

March 5, 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 (via Teleconference), Ridgway (via Teleconference), Kovach, Solicitor McDonald, Register & Recorder Lupini, Chief Clerk Witchey, Marcie Strachko, Steve Crawford, Mitchel Knorr, Brian Ornsby, Jim Knorr, Wade Mays, and Mike Lester.

A motion was made by Young 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 700 Sawmill Small Conference Room for the transaction of routine business. In attendance were Commissioners Young, Kovach, Chief Clerk Witchey, Register & Recorder Lupini, Marcie Strachko, Jean Lapinski, Eric Boughner, and Wade Mays. Marcie reviewed all personnel actions. Brenda Lupini reviewed her department report but also said that the State has not paid her for her January Commissions. Wade reviewed the information for the District Justices Offices regarding the one way film that installed in the windows that will not allow the public to see the office workers. He also updated the Commissioners regarding the cleaning issues we have been having with Crystal Clean. Jean reviewed bills and current available cash.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Register & Recorder – February 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

Sheriff – February Screeners Report:

Courthouse: Total Visitors: 7,073
Total Alarms: 4,507
Confiscated Weapons:
Knives 56
Scissors 4
Razor 1
Utility 5
Mace 9
Guns 6
Misc 4

Annex: Total Visitors: 6,355
Total Alarms: 4,371
Confiscated Weapons:
Knives 45
Scissors 1
Razor 0
Utility 3
Mace 2
Guns 6
Misc 3

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Approve the opening of the bids for Columbia County Landfill

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Young; all approved

B. Motion to accept the Mitchell Knorr bid of \$933,777.50 pending review of the Columbia County Solicitor and Tony Eith of CEC

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Young; all approved

C. Approve Susan McGarry to a second term to the Drive Board

Motion by Young and seconded by Kovach; all approved

D. Approve the exoneration of tax/cost/interest pursuant to Act-156 Abandoned mobile Home

- Parcel# 23-12-016-00,059 \$463.76

Approve the exoneration of tax/cost/interest for a lease hold trailer that was razed

- Parcel# 07-03-033-07,032 \$1,096.01
- Parcel# 06-01-029-05,148 \$7,609.96
- Parcel# 04B-02-150-00,082 \$483.86

Approve the exoneration of tax/cost/interest for a lease hold trailer that was razed

- Parcel# 19-02-006-00,025 \$57.52
- Parcel# 19-02-006-00-026 \$15.00
- Parcel# 25-05A-065-00,163 \$1,084.65

Motion by Young and seconded by Kovach; all approved

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

- Amber Brotzman, Caseworker 1, CY5, Step Inc, 2/19/2020
- Alicia Camillocci, Caseworker 1, CY5, Step Inc, 2/19/2020
- Britney Zumerling, PT CO, Jail, Hire, 3/8/2020
- Carlos Agramonte, PT CO, Jail, Hire, 3/8/2020
- Drew Lerch, PT CO, Jail, Hire, 3/8/2020
- David Nevel, PT CO, Jail, Hire, 3/8/2020
- Cody Fronk, FT Telecommunicator, Cert. II, Promotion, 3/8/2020
- Ashlea Hidlay, FT Sr. Telecommunicator Cert. III, Promotion, 3/8/20/20

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Young; all approved

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

- Denise Gensel, Asst Deputy, Reg & Recorder, Promotion, 3/5/2020
- Christine Hartley, Secretary, MDJ Berwick, 2 yr Step Inc, 2/20/2020

Motion by Young and seconded by Kovach; all approved

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

- Bethanna Perkins, Conference Officer, DRO, Resignation, 3/20/2020

Motion by Young and seconded by Kovach; all approved

CORRESPONDENCE:

- United States Bankruptcy Court Southern District of New York notified the Commissioners that Purdue Pharma L.P. has declared Chapter 11 Bankruptcy
- The Monroe County Dead Cell Zone Project sent communications to the Commissioners that AT&T has increased its wireless connectivity in both Monroe and Northampton County.
- Borough of Briar Creek thanked the Commissioners on behalf of the residents, Council and Mayor for the awarding CDBG funding to the Summer Swimming Program.
- SEDACOG notified the Commissioners that both the Borough of Berwick and the Town of Bloomsburg 2018 CDBG Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report has been accepted by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Request to pay bills for February 21st totaling \$803,819.36

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 Young and seconded by Kovach. The motion passed.

Attest: _____
David J. Withey, Chief Clerk