

March 7, 2024

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, Solicitor McDonald, Chief Clerk Witchey, Treasurer Creveling, Michele Frye, Marcie Strachko, Mark Ryman, Doyle Shadle, and Linda Hendricks. Via zoom were the following individuals Wesley Hill, Susan Leighow, Alex Karpinski, Eric Boughner, Eric Stahley, MJ Mahon, Matt Repasky, Don Coleman, Jenn Long, Beth Gilbert, and Jeremy Brown.

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 Commissioner Kovach, seconded by Commissioner Karchner; all approved.

Commissioner Brewer then called for a report of the work session: There was a 10:00 work session held. In attendance were Commissioners Brewer, Karschner, Kovach, Solicitor McDonald, Chief Clerk Witchey, Treasurer Creveling, Marcie Strachko, Jean Lapinski, Michelle Frye, Bob Christianson, MJ Mahon, Cindy Rupp, Roy Bunger Kelly O'Brien, Damion Scoblink, Dean Anoaia, and Roy Bunger. Via zoom were the following individuals: Eric Stahley, Rachael Swartwood, Don Coleman, Mark Ryman, Eric Boughner, Jodi Cook, Tim Murphy, Jenn Long, and Geralee Zeigler. Commissioner Brewer called the meeting to order and asked Bob Christianson to start the meeting, but he had nothing additional to inform the Commissioners about either the sewer or water projects happening in South Centre. Damion then introduced himself to the two new Commissioners and just wanted to do a meet and greet with the new board as did Kelly O'Brien from BIDA. Cindy Rupp then spoke to the Commissioners about the Volunteers of medicine and how the organization started and then the continuing operations of Volunteers of Medicine. She asked that the Commissioners appoint someone from their organization to the board of the Volunteers of Medicine. The agenda was reviewed as was all the department reports. Marcie then reviewed Hires, Steps and Promotions and Jean reviewed cash and bills. After which the meeting was adjourned

#### DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

##### Register & Recorder: February

Total remitted to the County was \$36,840.34

Total business all sources was \$843,289.39

Number of Deeds recorded for February was 120

Number of Mortgages recorded for January was 109

##### Sheriff Revenue – February Report

Interest:	\$2,304.37
Civil	\$5,406.00
Lic To Carry	\$3,344.00
Lic to Sell Firearms	\$114.00
Lic to Sell Precious Metals	\$0.00
Personal Prop	\$557.00
Real Estate	\$9,163.64
Transports	\$25.00
Warrant	\$2,718.00
Total	\$23,632.01

##### Sheriff Screener – February Report

###### Courthouse:

Visitors	7,360
Alarms	4,023
Weapons:	
Guns	6
Knives	32
Misc	17

###### Annex:

Visitors	5,047
Alarms	3,818
Weapons:	
Guns	1
Knives	51

## Prothonotary:

Clerk of Orphans Courts – February Report:

Total remitted to the County was \$16,421.14

Total business all sources was \$21,153.11

Clerk of Courts – February Report:

Total remitted to the County was \$47,069.83

Total business all sources was \$76,838.33

OLD BUSINESS: None

## 1. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Proclamation for Pennsylvania 4-H week of March 17<sup>th</sup>–23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

B. Proclamation for Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month for the month of April 2024

C. Approve the West End Flood Mitigation Project as the County’s priority and will continue moving forward with next steps

Motion by Karchner and seconded by Kovach; all approved

D. Approve the Resolution accepting the new cost charges for the Columbia Tax Claim Bureau Office as presented

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Karchner; all approved

E. Approve Beyond Violence utilization of the Columbia County Courthouse to host a mock rape trial on April 25<sup>th</sup> from 6PM to 8PM.

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Karchner; all approved

F. Approve the appointment of Matt Good to the Columbia County Planning Commission Board

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Brewer; all approved

G. Approve the exoneration of tax/cost/interest for a lease hold mobile home or camper that moved or razed with no permit

- Parcel#12-03-009-07,437                      \$151.98

Motion by Karchner and seconded by Kovach; all approved

H. Approve the Orangeville Minor League Team use of the Briar Creek Lake/Park baseball field from 6:30-7:30 Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings from April 8<sup>th</sup> to June 8<sup>th</sup>

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Brewer; all approved

## I. APPROVE THE FOLLOWING HIRES/STEP INCREASES/PROMOTIONS:

- Laurie Pickle, FT Public Defender, PD, Hire, 3/11/2024
- Amanda Bogert, Telecommunicator, ECEN, six (6) month step inc, 3/3/24
- Kirstin Wrights, Telecommunicator, ECEN, one (1) year step inc, 3/3/24
- Tim Lutz, Grounds Foreman, Parks, Step Increase, 1/24/2024
- Don Hilkert, Mechanic, Maintenance, six (6) month step increase, 1/24/24
- Levi Yoder, Caseworker 2, CYS, Promotion, 2/27/2024
- Chad Chamberlain, Sergeant, Prison, 15 yr step increase, 3/9/2024
- Caden Hagerman, FT CO, Prison, six (6) month step increase, 3/17/2024
- Jordan Fosse, FT CO, Prison, two (2) year step increase, 3/02/2024
- Richard Kauffman, FT CO, Prison, eight (8) year step increase, 3/06/2024
- Lynn Reed, FT CO, Prison, fifteen (15) year step increase, 3/09/2024
- Lindsey Sacharczyk, FT CO, Prison, fifteen (15) year step increase, 3/09/2024
- Kyra Tappe, FT CO, Prison, six (6) month step increase, 3/17/2024

- McKenzie Dourand, PT CO, Prison, Promoted to FT, 2/4/24
- Gunner Treibly, PT CO, Prison, Promoted to FT, 2/4/24
- Scott Weiss, Lead HVAC Technician, Maintenance, 10 year step, 3/17/24
- Joe Meyers, FT CO, Prison, Promoted to Acting Sergeant, 3/17/24

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Karchner; all approved

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

- Morgan Knorr, Secretary, Domestic, Hire, 3/11/2024

Motion by Karchner and seconded by Kovach; all approved

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

- Joseph Warnuek, Part-time Detective, Public Defender, Resignation, 2/29/2024
- James Higgins, FT CO, Prison, Resignation, 3/2/2024
- Kevin Markowski, FT CO, Prison, Resignation, 2/5/2024
- Evan Cochran, FT CO, Prison, Resignation, 1/24/2024
- Bobby Miles, FT CO, Prison, rescinded offer, 2/18/24
- Kera LaBonte, CYS Supervisor, CYS, Resignation, 3/11/24
- Gina Perez, Tax Collector, Tax, Resignation, 02/26/2024

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Karchner; all approved

CORRESPONDANCE:

- Columbia County Conservation District sent the Commissioners notification that Michael Diana is submitting an application to DEP for General Permits for Fish Habitat Enhancement Structures.
- UMH Properties sent notification to the Commissioners of Act 14 notification for Pleasant View Estates NPDES permit renewal.
- PA Department of Transportation notified the County of the bridges that need to be inspected
- Commissioners received notification that Design Group America that they are closing a small facility that will affect 28 employees.
- Red Barn Consulting Inc. notified the Commissioners of their NPDES permit application for Aurand Poultry located in Bloomsburg.
- Landvia group offered the Commissioners to purchase one of their properties for \$57,181.76
- On April 13<sup>th</sup> at Briar Creek Lake Park for a Vietnam Veterans Day Event

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Approve the bills dated March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 in the amount of \$416,019.84.

Motion by Commissioner Karchner 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 Kovach and seconded by Karchner.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
David J Witchey