

January 18, 2018

The Columbia County Commissioners met on the above date at 2:00 PM in the Commissioners' Conference Room at the First Street Annex for the transaction of routine business. In attendance were Commissioners Young, Ridgway, Kovach, Solicitor McDonald, Marcie Strachko, Register Recorder Lupini, Prothonotary Silvetti, Jean Lapinski, Treasurer Creveling, Matt Repasky, and Fred Hunsinger.

A motion was made by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach 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 the First Street Annex for the transaction of routine business. In attendance were Commissioners Young, Ridgway, Kovach, Solicitor McDonald, Chief Clerk Witchey, Treasurer Creveling, Marcie Strachko, Fred Hunsinger, Wade Mays, Tim Murphy, Bob Aungst, Gail Keller, April Miller, Eric Stahley, Matt Repasky, Darla Hess, and Sandy Whispell. Sandy Whispell brought up the recent closure of Bridge #79 and she discussed the need for the bridge and road leading up to it. She asked what could she do as a private citizen and the Commissioners went over some of the items that they have done to try to keep these distressed bridges open to the public. Gail Keller discussed the issue regarding the Main Street Annex roof that needs to be replaced; she is concerned that eventually the water could damage the department's files. Her department could be capable of paying 1/3 of the expense to replace the roof. Matt Repasky reviewed the items on the agenda regarding elections and he also mentioned that the Grange in Briar Creek Township closed and we would be seeking a different location for elections. Weston Brehm was there for approval to add 182K to 2012 CDBG-DR programs due to the bids coming in higher than expected. Treasurer Creveling reviewed her report and brought the ongoing issue regarding air B&B's. Jean reviewed bills and provided a cash update. April Miller was present due to Audrey Hess being on the agenda, she is going to be on the CYS advisory board. Marcie reviewed the steps/hires and transfers within the County.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Register & Recorder – December Report:

\$27,576.99 was collected in commissions and fees for December
\$1,656.00 was collected in Recorder Improvement Funds in December
\$1,104.00 was collected in County Improvement Funds in December
\$7,397.04 was collected in Affordable Housing Funds in December
\$1,395.89 was collected in Remote Access Fees in December

Prothonotary Clerk of Orphans Courts – December Report:

Total remitted to the County was \$17,867.90
Total business all sources was \$21,701.41

Prothonotary Clerk of Courts – December Report:

Total remitted to the County was \$31,276.93
Total business all sources was \$77,773.92

Treasurer's December Report:

\$4,499.00 was collected in commissions and fees for December

Sheriff – December Report:

Courthouse:

Total Visitors: 6,066
Total Alarms: 3,741
Confiscated Weapons:
Knives 51
Scissors 13
Utility 6
Razor 0
Mace 2
Guns 23
Misc 10

Annex:

Total Visitors: 4,834
Total Alarms: 4,245
Confiscated Weapons:

Knives	61
Sissors	4
Utility	2
Razor	0
Mace	2
Guns	4
Misc	7

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Approve the County Commissioners as Columbia County’s Board of Elections for 2018

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach all approved

- B. Approve the Chief Clerk to act on any disputed issues and to issue watcher certificates for the 2018 elections

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach all approved

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

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach all approved

- D. Approval to notify Judges, Inspectors & Clerks of Poll School for the May 15th, 2018 General Primary and General Election Nov 6th 2018

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach all approved

- E. Advertising approval:

1. Public Test of the iVotronic Wednesday May 9th and Oct. 31st, 2018.

Motion by Young and seconded by Kovach all approved

2. The Return Board convenes Friday, May 18th and Nov 9th, 2018.

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach all approved

3. Casting of lots for tie votes at the General Primary held May 15th and General Election November 6, 2018.

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Young all approved

4. “Notice of General Primary” in the newspaper listing office titles which will appear on the May 15th, 2018 ballot.

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway all approved

5. “Notice General Election” in the newspaper, listing office titles and candidates which will appear on the Nov. 6th, 2018 ballot.

