

January 6, 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 Young, Ridgway, via teleconference Kovach, Solicitor McDonald, Chief Clerk Witchey, Michele Frye, Jean Lapinski, Treasurer Creveling, and Marcie Strachko.

Approval of the minutes of the past meeting

Motion by Ridgway, seconded by Young; all approved.

There was a 10:00 work session held. In attendance were Commissioners Young, Ridgway, via teleconference Kovach, Chief Clerk Witchey, Michele Frye, Jean Lapinski, Bob Christianson, Register & Recorder Lupini, Treasurer Creveling, Marcie Strachko, Julye Wemple, and Harry Mathias. Via zoom were the following individuals Eric Stahley, Sheriff Chamberlain, Jen Long, Jeremy Brown Virginia Feigles Karr, Alex Karpinski, Don Coleman, Rachael Swartwood, Tim Murphy, April Miller and Geralee Ziegler. Commissioner Young called the meeting to order and asked to Harry to start the meeting. Harry reviewed all of the 2021 American Rescue Funds approved recommendations, which totaled \$7,106,184.61 or 61% of what is going to be received by the County. In addition to the County ARP funds for those projects the County also partnered with other municipalities and leveraged \$2,490,500 additional funds for those projects. Jen Long then provided a brief update of the COVID-19 statistics which continues to grow within the County. Rachel Swartwood discussed the recommendation of Keystone Consulting Engineers and explained that they were similar in price but also had the philosophy that one engineer would be dedicated to the planning department. After that the agenda was reviewed then Marcie went over all of the hires/steps/promotions that are occurring within the County. Jean then reviewed cash and bills and then the meeting was adjourned.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Treasurer – December Report  
\$2,793.00 County Commission

Register & Recorder – December Report:  
\$41,945.16 was collected and remitted to the County  
\$2,421.00 was collected in Recorder Improvement Fund  
\$1,614.00 was collected in County Improvement Fund  
\$11,046.70 was collected in Affordable Housing Fund  
\$2,015.33 was collected in Remote Access Fee

Sheriff Screeners – December Report

Courthouse:		
Visitors		5,066
Alarms		2,766
Weapons:	Guns	8
	Knives	49
	Misc	22
Annex:		
Visitors		4,340
Alarms		2,111
Weapons:	Guns	3
	Knives	41
	Misc	11

Sheriff Revenue – December Report

Interest:	\$52.93
Civil	\$4,635.00
Lic To Carry	\$2,774.00
Lic to Sell Firearms	\$57.00
Lic to Sell Precious Metals	\$0.00
Personal Prop	\$698.00
Real Estate	\$0.00

Transports	\$25.00
Warrant	\$384.00
Total	\$9,103.50

Magistrates – December Report:

	Cases	Collected
Berwick	196	\$5,085.99
Bloomsburg	514	\$10,687.98
Catawissa	189	\$3,295.69
Millville	185	\$3,435.62

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. COVID-19 update

B. Review of the 2021 American Rescue Funds

C. Approve the Keystone Consulting Engineers as the Planning Commission’s Engineer replacing Carbon Engineering

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Young; all approved

D. Approve the dates of Evansville Lake Park opening April 1<sup>st</sup> and closing October 28<sup>th</sup>

Motion by Young and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

E. Approve the following reappointments to the Children & Youth Advisory Board:

- Faith Rierson
- Ashley Mensch
- Deborah Forsythe
- Julie Lewellyn
- Autumn Hart
- Audrey Hess

Motion by Kovach, seconded by Ridgway; all approved

F. APPROVE THE FOLLOWING HIRES/STEP INCREASES/PROMOTIONS:

- Hunter Weaver, PT CO, Jail, Hire, 1/11/2022
- David Lytle, PT CO, Jail, Hire, 1/11/2022
- Samantha Smedley, PT CO, Jail, Hire, 1/11/2022
- Lindsey Cashner, PT CO, Jail, Hire, 1/11/2022
- Nicholas Snyder, FT CO, Jail, 6 month step inc, 12/27/2021
- Evan Pinchak, FT CO, Jail, 1 yr step inc, 10/27/2021

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

G. APPROVE THE DATES OF THE FOLLOWING ELECTED OFFICIALS/COURT EMPLOYEE HIRES/STEP INCREASES/PROMOTIONS:

- David Adams, Clerk, Prothonotary, 6 month step inc, 1/6/2022
- Kathleen Harvey, Judicial Secretary, MDJ Bloom, 4 year step inc, 1/29/2022

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Young; all approved

H. APPROVE THE DATES OF THE FOLLOWING RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS/RETIREMENTS:

- Sarah Trump, LPN, Jail, Resignation, 1/4/2022
- Felicia Karns, Caseworker 2, CYS, Resignation, 1/20/2022
- Blake Barnes, FT CO, Jail, Resignation, 12/30/2021

- Daniel Ramirez, PT CO, Jail, Resignation, 12/21/2021
- Franklin Kepner, Asst PD, Ps, Resignation, 1/6/2022
- Chad Romig, Dispatcher, ECEN, Resignation, 1/9/2022
- Frank Grieco, Conflict Counsel, Courts, Resignation, 1/14/2022

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Downtown Bloomsburg Inc. thanked the Commissioners for their \$7.500 grant from the American Rescue Funds to help offset their lost revenue.
- Doolittle Construction provided the Commissioners notified of raising the Weller Cottage for 8' clearance.
- Wilson Consulting Group, PC submitted Act 14 notification to the Commissioners of the application for Northumberland County Bridge 142

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

- Approve bills from 12-24-21 & 1-6-22 totaling \$567,512.79 & 946,543.09

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

- Approve American paper bills from 12-24-21 & 1-6-22 totaling \$3,719.24 & \$1,150.40

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Young; abstain by Ridgway; motion passes

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chairman Young discussed the agreement with the Town of Bloomsburg and the Commissioners which required a December 30<sup>th</sup> deadline date of the floodwall project that was not met. During the discussion it was stated that we should have a signed copy of the agreement which Eric Stahley stated he has and will provide it to Solicitor McDonald prior to the next meeting so that the Commissioners can discuss what the next steps are due to the date not being met.

AJOURN:

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

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
David J. Witchey, Chief Clerk