

February 6, 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, and Denise Boston.

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 Young, Ridgway, Kovach, Soicitor McDonald, Chief Clerk Witchey, Marcie Strachko, Jean Lapinski, Sara Schrader, Denise Boston, April Miller, Jen long, Phil Yoder, Eric Boughner, and Wade Mays. Denise reviewed the Treasurers report for January and reported they brought in \$3,714.00 in commissions however they were down to the previous year by \$422.00. Marcie reviewed all personnel moves and Jean reviewed available cash and bills. She also reported magistrate average caseloads from 2015 to 2019 and the report showed caseloads have increased on average from 1,061 to 1,494. Wade reported that the election equipment that was stored at 702 Sawmill Road have been relocated to Perry Avenue. Eric reported that the new vendor wanted to store information regarding the elections on the cloud but he recommended to have the information stored on a server and not migrating it to the internet. The Commissioners also discussed

Bringing Scan Tech in to the county to discuss scanning documents vs keeping paper copies.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Treasurer – January Report:

\$3,714.00 was collected in Commissions

Register & Recorder – January Report:

\$40,802.75 was collected in commissions and fees

\$1,848.00 was collected in Recorder Improvement Fund

\$1,232.00 was collected in County Improvement Fund

\$6,793.50 was collected in Affordable Housing Fund

\$1,478.00 was collected in Remote Access Fee

Prothonotary: Year End 2019 Orphans Court Report

\$237,006.31 County Receipts

\$349,372.96 Total Receipts

Year End 2019 Clerk of Courts Report

\$496,498.20 County Receipts

\$1,111,103.84 Total Receipts

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Approve Tony Eith to advertise the Landfill RFP out to bid.

Motion by Ridgway. and seconded by Kovach; all approved

B. Approve paying DCED back \$8,000 out of Act 137 funds for the Food Pantry project due to the fact there was no contract between the Township and Minnick's Electrical for the Project.

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Young; all approved

C. Approve providing the Benton Area Rodeo Association Hotel Tax Dollars in the amount of \$25,000 for the 2020 rodeo.

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

D. Discussion regarding the agreement between Columbia County; District Attorney; and Town of Bloomsburg for the establishment of the Canine Unit.

Motion to table to further discuss this with the District Attorney motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

- E. Approve DAC to perform the SEC required post-issuance and repository services for Columbia County, the contract is \$2,500 per year.

Motion by Young and seconded by Kovach; all approved

- F. Approve the agreement with the Press enterprise regarding the County's Advertising. The County qualified for a 15% discount based upon the 2019 spending.

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

- G. Approve proceeding forward with the second round of the EDECI grant as presented below for \$174,316.00.

FC- Grassley	\$17,393.00
Sugarloaf Gravel Bar	\$125,000.00
Benton Borough	\$22,923.00
CCWMA	\$9,000.00

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

- H. Approval to pay Marinos McDonald & Knecht \$150 per deed when preparing them for tax sale.

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

- I. Approve the following hires/step increases/promotions
- Katelyn Matthews, Caseworker 2, CYS, 2 yr step inc, 1/23/20
 - Vivian Bloom, FT CO, Prison, 6 mo step inc, 1/21/20
 - Lauryn Dalrymple, FT CO, Prison, 6 mo step inc, 2/11/20
 - Kayla Green, LPN, Prison, 6 mo step inc, 2/12/20
 - Philip Shultz, FT CO, Prison 1 yr step inc, 2/11/20
 - Joseph Folk, PT CO, Prison, Hire, 2/6/20
 - Lindsay Joline, PT CO, Prison, Hire, 2/6/20
 - Sarah Freeman, PT CO, Prison, 2 yr step inc, 2/11/20
 - Clyde Fetzer, FT Co, Prison, 10 yr step inc, 2/7/20

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

- J. Approve the dates of the following elected officials/court employee hires/step increases/promotions:

- None

- K. Approve the dates of the following resignations/terminations/retirements

- Christopher Frey, FT CO, Prison, Termination, 1/27/20
- Jodi Youst, CO, Prison, Termination, 2/11/20
- Jose Vazquez, PT CO, Prison, Resignation, 2/13/20

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Rettew sent in Act 14 notification that PennDOT has submitted a general permit for replacement of water obstructions and encroachments at SR 487-096 over Tributary to Fishing Creek in Orange Township.
- Wilson Consulting Group notified the Commissioners of a superstructure replacement for County Bridge 142 (co-owned with Northumberland County) at T-798 over South Branch Roaring Creek located in Ralpho Township, Northumberland County.

- United States Bankruptcy Court notified the Commissioners of the ongoing Payless Holdings bankruptcy
- Mckonly & Asbury informed the Commissioners that Daniel Brewer has retired from McKonly & Asbury effective January 15th ,2020.
- PEMA notified the Commissioners of an amendment of the 2018 9-1-1 Statewide Interconnectivity Funding Grant Award, and extending the period of performance.
- The National Opioid Litigation sent notification to the commissioners regarding the continuing litigation that the Commissioners are currently involved in. This detail of the information provided is not to be made public.
- Gerald R. Bodman from Sunny Hills Farm requested that the Commissioners pass a resolution to designate Columbia County a second Amendment sanctuary, at the recommendation of the County's Solicitor the Commissioners will not pass this request of resolution, as the Second Amendment of the US Constitution protects that freedom.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Request to pay bills for January 24th totaling \$1,349,705.53 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. Witchey, Chief Clerk