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway all approved

6. Any and all additional advertising that may be necessary to conduct Election in 2018.

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach all approved

7. Notices of change polling places that may be necessary.

Motion by Young and seconded by Ridgway all approved

F. Approve Attorney McDonald as Solicitor for the Columbia County Board of Elections for 2018.

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Young all approved

G. Approve the SBM contract for Columbia County for 911 ESInet and CPE System

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach all approved

H. Approve the Resolution for the Luzerne County Flood Protection Authority regarding the designation of agent

Motion by Young and seconded by Kovach all approved

I. Approve exoneration of tax/cost/interest for parcel that was sold at Sheriff Sale

Parcel #	04D-08-106-00,000	\$10.92
Parcel #	22-01A-127-00,00	\$17.97

Motion by Young and seconded by Kovach all approved

J. Approve the resignation Walter Deacon from the CCIDA Board of Directors effective 1-10-2018

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach all approved

K. Approve Audrey Hess for the CYS Advisory Board.

Motion by Young and seconded by Kovach all approved

L. Approve the request to DCED for an additional \$182,769 of CDBG-DR funds in order to complete the streambank stabilization projects under the CDBG-DR 2012 contract.

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach all approved

M. Approve rebudgeting of \$1,874.68 of 2012 CDBG-DR funds from Benton Borough/Park Street Stream Stabilization to the Sargarloaf Township Building Stream Stabilization Project.

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach all approved

N. Approve a letter of support to Rabbittransit for their application to further expand the Veterans Transportation Program.

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway all approved

O. Approve a letter of support for North Central Highway Safety Network to support Northumberland County for the District 3 Community Traffic Safety Project to reduce traffic crashes and fatalities.

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Young all approved

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

Justin Meaders, PT CO, Prison, 6 month step, 1/9/18

Jose Palanco, PT CO, Prison, 6 month step, 1/9/18

Matthew Chamberlain, PT CO, Prison, 1 yr step, 2/5/18

Joshua Buchiet, FT CO, Prison, 6 month step, 1/9/18

Brent Harner, FT CO, Prison, 6 month step, 1/9/18

Candace Hoppy, FT CO, Prison, 6 month step, 1/9/18

Jacob Perrin, FT CO, Prison, 6 month step, 2/20/18

Jared Cunfer, FT CO, Prison, 2 yr step, 1/3/18

Glenn Murchinson, FT CO, Prison, 2 yr step, 1/3/18

Tyler Gerringer, FT CO, 4 yr step, 1/19/18

Clyde Fetzer, FT CO, Prison, 8 yr step, 2/7/18

Holly Breisch, FT CO, Prison, 10 yr step, 2/3/18

Tom Grabow, FT CO, Prison, 10 yr step, 2/3/18

Payton Aucker, PT CO to PT CO>30, Prison, Promotion, 1/21/18

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway all approved

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

Kendell Elliott, Juvenile Probation Officer, JPO, Hire, 1/22/18 (transfer from PT CO)
Jennifer Barilar, Legal Secretary, DM Bloomsburg, 2 year step, 2/22/18
Joshua Ney, Probation Officer, Adult Probation, Hire 1/22/18
Kathleen Harvey, Judicial Secretary, DM Bloomsburg, Hire, 1/22/18

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway all approved

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

Kyle Guarino, PT CO, Prison, Resignation, 12/21/17
Carl Roberts, PT CO, Prison, Resignation, 12/28/17
Kendell Elliott, PT CO, Prison, Resignation (Transfer to JPO), 1/22/18

Motion by Young and seconded by Ridgway all approved

CORRESPONDENCE:

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation notified the Commissioners that in Briar Creek Township on SR 1019 9 (Kachinka Hollow Road) they will replace 40 linear feet of 60 inch smooth lined plastic pipe.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Warrant requests for December 29th totaling \$598,812.71 with the exception of American Paper and Supply

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Young all approved

Warrant requests to pay American Paper Supply \$2,876.26

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Young abstain by Ridgway motion passed

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. Withey, Chief Clerk