

February 16, 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 Ridgway, Young, and Kovach, also in attendance were Solicitor McDonald, Chief Clerk Witchey, Michele Frye, and Jean Lapinski, Marcie Strachko, Eric Stahley, Warden Ney, and Lauren Dalrymple. Via zoom were the following individuals Matt Erwine, Jason Dohl, MJ Mahon, Jen Long, Jeremy Brown, Don Coleman, and Alex Karpinski.

Commissioner Ridgway 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 Young, seconded by Kovach; all approved.

Commissioner Ridgway then called for a report of the work session: There was a 10:00 work session held. In attendance were Commissioners Ridgway, Young, and Kovach, Chief Clerk Witchey, Michele Frye, Jean Lapinski, Treasurer Creveling, MJ Mahon, Ethan Howard, April Miller, Alica Camillocci and Bob Christianson. Via zoom were the following individuals Denise Labuda, Eric Boughner, Jen Long, Kristin Volchansky, Jodi Cook, and Tim Murphy. Commissioner Ridgway asked Ethan Howard from Penn State to start the meeting. Ethan provided an update of all the Penn State was doing including Land Use Workshops, Grant Writing Efforts, Run for Local Office, 4-H State Leadership, and Food Families & Health Webinars. Bob Christianson then gave the Commissioners and update of the South Centre Water Project. Phase one is getting ready to start and Lyons Hills will be the first area started and they will begin laying pipe starting March 1st. He then stated that the sewer project has all the needed permits and they have purchased the credits needed for the wetlands, and they will start the archeological walk through will begin the week of February 20th. April then discussed her employee that is seeking to participate the CWEL program in order to complete her Master’s Degree. Jean then discussed the interest rate currently being given by our two local depositories and then stated that 3+1 had recommended moving some funds from those institutions to PLIGIT which is offering significantly better rates. Jean then reviewed bills and available cash. The agenda was then reviewed, Marcie then discussed the hires/step/promotions and then the Salary & Retirement Board agendas were reviewed. After which the meeting was adjourned.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Sheriff Revenue – January Report

Interest:	\$681.06
Civil	\$2,584.00
Lic To Carry	\$5,263.00
Lic to Sell Firearms	\$0.00
Lic to Sell Precious Metals	\$0.00
Personal Prop	\$612.00
Real Estate	\$0.00
Transports	\$0.00
Warrant	\$1,954.00
Total	\$11,094.06

Prothonotary:

Clerk of Orphans Courts – January Report:

Total remitted to the County was \$16,117.79
Total business all sources was \$21,499.20

Clerk of Courts – January Report:

Total remitted to the County was \$29,309.94
Total business all sources was \$57,853.04

Magistrates – January Report:

	Cases	Collected
Berwick	264	\$3,597.47
Bloomsburg	309	\$9,317.67
Catawissa	320	\$4,011.48
Millville	184	\$2,900.32

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Approve the opening of the bids for the Columbia County Security Projects

Motion by Young and seconded by Kovach; all approved

B. Approve the lowest bidder pending review by the architect and solicitor

Motion by Young and seconded by Kovach; opposed by Ridgway, motion passes

C. Approve the exoneration of tax /cost/interest for a lease hold trailer which was sold or razed pursuant to ACT 156 – Abandoned Mobil home

- Parcel # 31-02-028-00,048 \$2,138.99

Motion by Young and seconded by Kovach; all approved

D. Approve Alicia Camillocci to participate in the CWEL program and return to school to complete her Master Degree at Shippensburg University.

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Young; all approved

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

- Rylee Sortman, CO, Jail, Promotion to FT CO, 2/26/23
- Ethan Whitmire, FT CO, Jail, Temp Promotion to Booking Sgt, 2/7/23
- Daniel Puebtres, Caseworker 1, CYS, Hire, 2/27/23
- Levi Yoder, Caseworker 1, CYS, Hire, 2/27/23
- Carrie Adams, Caseworker 2, CYS, Hire, 3/6/23
- Seth Moyer, PT CO, Jail, Hire, 3/7/23
- Brennen Davi, PT CO, Jail, Hire, 3/7/23
- Shana Hilkert, PT CO, Jail, Hire, 3/7/23
- Lacey Knarr, PT CO, Jail, Hire, 3/7/23
- Marisa Long, PT CO, Jail, Hire, 3/7/23
- Megan Hart, PT CO, Jail, Hire, 3/7/23
- Dasia Cardona, PT CO, Jail, Hire, 3/7/23
- Madison Oberdorf, PT CO, Jail, Hire, 3/7/23
- Wade Westley, PT CO, Jail, Hire, 3/7/23

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Young; all approved

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

- Nathaniel Montiel, Probation Officer, JP, Hire, 2/21/23

Motion by Young and seconded by Kovach; all approved

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

- Hugh Vastine, FT CO, Jail, Resignation, 3/6/23

Motion by Young and seconded by Kovach; all approved

CORRESPONDANCE:

- Pennsylvania 811 asked that the Commissioners recognize the month of April as Safe Digging Month
- The Columbia County Conservation District sent Notification of Request for Water Obstruction Permit for the project as Kerry Shaffer Streambank Stabilization located at 250 Buckhorn Road in Bloomsburg Pa.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

- Approve bills thru dated thru 2/17/23 for \$379,254.47

Motion by Young and seconded by Kovach; all approved

- Approve American Paper bill for \$2,951.47

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

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. Withey, Chief Clerk