

March 21, 2013

The Columbia County Commissioners met on the above date at 2:00 PM in the Commissioners' Conference Room at the First Street Annex for the transaction of routine business. In attendance were Commissioners Young, Ridgway and Kovach, Chief Clerk Kipp, Solicitor McDonald, Treasurer Turner, Sheriff Chamberlain, Register/Recorder Lupini, Prothonotary Silvetti, David Witchey, Harry Martenas, Rich Kisner of CCRDA, Mary Wagner of the Conservation District, and Angie \_\_\_ who is taking the Central Penn Leadership course.

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 held at 10:00 AM in the Commissioners' Conference Room at the First Street Annex for the transaction of routine business. In attendance were Commissioners Young, Ridgway and Kovach, Chief Clerk Kipp, Solicitor McDonald, David Witchey, Fred Hunsinger, Francis Fraley, Laura Kremser, Rich Kisner of CCRDA, Fred Gaffney of Columbia Alliance, Mary Wagner and Nancy Corbin of the Conservation District, and Bill Seigel and Glenda Ruch of Seda-Cog. Fred Gaffney updated the Commissioners on the industrial park in Scott Township. Both court cases have been won at the Supreme Court (eminent domain) and Commonwealth Court (zoning). There is some final soil stabilization to be done in the spring. The Alliance would like to re-apply for a KOZ but carve out 12 acres (lots 1&7) for commercial interstate businesses which include hotels and restaurants. A heated discussion ensued about the prior application and why it wasn't done then. Fran introduced her intern, Laura Kremser, and talked about National Crime Victim's Rights Week. The Conservation District is planning on applying for DCNR grant funding to purchase land north of the Kocher Park. It's been appraised at \$100,000 for the 45 acres. The grant would be for 50% so they are looking for matching dollars. They feel they can get some funds from the Fishingcreek Watershed, the Fishingcreek Sportsmen's Club, United Water as well as use previously donated land. They asked if there was any County funds available. The Commissioners discussed using the hotel tax grant funds since it is similar to the uses for Trout Unlimited and the Fishingcreek Sportsmen's Club. The Conservation District is also applying for a WREN grant for public outreach and education on clean water sources and protecting those sources. There is no financial support being requested. The Commissioners expressed concerns that businesses and industries should be included in the collaboration as well as the Marcellus Shale coalition so that it does not become an adversarial issue. GIS, EMA and Planning's participation would be the County's support. Glenda updated the Commisisoners on the RFP for the engineering firm for the Autoneum/Windsor flood control project. They anticipate having a public outreach meeting in April. Bill Seigel also indicated that he is working on a website at Seda-Cog that can be linked to the County's website that would provide updates and progress of the projects. Dates were given for the RFP process. There still needs the creation of a Seda-Cog service agreement with the County as well as the agreements with the industries.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

District Magistrates for February:	26-2-01	26-3-01	26-3-02	26-3-03
Paid to County	\$11,961.19	\$6,836.69	\$8,348.38	\$3,615.53
Paid to Sheriff	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$1,249.00	\$ 0.00
Year to Date Cases	804	578	662	427

1. OLD BUSINESS: Solicitor McDonald and Seda-Cog met to review the paperwork for the EDA Grant for the Autoneum/Windsor projects. Commissioner Young signed the paperwork 3/15 and mailed certified return receipt.
2. NEW BUSINESS: Proclamation for National Crime Victim's Rights Week (4/21-4/27)
  - A. APPROVE ADVERTISING FOR REPAIRS TO BRIDGE #92  
A motion was made by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway to approve. Motion unanimously passed.
  - B. APPROVE MOVING THE PLGIT FUNDS TO FIRST KEYSTONE COMMUNITY BANK FOR BETTER INTEREST EARNINGS  
A motion was made by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway to approve. Motion unanimously passed.
  - C. APPROVE THE REVISED SUPPLEMENT #1 FOR CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION OF BRIDGE #42 BY STAHL SHEAFFER ENGINEERING. Supplemental is to not exceed \$40,441.75 to cover additional days for the unforeseen bearing area and other possible hours. Payment will be based upon actual hours utilized.  
A motion was made by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach to approve. Motion unanimously passed.

D. APPROVE AN RFP PROCESS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE AUTONEUM/WINDSOR FLOOD CONTROL PROJECTS

A motion was made by Kovach and seconded by Young to approve. Motion unanimously passed.

E. APPROVE THE LETTER TO EDA CONFIRMING INFORMATION AS TO THE GRANT FOR THE AUTONEUM/WINDSOR FLOOD PROJECTS

A motion was made by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway to approve. Motion unanimously passed.

F. APPROVE THE USE OF \$10,000 OF HOTEL TAX GRANT FUNDS FOR MATCH TO A DCNR GRANT FOR LAND ACQUISITION NORTH OF KOCHER PARK

A motion was made by Kovach and seconded by Young to approve. Motion unanimously passed.

G. APPROVE BEING A SUPPORT PARTNER FOR A WREN GRANT APPLICATION BY THE COLUMBIA COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT. There is no financial support required. This is an educational and outreach project for clean water. Industries and businesses will be included in the process of collaboration. County participation by GIS, planning and EMA are possible supporting activities.

A motion was made by Kovach and seconded by Young to approve. Motion unanimously passed.

H. APPROVE AN RFP FOR A COUNTY ENGINEER FOR LIQUID FUELS PROJECTS AS WELL AS ADOPTING THE PENNDOT GUIDE TO POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR CONSULTANT SELECTION. The term will be for five years and include design and inspection engineering for specific projects and for the NBIS program

A motion was made by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway to approve. Motion unanimously passed.

I. APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR A DCED EARLY INTERVENTION GRANT

A motion was made by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway to approve. Motion unanimously passed.

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

Alex Ebert, PT CO, 6-month step increase effective 1/9

Elizabeth Hazzard, CYS Caseworker I, 6-month step increase effective 3/17

Laura Schlotterbeck, CYS Caseworker I, 6-month step increase effective 3/17

Garret Curland, PT CO, 1-year step increase effective 3/12

Lindsey Sacharczyk, CO, 4-year step increase effective 3/9

Lynn Reed, CO, 4-year step increase effective 3/9

Chadwick Chamberlain, CO, 4-year step increase effective 3/9

Meghan Zielecki, CO, 10-year step increase effective 3/24

A motion was made by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway to approve. Motion unanimously passed.

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

Jane Huntington, DJMillville Secretary, hire effective 3/25

Phyllis Jones, Adm. Asst. to President Judge, 6-month step effective 4/1

Hollie Stewart, Reg/Rec. Clerk, 6-month step increase effective 4/1

Susan Rood, DJMillville Secretary, 4-year step increase effective 3/9

A motion was made by Kovach and seconded by Young to approve. Motion unanimously passed.

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

Gary J. Avenoso, PT FC Caseworker, resignation effective 3/11

Jason Shaffer, PT CO, resignation effective 4/1

A motion was made by Kovach and seconded by Young to approve. Motion unanimously passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Town of Bloomsburg will hold a public hearing on an application by Marlene Butters to transfer a liquor license to 18 West Main Street formerly known as Marley's. The hearing will be on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 PM at the Council Chambers of the Town Hall.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Warrant Requests for March 15<sup>th</sup> totaled \$269,900.33 of which \$129.50 was for Sinking Fund. A motion was made by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway to approve. The motion was unanimously passed.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Kovach and seconded by Young. The motion was unanimously passed.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gail S. Kipp, Chief Clerk