

February 20, 2025

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, Chief Clerk Witchey, Solicitor McDonald, Alica Marinos, Marcie Strachko, Treasurer Creveling, Jean Lapinski, and Michelle Frye. Via Zoom were Thomas Frace, Don Coleman, Jenn Long, Jodi Cook, 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 seconded by Karschner; all approved.

Commissioner Brewer then called for a report of the work session: The report is as follows, at 10:00 AM there was a work session held. In attendance were Commissioners Brewer, Karschner, Kovach, Solicitor McDonald, Marcie Strachko, Dave Witchey, Bob Stout, Otto Kurecian, Michelle Frye, Treasurer Creveling, Jean Lapinski, Alicia Marinos, and MJ Mahon. Via zoom were Ali Cassidy, April Miller, Jason Welliver, Jodi Cook, Steve Braud, and Wesley Hill. Commissioner Brewer asked that Bob Stout from MARC to go over the first item on the agenda which includes the construction of the Briar Creek Lake Disc Golf course. start the meeting and discuss the agenda item. Bob reviewed the proposal submitted to the Commissioners and Steve discussed the disc course and related items associated with the course. After that discussion the rest of the agenda was reviewed and Marcie reviewed the hires/step increase and promotions for both the Commissioners and Elected Officials and Courts. Jean reviewed bills and available cash. After which the work session was adjourned.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Prothonotary:

Clerk of Orphans Courts – January Report:
Total remitted to the County was \$22,756.26
Total business all sources was \$79,234.35

Clerk of Courts – January Report:
Total remitted to the County was \$34,844.23
Total business all sources was \$71,547.43

Magistrates’ Reports – January Report:

	Cases	Collected
Berwick	251	\$4,997.02
Bloomsburg	343	\$10,552.46
Catawissa	238	\$5,694.79
Millville	203	\$4,001.94

Sheriff Screener – January Report:

Courthouse:		
Visitors		6,869
Alarms		3,878
Weapons:	Guns	1
	Knives	36
	Misc	19

Annex:		
Visitors		4,478
Alarms		2,559
Weapons:	Guns	2
	Knives	17
	Misc	5

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Approve MARC to perform the work in their agreement for the Briar Creek Lake Disc Golf Course which includes cost estimates and tasks associated with the project.

Motion by Karschner and seconded by Kovach; all approved

- B. Approve the confirmation of Fran Seward to the Columbia County Housing and Redevelopment Authority.

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Brewer; all approved

- C. Approve First Friday of Bloomsburg use of the County Parking lot, after business hours for vendor parking.

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Brewer; all approved

- D. Approve the updated version of the MARC MOU

Motion by Brewer seconded by Karschner; all approved

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

- Tammy Rhodes, Advanced EMT, Jail, Rehire, 3/3/2025

Motion by Karschner and seconded by Kovach; all approved

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

- Whitney Switzer, Conference Officer, DRO, Two (2) year step, 4/10/2025
- Michelle Freed, Fiscal Manager, Domestic, Four (4) year step, 3/22/2025
- Jill Remaley, Court Recorder, Courts, six (6) month step, 11/28/24
- Heidi Knorr, Clerk, Treasurer, Hire, 2/24/2025
- Karley Glosck, Court Recorder, Courts, Hire, 3/3/2025
- Abigail Walter, Probation Officer, AP, Hire, 3/3/2025

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Brewer; all approved

- G. APPROVE THE DATES OF THE FOLLOWING RESIGNATIONS, TERMINATIONS, AND RETIREMENTS:

- Renae Newhart, Deputy Director, Tax, Retirement, 4/25/2025
- Sarah Egrie, Caseworker II, CYS, Resignation, 2/21/2025

Motion by Karschner and seconded by Kovach; all approved

CORRESPONDANCE:

- Mark Morrow notified the Commissioners about the pipe over stream project that was being done by the Columbia Montour Council of Boy Scouts of America at camp Lavigne.
- Mike Batiuk notified the Commissioners of a Water obstruction Permit being filed for a Beautify Land project that is to install a 142' concrete block wall for streambank stabilization at 2901 State Route 42 in Millville.
- The Department of Environmental Protection notified the Commissioners about possible Class A Stream Resignations.
- Eric Boughner provided a link on our website for the recycling that Charles Fritz is handling for the County.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Approve the bills dated 2/21/2025 in the amount of \$683,949.47.

Motion by Commissioner Karschner and seconded by Commissioner 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. Witchey, Chief Clerk