

March 19, 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, Ridgway (via Teleconference), Kovach, Solicitor McDonald, Chief Clerk Witchey, Treasurer Creveling, Marcie Strachko, David Good, David Heim, Renae Newhart, Jean Lapinski, and Mike Lester.

A motion was made by Kovach and seconded by Young 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, Ridgway (via Teleconference), Kovach Solicitor McDonald, President Judge James, Tami Kline, Register & Recorder Lupini, Prothonotary Silveti, Marcie Strachko, Jean Lapinski, Chief Clerk Witchey, Treasurer Creveling, Jeremy Brown, Sheriff Chamberlain, DA Leipold, Renae Newhart, David Good, David Heim, Eric Boughner, and Wade Mays. At the work session President Judge James started the discussion regarding the synchronization between the Courthouse and Commissioners on how we should handle the Covid-19 virus and the Supreme Court order. Essential functions were discussed and reviewed just not regarding all County functions, and the decision to limit access to all County buildings. It was decided that there will be one email communication=ng this to all employees. Wade brought up that bridge inspections are going to be delayed and then ther was a berief discussion regarding the use of portable bathrooms vs the opening of the regular bathrooms at the parks.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Magistrates - February Report

	Cases	Collected
Berwick	305	\$6,998.53
Bloomsburg	506	\$8,863.87
Catawissa	731	\$5,290.96
Millville	207	\$3,885.55

Sheriff – February Report:

Revenue:

Interest:	\$0.00
Civil:	\$5,154.00
Lic To Carry	\$3,629.00
Lic to Sell Firearms	\$0.00
Personal Prop	\$1,008.00
Real Estate	\$4,016.52
Warrant	\$1,969.75
Total	\$15,777.27

Prothonotary: February Report:

Clerk of Orphans Courts – February Report:

Total remitted to the County was \$18,160.83  
Total business all sources was \$25,731.42

Clerk of Courts – February Report:

Total remitted to the County was \$46,675.62  
Total business all sources was \$113,441.40

Treasurer – February Report:

\$2,148.00 was collected in Commissions

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Discussion regarding the COVID-19 and the information provided to the press

- B. Approve Fishing Creek Sportsman's Club 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

- C. Approve the agreement between CoreLogic & Lereta for them to receive a file to verify who they are paying taxes for and for lien certificates, the agreement pays the County a flat \$1,500 for the file and a \$5.00 duplicate fee

Motion by Young and seconded by Kovach; all approved

- D. Approve the Resolution to change the fee schedule utilized by the Columbia County Assessment Office

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Young; all approved

- E. Approve the agreement with WPGM Montorse Broadcasting regarding the new tower site

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

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

- Parcel# 15-10-015-00,050 \$984.51

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

- Parcel# 12-03-009-07,293 \$87.84

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Young; all approved

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

- Nathan Jandrisovits, FT CO, Prison, 6 month step, 3/22/2020
- Lisa Collett, FT Nurse, Prison, 1 year step, 3/8/2020
- Richard Kauffman, FT CO, Prison, 4 year step, 3/6/2020
- David Rutherford, FT CO, Prison, 2 year step, 3/18/2020
- Thomas Moyer, FT CO, Prison, 4 year step, 4/24/2020
- Joseph Zook, PT CO, Prison, 1 year step, 4/15/2020
- Kourtney Tersavige, PT CO, Prison, 1 year step, 3/20/2020
- Brenndan Weaver, PT CO, Prison, 1 year step, 4/15/2020
- James Wright, PT CO, Prison, 1 year step, 3/20/2020
- Christopher Day, PT CO, Prison, 1 year step, 3/16/2020
- Austin McCormick, PT CO, Prison, 1 year step, 3/20/2020
- Kerri Shaylor, Caseworker Supervisor, CYS, 6 month step, 3/16/2020

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

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

- Eric Pangelinan, Conference Officer, DRO, Transfer from Maintenance, 3/23/2020
- Jane Hoyle, Judicial Secretary, MDJ Brewer, 7 year step, 3/25/2020

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Young; all approved

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

- James Hoskin, PT CO, Prison, Resignation, 2/24/2020
- Margeret Hughes, Conference Officer, DRO, Resignation, 3/20/2020

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Young; all approved

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Larson Design sent notification for a Water Obstruction permit for a superstructure replacement on County Bridge 154 over Fishing Creek located in Sugarloaf Township.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Request to pay bills for March 6<sup>th</sup> totaling \$426,571.53

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Young; abstain by Ridgway; motion passes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Mike Lester asked for clarification of the work session on what is going to happen at the County public buildings

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. Witchey, Chief Clerk