

March 21, 2019

The Columbia County Commissioners met on the above date at 2:00 PM in the Commissioners' Conference Room at the First Street Annex for a reorganizational meeting and following that meeting would be having their normal Commissioners meeting handling the transaction of routine business. In attendance were Commissioners Young, Ridgway, Kovach, Solicitor McDonald, Chief Clerk Withey, Jean Lapinski, Treasurer Creveling, Marcie Strachko, Eric Stahley, and Brian Pufnak.

A motion was made by Ridgway 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 the First Street Annex for the transaction of routine business. In attendance were Commissioner Young, Ridgway, Kovach, Solicitor McDonald, Chief Clerk Withey, Treasurer Creveling, Marcie Strachko, Jean Lapinski, Brian Pufnak, Rachael Swartwood, and Eric Stahley. Marcie reviewed all of the personnel moves within the County, Jean updated the Commissioners on available cash and bills. Rachel was in attendance due to the new Land Use Planner being on the agenda. Treasurer Creveling discussed the issue of a Hotel owner not picking up their certified mail Solicitor McDonald suggested having the Sheriff hand deliver to the Hotel Manager. Brain discussed the current use of overtime to cover all shifts and discussed the possibility of increasing staff from the current 13 to 15 in the 911 center.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Prothonotary Clerk of Orphans Courts – February Report:
Total remitted to the County was \$19,641.83
Total business all sources was \$30,356.86

Prothonotary Clerk of Courts – February Report:
Total remitted to the County was \$43,147.23
Total business all sources was \$100,230.92

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Approve the use of Attorney Chris Gabriel of Cafardi Ferguson Wyrick Weis & Stotlerto to assist Columbia County discontinue utilizing civil service.

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway all approved

- B. Approve the supplemental engineering agreement for Bridge #137

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway all approved

- C. Approve the Ordinance 1-2019 amending and restating the Articles of Agreement of DRIVE

Motion by Young and seconded by Kovach all approved

- D. Sign the agreement allowing McKonly & Asbury to update the Engagement Letter between Brewer & Co and Columbia County. Terms of any existing agreements will remain unchanged, this is only to acknowledge McKonly & Asbury.

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway all approved

- E. Approve the Bloomsburg Theatre Ensemble utilizing the Columbia County parking lots for the Taming of the Brew event on Saturday April 13th.

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Young all approved

- F. Approve the Columbia County Conservation District and Columbia-Montour Coalition for Source Water Protection are seeking the use of Briar Creek Lake Park on September 11 for the "Good Water = Good Life" theme

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway all approved

G. Approve the resignation of Dennis Sharrow from the Columbia County Farmland Preservation Board

Motion by Young and seconded by Kovach all approved

H. Approve Josh Marks to the Columbia County Farmland Preservation Board as Farmer Director

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway all approved

I. Approve the exoneration of tax/cost/interest for the following properties:

Camper moved out of campground with no permit

- Parcel #21-19-009-02,157 \$45.00

Lease hold Trailer which was sold or razed pursuant to Act 156 Abandoned Mobile Home

- Parcel #31-02-028-00,147 \$191.35

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway all approved

J. Approve the modification requests to DCED for the following:

1. 2017 Delete Benton Borough and add West Street Church Apartment \$109,241.00
2. 2016 Delete Benton Borough Colley Street of \$59,954.00 and Increase funds to West Street Church Apartment of \$898.00, and add the Benton Borough Third Street Improvements Project \$59,055.37.
3. 2015 Delete West Street Church Apartment Project of \$174,304.02, increase Benton Borough Park Lighting by \$2,000.39, and add Benton Borough Colley Street of \$59,954.00 and add Benton Borough Third Street of \$112,349.63.

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Young all approved

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

Joshua Bucheit, FT CO, Prison, Hire, 3/25/19

Lauren Dalrymple, PT CO, Prison, Promotion to over 30, 3/24/19

Patrick Zielecki, PT CO, Prison, Promotion to over 30, 3/24/19

Lauren McNelis, PT CO, Prison, Transfer to under 30, 3/24/19

Matthew Repasky, Chief Registrar, Elections, 10 year step increase, 4/6/19

Rachel Jiminez, Caseworker 1, CYS, 6 month Step Increase, 2/20/19

Emily Vollmer, Land Use Planner, Planning, Hire, 4/15/19

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway all approved

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

None

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

Samantha West, PT CO, Prison, Termination, 3/13/19

Autumn Adams, Caseworker 2, CYS, Resignation, 3/22/19

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway all approved

CORRESPONDENCE:

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission notified the Commissioners that the National Fuel Gas Supply Company and Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC have provided notice of intent to prepare an environmental assessment for the planned FM100 Project and Leidy South Project and request for comments on environmental issues and notice of public scoping session. Public comments must be timely and properly recorded need to be submitted to the Commission by April 4, 2019.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Warrant requests for March 22nd totaling \$551,732.35 with the exception of American Paper and Supply

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach all approved

Warrant requests to pay American Paper Supply \$3,382.65 and \$1,072.80

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Young abstain by Ridgway motion passed

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. Witchey, Chief Clerk