17 project and will discuss the contract for Bridge 8. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Reeder, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

There were no announcements.

There were no public comments.

There were no matters to be addressed by the Solicitor.

Under new business, Mark Potter and Jay Zeigler presented plans for 52 miles of new sustainable recreation trails in Huntingdon County. Friends of Rothrock were awarded a grant in the amount of \$360,000 that covered 8 miles of the trail. We are seeking funding for the rest of the project and fundraising efforts will begin next week. All of the design work and permitting is done, which helps us when we apply for grants. The project is shovel ready for when funding is available.

Brian Wisner requested consideration of approval for a supplemental contract for the Bridge 17 rehabilitation in West Township. PennDOT standards have change, making changes to the initial plan necessary. The project is estimated to take 20 weeks with construction beginning in 2025. The total cost is expected to be \$135,060 which will be paid for with liquid fuels money. No general fund dollars will be used. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder and carried (Walls, yes; Thomas, yes; Reeder, yes).

Brian Wisner discussed the need for rehabilitation of Bridge 8, the county's only covered bridge. This bridge is located near Shade Gap. He requested consideration of approval to coordinate with PHMC to work on plans for rehabbing the bridge while preserving its historical integrity. This project would also be paid for out of liquid fuels. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Walls and carried (Thomas, yes; Reeder, no; Walls, yes).

Consideration of approval was given to reappoint Claudia Conrad to the Huntingdon County Housing Authority for a five year term to expire on March 1, 2029. It was moved by Commissioner Reeder, seconded by Commissioner Thomas and carried (Reeder, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

Consideration of approval was given to publish an RFI for the purpose of making decisions about building a new Jail. This does not constitute a decision to build the Jail. We are at the beginning of the process of gathering information about potentially building a new Jail. It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Reeder and carried (Reeder, yes; Walls, yes; Thomas, yes).

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 10:19 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