

January 16, 2020

The Columbia County Commissioners met on the above date at 2:00 PM in the Commissioners' Conference Room at 700 Sawmill Small Conference Room for a Commissioners meeting handling the transaction of routine business. In attendance were Commissioners Young, Ridgway, Kovach, Solicitor McDonald, Chief Clerk Witchey, Marcie Strachko, Jean Lapinski, Treasurer Creveling, Scott Shear, Joe Pierce, Laura Kurtz, Mike Lester, Matt Repasky, and David Payne.

A motion was made by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway to approve the minutes of the last meeting. The motion was unanimously passed.

There was a work session at 10:00 AM in the Commissioners Conference Room at 700 Sawmill Small Conference Room for the transaction of routine business. In attendance were Commissioners Young, Ridgway, Kovach, Solicitor McDonald, Chief Clerk Witchey, Jean Lapinski, Marcie Strachko, Treasurer Creveling, Matt Repasky, and Eric Stahley. Matt reviewed all items A. thru F. which are associated with the 2020 election. Marcie reviewed all personnel moves, Jean reviewed bills and available cash. Commissioner Young then discussed the email received from Bloomsburg Police Chief Gelgot in regards to Columbia County paying for Juror Parking, the Commissioners asked Chief Clerk Witchey to discuss the issue with his counterpart of the town Lisa Dooley and inform her that the Commissioners do not want the current agreement with the Town to change and the Commissioners will withhold radio funding and will not apply for H2O funding if the Town insists on the Commissioners paying for Juror parking.

#### DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

##### Register & Recorder – December Report:

\$34,839.15 was collected in commissions and fees  
\$1,971.00 was collected in Recorder Improvement Fund  
\$1,314.00 was collected in County Improvement Fund  
\$8,799.89 was collected in Affordable Housing Fund  
\$1,758.19 was collected in Remote Access Fee

##### Magistrates - December Report

	Cases	Collected
Berwick	301	\$4,715.63
Bloomsburg	454	\$8,764.03
Catawissa	342	\$6,379.46
Millville	276	\$4,557.09

##### Sheriff – December Report:

###### Revenue:

Civil:	\$5,138.00
Lic To Carry	\$1,995.00
Personal Prop	\$335.00
Real Estate	\$5,314.50
Warrant	\$2,289.50
Total	\$15,072.00

Courthouse: Total Visitors: 6,390  
Total Alarms: 3,988  
Confiscated Weapons:

Knives	36
Scissors	5
Razor	0
Utility	6
Mace	5
Guns	12
Misc	8

Annex: Total Visitors: 5,031  
Total Alarms: 4,401  
Confiscated Weapons:

Knives	36
Scissors	0

Razor	0
Utility	0
Mace	2
Guns	3
Misc	2

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Approve Attorney McDonald as Solicitor for the Columbia County Election Board for 2020.

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Young; all approved

B. Approve the Chief Clerk for the Columbia County Elections Board for 2020.

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

C. Authorize Chief Clerk to act on any disputed electoral issues and to issue Watcher's Certificates to candidates and parties as entitled by law during 2020.

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

D. Approve Matthew Repasky and Vicki Altieri to act as clerks on behalf of the Columbia County Board of Elections for conducting election matters.

Motion by Young and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

E. Approval to notify Judges, Inspectors & Clerks of Poll School for the April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Municipal Primary and Municipal Election Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020.

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

F. Advertising Approval:

1. Public Test of the Unisyn System of Voting for General Primary and Election.
2. The Return Board convenes Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> and Nov 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020.
3. Casting of lots for tie votes (if any) at the Municipal Primary and Municipal Election.
4. "Notice of Municipal Primary" in the newspaper listing office titles which will appear on the Primary ballot.
5. "Notice Municipal Election" in the newspaper, listing office titles and candidates which will appear on the Election ballot.
6. Any and all additional advertising that may be necessary to conduct Election in 2019.
7. Notices of change polling places (if any) that may be necessary.

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

G. Consideration of enactment of an Ordinance authorizing the issuance of the County's general Obligation Bonds, Series of 2020 in the maximum principal amount of \$6,100,000 with the proceeds thereof to be applied toward those certain capital projects defined in the Ordinance, or so much thereof as funds are available, and the County's General Obligation Notes, Series of 2020 (Federally Taxable) in the maximum principal amount of \$1,900,000 with the proceeds thereof to be applied toward the refunding of all or a portion of the outstanding principal amount of the County General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2016

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

H. Approve the agreement with Larson Design Group for the Technical Proposal for Bridge No. 154 Superstructure replacement, design work \$56,000 plus construction services estimated at \$26,600

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

I. Approve the use of \$10,000 Hotel Tax Dollars to the Barton Historic Association

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

J. Approve the budget modification of CDBG 2016 funds remove both the West Street Church project of \$14,924.15 and the Fisherdale School Improvements of \$35,868.00 and add Main Township Removal of Architectural Barriers project for \$50,792.15.

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Brandon Ball the Mosquito-borne Disease Control program Coordinator sent a proposed ordinance to the Commissioners regarding stagnant pools to be a public nuisance. The Commissioners declined to take this under consideration due to it being a local enforcement process.
- Gannett Fleming notified the Commissioners that Pennsylvania Water Company intends to submit a permit to DEP to install a 2,000 feet of new 16-inch HDPE water main beneath the Susquehanna River from Berwick to Nescopeck via horizontal drilling (HDD).
- David Keller a consultant notified the Commissioners that he is applying to DEP for a temporary road crossing located at 540 South State Street, Millville Borough.
- Charles Swartz from the Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy notified the Commissioners of his retirement.
- Eagle I Resources notified the Commissioners of the proposed installation of fiber optics wire line at the North Shore Railroad corridor at Iron Street Bloomsburg.
- The Department of Human Services notified the Commissioners of the reduction adjustment for 2019-2020 base allocation to Intellectual Disabilities in the 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Request to pay bills for January 10<sup>th</sup> totaling \$934,965.12 with the exception of American Paper

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

Request to pay bills for American Paper

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- None

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. Withey, Chief Clerk