

March 17, 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 Young, Ridgway, Kovach, Solicitor McDonald, Chief Clerk Witchey, Marcie Strachko, Michelle Frye, Tami Kline, David Heim, Renae Newhart, Gini Feigles-Kaar, Barb Warunek, and Linda Hendricks. Via zoom: Alex Karpinski, Jeremy Brown, Nathan Snyder, Don Coleman, and Jen Long.

Commissioner Young 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 Ridgway; all approved.

Report of the work session: There was a 10:00 work session held. In attendance were Commissioners Young, Ridgway, Kovach, Solicitor McDonald, Chief Clerk Witchey, Marcie Strachko, Michelle Frye, Bob Christianson, Eric Stahley, Jena Lapinski, Rachael Swartwood, Matt Repasky, and Harry Mathias. Via Zoom were the following individuals: Eric Boughner, Don Coleman, Tim Murphy, Jenn Long, Geralee Zeigler, Wade Mays, Jeremy Brown, Tami Kline, Troy Litwhiler, Jeremy Reese, Barb Warunek, April Miller, Teri Provost, and Steve Llewellyn. Commissioner Young called the work session to order and asked Harry Mathias to start the meeting and present the American Rescue Projects to the Commissioners. The first item was to approve \$56,793.00 to the County for the five different projects: Family Center – Cell phones; IT – New Router; Sheriff 7 laptops and a new server; ECEN 911 Center – 5laptops; and the final item RACES – new antenna system. The Second item was for \$453,195 for both the Orangeville Borough Municipal Authority and the Berwick Joint Area Sewer Authority. Harry then presented the 3rd item which was \$230,000 to Camp Victory for a new drinking water system. The last item was for \$2,316.80 for advertisement of the For Profit Innovation Grant. Harry also provided an update for Workforce Development Program at CMVT there so far has been over 30 courses offered and 260 participants in the program and there will be additional classes scheduled in the future, Sharon Wilkin of Design Group has provided feedback to the program and has extended an invitation to the Commissioners to tour their facility. Bob Christianson stated that they have a scheduled call with Suez on March 24th, he also stated that both Suez and the contractor for the Sewer project are working together. He anticipates it will be another month until Suez provides them final approval. The Commissioners did ask Bob to reach out to DEP to provide them with an update on the water project and inform them that Lyons Hills will be part of the water project since they are currently having issues with their water system. Geralee then discussed the two items on the agenda the first being the approval for the contract extension until June 30th, 2023 and the second to approve the 2D modeling for the West End Flood Study. Rachael then discussed her two items on the agenda regarding the Briar Creek Lake Resolutions. The resolutions are for a study to have shovel ready projects and a comprehensive master site plan of the park. Matt Repasky then discussed his item on the agenda that the casting of the lots would occur on March 22, 2022. Solicitor McDonald then reviewed and provided some opinion on the cooperation agreement between the Commissioners and Benton Foundry and he asked for clarification to make sure if the project was not followed the Commissioners would not have any exposure. Public comment was then asked for, Troy Litwhiler then asked to speak in regards to the Bridge #27 project and that Cleveland Township had not received any response from the Commissioner's office. The Commissioners asked that Solicitor McDonald respond to the comment and Tony stated that the project will continue on Monday as Scheduled. The rest of the agenda was reviewed and then Marcie reviewed all the personnel moves. Jean then reviewed cash and bills; The Salary Board and Retirement Board agendas were reviewed and then the meeting was adjourned.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Magistrates – February Report:

	Cases	Collected
Berwick	288	\$5,497.96
Bloomsburg	467	\$10,100.00
Catawissa	577	\$5,458.13
Millville	251	\$4,180.31

Prothonotary:

Clerk of Orphans Courts – February Report:

Total remitted to the County was \$15,036.19
Total business all sources was \$24,837.56

Clerk of Courts – February Report:

Total remitted to the County was \$33,949.51

Total business all sources was \$66,475.48

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Approve the American Rescue Funds Projects:

1. Approve the authorization of \$56,793.00 as follows:

- \$918 Family Center – Cell Phones
- \$5,070 IT – New Router
- \$33,078 Sheriff – 7 laptops and a new server
- \$8,410 ECEN 911 Center – 5 laptops
- \$9,317 EMA – RACES antenna system

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

2. Approve \$453,195 as follows:

- \$45,000 to Orangeville Borough Municipal Authority
- \$408,195 to Berwick Area Joint Sewer Authority

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Young; all approved

3. Approve \$230,000 to Camp Victory for a new drinking water system

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

4. Approve \$2,316.80 to the Press Enterprise for advertisement of the For Profit Innovation Grant

Motion by Young and seconded by Kovach; all approved

B. Approve the opening of the cleaning bids

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

C. Motion to accept the \$8,500 bid from Sarah's Well Kept Cleaning, LLC pending background checks and proof of liability insurance.

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

D. Approve the contract extension request to DCED for the Flood Mitigation studies under the Keystone Communities Program the Grant period of performance is June 9th, 2020 to June 30th, 2022

Motion by Young and seconded by Kovach; all approved

E. Discussion regarding the change order prepared by Borton-Lawson for continuation of 2D modelling/engineering work for the West End Study

Motion to table until the next meeting by Kovach seconded by Ridgway

F. Approve the exoneration of cost and interest, the mobile home was moved and assessed under a new parcel number

Parcel # 27-07-005-04,098 \$45.00

Motion by Young and seconded by Kovach; all approved

G. Approve the Cooperation Agreement between the Commissioners and Benton Foundry for the Commonwealth's Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program of funding for \$3,000,000 which was utilized for the Benton Foundry Core and Finishing Room Expansion Project.

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

H. Approve Resolution # 2022-3 for Briar Creek Lake Park Master Site Development Plan Project budget of not to exceed \$50,000 and County cash match of not to exceed \$25,000

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

I. Approve Resolution # 2022-4 for Briar Creek Lake Park Master Site Development Plan Project for DCNR

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

J. Approve the Intermediate Punishment Treatment Programs Grant request for 2022/2023

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

K. Approve the Board of Elections under section 2875 of the election code "Shall fix 10am on March 22, 2022 for Casting of Lots for Ballot Position

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

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

- Katelyn Matthews, Caseworker 2, CYS, 4 yr step, 1/23/22
- Elizabeth Wood, Public Defender, PD, increase, 3/1/22
- Christopher Anderson, Operations & Training Officer, EMA, Hire, 3/21/22
- Lindsey Cashner, FT CO, Jail, Promotion, 3/13/22

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Young; all approved

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

- Alicia Lewis, Clerk, AP, 4 yr step increase, 3/7/22
- Michael Kostelaba, Esq., Conflict Counsel, Courts, Hire, 4/4/22
- Michael Beyer, Chief Deputy, Sheriff, Promotion, 4/4/22

Motion by Young and seconded by Kovach; all approved

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

- Earl Mordan, Chief Deputy, Sheriff, Retirement, 4/1/22

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

CORRESPONDENCE:

- JHA Companies notified the Commissioners that Madison Township is renewing their WWTP NPDES for their Wastewater Treatment Plant
- McTish Kunkel is informing the Commissioners a NPDES General Permit for Earth Disturbances associated with the Mulberry Mills Project located in Bloomsburg.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

- Approve bills from 3/18/2022 for \$2,044,994.04

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

- Approve the American Paper bill from 3/18/2022 for \$1,085.25

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Gini Feigles-Kaar commented on the 2D modeling, and stated that is the correct way to pursue the mitigation efforts on the West End Study

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