

February 21, 2019

The Columbia County Commissioners met on the above date at 2:00 PM in the Commissioners' Conference Room at the First Street Annex for a reorganizational meeting and following that meeting would be having their normal Commissioners meeting handling the transaction of routine business. In attendance were Commissioners Young, Ridgway, Kovach, Solicitor McDonald, Chief Clerk Witchey, Jean Lapinski, Treasurer Creveling, Marcie Strachko, Eric Stahley, Jen Long, and Rich Shuman.

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 the First Street Annex for the transaction of routine business. In attendance were Commissioners Ridgway, Kovach, Chief Clerk Witchey, Treasurer Creveling, Marcie Strachko, Jean Lapinski, Jen Long, Eric Stahley, Tim Murphy, Wade Mays, and Shannon Block. Marcie Strachko reviewed personnel moves within the County, Jean Lapinski reviewed current cash and the 2-22-19 bills to be paid. Wade discussed the fact in order for Bridge #137 construction to begin there are numerous trees in the right of way that need to be removed prior to 3-31-19, he also made the Commissioners aware that parts for the prison's security system are becoming difficult to find, the system was installed in 1995. The quote received to replace the current system is \$156,000. Eric Stahley discussed both bridges #136 and #137 which were destroyed in the August 2018 flooding. He also discussed the potential issue at bridge #86 regarding the guide rail the Commissioners agreed the placement of guide rail will be as required. Bridge #41 epoxy overlay was discussed and determined that LTT trucking is to seek the quote for the 50/50 split.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Prothonotary Clerk of Orphans Courts – January Report:

Total remitted to the County was \$21,641.98

Total business all sources was \$27,160.07

Prothonotary Clerk of Courts – January Report:

Total remitted to the County was \$43,821.60

Total business all sources was \$118,615.41

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Approve the opening of the bids for the County Farm

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway all approved

B. Approve the bid submitted by Richard Shuman @ \$135.50 per acre with total farm payment of \$7,452.50 for tillable acreage determined by FSA maps (55 acres)

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway all approved

C. Approve the use of \$2,500.00 of Hotel Tax dollars to sponsor the tagging of 50 trout with prize amounts of \$25, \$50, and \$100

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway all approved

D. Approve Dave Broadt to the ECEN Advisory Board as a Columbia County Fireman representative.

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach all approved

E. Approve the exoneration of tax/cost/interest of a lease hold trailer that was razed by fire in January 2019

Motion by Young and seconded by Kovach all approved

- 15-13-005-05,025 \$15.00

- F. Approve the existing agreement between Brewer & Company and Columbia County to McKonly & Asbury and Columbia County

Motion by Kovach to table the agreement seconded by Ridgway

- G. Approve the advertising the RFP for being the County's Insurance Provider for liability insurance

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach all approved

- H. APPROVE THE FOLLOWING HIRES/STEP INCREASES/PROMOTIONS:

Frances Mannino, Clerk, CYS, Hire, 3/4/19
Samuel Kranzel, Adm staff, Prison, Hire, 2/25/19
Jeremiah Olivo, Promotion to FT CO, Prison, 2/24/19
Kayla Anthony, Promotion to PT CO >30, Prison, 2/24/19
Jose Vasquez, Promotion to PT CO >30, Prison, 2/24/19
Chase Raker, FT CO, Prison, 6 mo step inc, 3/19/19
David Rutherford, FT CO, Prison, 1 yr step inc, 3/18/19
Chad Chamberlain, FT CO, Prison, 10 yr step inc, 3/9/19
Lynn Reed, FT CO, Prison, 10 yr step inc, 3/9/19
Lindsey Sacharczyk, FT CO, Prison, 10 yr step inc, 3/9/19
Sarah Egrie, FT Case Worker 2, CYS, Caseworker 2, 3/11/19

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach all approved

- I. APPROVE THE DATES OF THE FOLLOWING ELECTED OFFICIALS/COURT EMPLOYEE HIRES/STEP INCREASES/PROMOTIONS

Kristen Rafferty, Secretary, DA Office, 2 year step, 2/1/19
William Waltman, Deputy, Sheriff, Certification Step, 2/11/19
Janelle Neidig, DA, Victim Witness Coordinator, 2 yr Step, 2/27/19

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway all approved

- J. APPROVE THE DATES OF THE FOLLOWING RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS/RETIREMENTS:

Susan Hyatt, Program Director, CYS, Retirement, 3/1/19
Jodi Youst, CO, Prison, Termination, 2/11/19
Glenn Murchinson, FT CO, Prison, Resignation, 2/18/19

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway all approved

CORRESPONDENCE:

Coleman Environmental Engineering gave notice that Pine Township will be submitted an application to DEP for a culvert replacement on Butternut Lane in Pine Township
Hanover Engineering sent notice under Act 14 to inform the Commissioners that UGI Utilities will be applying for Chapter 1025 permits to perform maintenance of three existing gas pipelines in the Borough of Berwick, Briar Creek and Mifflin Townships, and the Town of Bloomsburg.
Mctish-Kunkel notified the Commissioners on behalf of the Bloomsburg Area School District that they will be applying for a NPDES General Permit for earth disturbances associated with construction activities, for building expansions field house and restroom construction mass grading for three synthetic turf fields and associated facilities, driveway, parking improvement.
DEP notified the Commissioners that Hansen Aggregates existing surface mining permit was corrected. The purpose of the correction was to issue a General Permit for Stormwater Associated with mining.
Brittany Webb from Dolittle Construction filed a letter to the County to satisfy Act 14, for the Hartman Project that is raising a cottage to 8ft so it sits above flood elevation
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The Press Enterprise notified the Commissioners that they are applying to DEP for renewal of Air Quality Program regarding their printing facility.
The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission notified the Commissioners that an application by the Department of Transportation for approval to alter the public at grade crossing where SR339 crosses the track of Norfolk Southern Railway Company in Mifflin Township.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Warrant requests for February 22nd totaling \$1,126,777.89 with the exception of American Paper and Supply

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach all approved

Warrant requests to pay American Paper Supply \$1,316.25 and \$680.80

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