

March 21, 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 Karschner, Kovach, Solicitor McDonald, Chief Clerk Witchey, Treasurer Creveling, Michele Frye, Marcie Strachko, Doyle Shadle, and James May. Via zoom were the following individuals Alex Karpinski, MJ Mahon, Don Coleman, Jenn Long, and Jason Welliver.

Commissioner Karchner 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 Karchner then called for a report of the work session: There was a 10:00 work session held. In attendance were Commissioners Karschner, Kovach, Solicitor McDonald, Chief Clerk Witchey, Treasurer Creveling, Marcie Strachko, Jean Lapinski, Michelle Frye, Bob Christianson, MJ Mahon, Eric Stahley, and Roy Bunger. Via zoom were the following individuals: Alex Karpinski, Don Coleman, Jodi Cook, Denise LaBuda, Jenn Long, Lauren Hill, Wesley Hill, and Geralee Zeigler. Commissioner Karchner called the meeting to order and asked if anyone had anything to present to the Commissioners. None presented anything and the agenda was reviewed and during that time Geralee discussed that she would request an additional expansion and extension of the grant. The expansion is to offer the program to Stillwater Borough and extend thru June 30th, 2025. The remainder of the agenda was reviewed, Marcie reviewed Hires, Steps and Promotions and Jean reviewed cash and bills. After which the meeting was adjourned

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Magistrates – February Report:

	Cases	Collected
Berwick	375	\$7,911.11
Bloomsburg	361	\$9,627.24
Catawissa	293	\$5,944.98
Millville	232	\$3,346.21

OLD BUSINESS: None

1. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Approve the Children’s Museum seeking a RACP grant as a pass thru for the County Commissioners office

Motion by Karchner and seconded by Kovach; all approved

B. Approve the placing of blue Flags in front of the Courthouse for April’s Child Abuse Month

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Karchner; all approved

C. Approve the invoice three in the amount of \$1,538.88 for the Keystone Communities Program, along with the payment request to KCP for reimbursement

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Karchner; all approved

D. Approve the use of Hotel Tax funds to construct a frisbee golf course at the Briar Creek Lake

Motion by Karchner and seconded by Kovach; all approved

E. Approve the use of \$2,500 of Hotel Tax Funds to support the Fishing Creek Sportsmen’s Association to continue the stocking of tagged trout into the streams of Fishing Creek. Prize amounts are \$25, \$50 and \$100

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Karchner; all approved

F. 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 Kovach and seconded by Karchner; all approved

G. Approve the Berwick Area Little League use of the Briar Creek Lake/Park baseball field from 4:30-7:30 Monday, from April 1st to June 15th

Motion by Karchner and seconded by Kovach; all approved

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

- Kelsey Allbeck, Tax Clerk, Tax, Hire, 3/25/24
- Cooper Watkins, FT CO, Jail, Promotion to Sergeant, 3/31/24
- Blake Delia, FT CO, Jail, Promotion to Sergeant, 3/31/24
- Bradley Hipps, St. Lt, Jail, Promotion to Captain, 3/31/24
- Shawn McCabe, Lieutenant, Jail, Promotion to Security LT, 3/31/24
- Joseph Meyers, Acting Sgt, Jail, Transfer back to FT CO, 3/31/24
- Stephen Kirwin, Acting Sgt, Jail, Transfer back to FT CO, 3/31/24
- Thomas Moyer, Lieutenant, Jail, Transfer back to Sergeant, 3/31/24
- Justin Meaders, Acting LT, Jail, Transfer back to Sergeant, 3/31/24
- Hollianne Breisch, FT CO, Jail, 15 year step increase, 2/3/23

Motion by Karchner and seconded by Kovach; all approved

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

- Morgan Rupp, Clerk, Prothonotary, Hire, 4/1/24
- Brittani Shaffer, Transfer from Sec. to Intake Clerk, DRO, 1/19/24

Motion by Karchner and seconded by Kovach; all approved

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

- Mia Brinckman, Intake Clerk, DRO, Resignation, 1/19/24
- Alex Parks, CO, Jail, Resignation, 3/11/24
- Heather Zegarski, LPN, Jail, Resignation, 3/21/24
- Abbey Burt, CO, Jail, Resignation, 3/19/24

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Karchner; all approved

CORRESPONDANCE:

- Columbia County was notified by PENN DOT that litter pickup will occur on interstate 80 the week of March 25th
- Commissioners received notification that a project in Hemlock Township known as the Links Streambank Stabilization will occur for 600LF and impact .25 acres.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Approve the bills dated March 15th, 2024 in the amount of \$840,361.08

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 Withey