

January 15, 2026

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 Brewer, Karschner, Kovach, Solicitor McDonald, Chief Clerk Witchey, Jean Lapinski, Michele Frye, Marcie Strachko, Thea Karas, Treasurer Creveling, and James May. Via Zoom: Denise LaBuda, Jenn Long, and MJ Mahon.

Commissioner Brewer 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 Kovach and seconded by Karschner; all approved

Commissioner Brewer then called for a report of the work session: The work session report is as follows, at 10:00 AM there was a work session held in attendance were Commissioners Brewer, Kovach, Solicitor McDonald, Chief Clerk Witchey, Jean Lapinski, Michele Frye, Marcie Strachko, Thea Karas Bobby Christianson, MJ Mahon, Treasurer Creveling, and Jazmine Lakey. Via Zoom: Denise LaBuda, Jeremy Reese, Jenn Long, Kirsti Kritzer, April Miller, Thomas Frace, and Tim Murphy. Commissioner Brewer asked Jazmine to start the meeting and she discussed her concern regarding the last election and the issue surrounding mail in ballots. The Commissioners informed her that we are trying to determine which vendor we are going use to produce the ballots. If we utilize the same vendor we may go pick up the ballots to mail from the Bloomsburg post office in order to improve the mailing time. She also mentioned the data senter issue that has become a hot topic in Columbia County. The Commissioners informed her that zoning and planning has been at the municipal level since the 1970's and that the Commissioners have no say in that process. Bobby informed the Commissioners that DEP has the 537 Plan bid package and that he anticipates bidding will occur in the fall of 2026 and hopefully break ground in the spring of 2027. The agenda was then reviewed with Marcie going over the personnel moves, and Jeannie providing updates on both available cash and bills. After which the work session was adjourned.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: None

Sheriff Revenue – December Report

Interest:	\$ 3,722.02
Civil	\$ 3,664.00
Lic To Carry	\$ 3,876.00
Lic to Sell Firearms	\$ 57.00
Lic to Sell Precious Metals	\$ 0.00
Personal Prop	\$ 527.00
Real Estate	\$ 4,614.80
Transports	\$ 0.00
Warrant	\$ 1,667.25
Total	\$18,128.07

Register & Recorder – December Report:

Total remitted to the County was \$31,081.83  
Total business all sources was \$910,138.60

Number of Deeds recorded for December was 157  
Number of Mortgages recorded for December was 168

Treasurer – December Report:

County Commission \$3,211.00

Magistrates Reports – December Report:

	Cases	Collected
Berwick	189	\$6,616.48
Bloomsburg	300	\$10,081.77
Catawissa	203	\$7,325.72
Millville	199	\$6,737.94

Prothonotary:

Clerk of Orphans Courts – December Report:

Total remitted to the County was \$21,658.21

Total business all sources was \$40,719.26

Clerk of Courts – December Report:

Total remitted to the County was \$41,629.54

Total business all sources was \$81,684.64

Sheriff Screener – December Report:

Courthouse:

Visitors 5,872

Alarms 3,065

Weapons: Guns 1  
Knives 26  
Misc 16

Annex:

Visitors 4,355

Alarms 2,289

Weapons: Guns 1  
Knives 23  
Misc 6

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Approve the giving \$1,000 of Hotel Tax Funds for the America 250 Kickoff Event on January 21<sup>st</sup>

Motion by Brewer and seconded by Kovach; all approved

- B. Approve the Farm Bureau Board request for \$3,500 from the Hotel Tax Funds for the Immersion Lab and for the Sow and Piglet Display to the Bloomsburg Fair

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Karschner; all approved

- C. Approve the Purchase and Service Agreement with Unisyn Voting Solutions Inc, effective to the December 31<sup>st</sup> 2026

Motion by Karchner and seconded by Kovach; all approved

- D. Approve the appointment of Christine Pritchard to the CMSU Behavioral Health Advisory Board

Motion by Brewer and seconded by Kovach; all approved

- E. Approve Brady Brink to the Water Mitigation Board replacing John Barton

Motion by Karchner and seconded by Kovach; all approved

- F. APPROVE THE FOLLOWING HIRES, STEP INCREASES, and PROMOTIONS:

- Cody Hess, Caseworker 1, CYS, Hire, 1/20/26
- Gabe Klembara, Caseworker 1, CYS, Hire, 1/20/26
- Kirsten Yoder, Promotion to Caseworker 1, CYS, 1/20/26
- Bonnie Kerstetter, Clerk, CYS, Hire, 2/9/26
- Tammy Rhodes, Medical Staff, Jail, two (2) year step, 3/20/25
- Carmine Napoli, FT CO, Jail, one (1) year step, 01/20/2026
- Gavin Getz, FT CO, Jail, six (6) month step, 1/21/26
- Domenic Garufi, FT CO, Jail, six (6) month step, 1/21/26
- Dominic Lytle, FT CO, Jail, six (6) month step, 1/21/26
- April Marshall, FT CO, Jail, six (6) month step, 1/21/26
- Christopher McGeehan, FT CO, Jail, six (6) month step, 1/21/26

- Terrell Prutzman, FT CO, Jail, six (6) month step, 1/21/26
- Seth Moyer, FT CO, Jail, two (2) year step, 2/4/26
- Tayler Kile, FT CO, Jail, one (1) year step, 2/17/26
- Jaznick Hoover, FT CO, Jail, two (2) year step, 2/18/26
- Joseph Miller, FT CO, Jail, one (1) year step, 2/17/26

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Brewer; all approved

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

- Adam Bennett, Probation Officer, Adult, six (6) year step, 1/13/26

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Karschner; all approved

**H. APPROVE THE DATES OF THE FOLLOWING RESIGNATIONS, TERMINATIONS, AND RETIREMENTS:**

Tristian Cicio, Probation Officer, Adult, Resignation, 1/23/26

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Brewer; all approved

**CORRESPONDANCE:**

- The Orange Township Supervisors sent notification to the Commissioners of their renewal of Water Quality Management Permit for discharge of water which meets DEP Requirements, from its facility in Orange Township.
- The Department of Environmental Protection sent notice of a permit correction to include a copy of a deed to show purchase by Blaschak Anthracite Corporation parcel.

**BILLS:**

- Approve the bills for 12/31/25 for \$957,843.13

Motion by Karschner and seconded by Kovach; all approved

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**AJOURN:**

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

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