

January 3, 2022

There was a Commissioners meeting at 2:00 PM in the Commissioners Conference Room at 700 Sawmill Road, Small Conference Room for the regular scheduled Commissioners meeting. In attendance were Commissioners Ridgway, Jean Lapinski, Sol McDonald, Chief Clerk Witchey, Michele Frye, Jean Lapinski, Treasurer Creveling, Marcie Strachko, and Leon Bogden. Via zoom were the following individuals Sheriff Chamberlain, Jen Long, Jeremy Brown, Don Coleman, Alex Karpinski, Chris Young, and David Kovach.

Commissioner Ridgway called the meeting to order and asked that we stand and pledge the flag, he then called for the approval of the minutes of the prior meeting.

Motion by Ridgway, seconded by Young; all approved.

Commissioner Ridgway then called for a report of the work session: There was a 10:00 work session held. In attendance were Commissioners Ridgway, Kovach, Sol McDonald, Chief Clerk Witchey, Michele Frye, Jean Lapinski, Bob Christianson, Register & Recorder Lupini, Treasurer Creveling, Prothonotary Silvetti, David Heim, Matt Repasky, Marcie Strachko, Leon Bogden, and Charlie Porter. Via zoom were the following individuals Eric Stahley, Sheriff Chamberlain, Jen Long, Jeremy Brown, Alex Karpinski, Don Coleman, Tim Murphy, Jodi Cook, Chris Young, and Tami Kline. Commissioner Ridgway asked Charlie to start the meeting and he stated he was there representing Farm Bureau and that he would like to present the Mobil Ag Lab and request funding from the Commissioners for the program. Currently the program costs \$2,500 a week to go to all of the local school districts and that there are opportunities to receive a \$1,000 scholarships which then lower the cost to \$1,500. He also provided some information regarding the program and highlighted that Agriculture is the #1 business in the state and that the 6 labs do 160 visits a year. Bob Christianson had no updates on the sewer or water for South Centre. After asking if anyone had additional comments the agenda was reviewed, Jean then reviewed bills and available cash. Marcie then discussed the hires/step/promotions, after which the Salary Board agenda was reviewed. After which the meeting was adjourned.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Discussion with Farm Bureau regarding the Mobil Ag Lab Funding
- B. Approve the 2023 Evansville Lake Park opening of March 31st and closing of October 27th

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Young; all approved

- C. Approve the exoneration of tax/penalty/interest/cost for blighted property acquired by the Columbia County Housing & Redevelopment Authority
 - Parcel# 07-03C-009-00,000 \$4,378.33

Motion by Young and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

- D. APPROVE THE FOLLOWING HIRES/STEP INCREASES/PROMOTIONS:
 - Sandra Morrow, Casework Aide, CYS, Hire, 1/9/23

CORRESPONDANCE:

- The Commissioners received notification of Talen Energy Supply LLC Joint Chapter 11 Bankruptcy plan notice
- The Columbia County Conservation District notified the Commissioners of their Water Obstruction Permit for Kocher Park Streambank Stabilization, which is 100 LF and impacts .2 Acres. It includes three 20' sections of log cribbing and a log vane deflector United States Bankruptcy Court of the Southern District of New York sent the Commissioners notification of Endo International filing of Chapter 11 bankruptcy.
- The Northcentral Conservancy notified the Commissioners if they are interested in learning more details of their funding to develop a Forest Management Plan for Parcel #25-01-00700.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

- Approve bills from 12/23/22 for \$375,095.18

Motion by Young and seconded by Kovach; all approved

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

AJOURN:

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Kovach and seconded by Young. The motion passed.

Attest: _____
David J. Witchey, Chief Clerk