

April 5, 2018

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, Kovach, Solicitor McDonald, Treasurer Creveling, Register & Recorder Lupini, Marcie Strachko, Eric Stahley, Jean Lapinski, Wade Mays, Paul Reichart, Dan Knorr, Kurt Brungard, and two Contractors.

A motion was made by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway to approve the minutes of the last meeting, abstain by Ridgway motion 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 Commissioners Young, Ridgway, Kovach, Solicitor McDonald, Marcie Strachko, Tim Murphy, Jean Lapinski, Paul Reichart, Register & Recorder Lupini, April Miller, Ashley Mensch, Jessica Shoup, Treasurer Creveling, Sheriff Chamberlain and Wade Mays. Paul Reichart requested \$10,000 in Hotel Tax money to support the historical events that are hosted by the Barton House Historical Association. The Commissioners stated they would give out two awards at the 2:00 PM meeting. Ashley Mensch discussed her dress down day and placing 259 pinwheels in the flower beds in front of the Courthouse to represent the amount of C&Y cases investigated in 2017. She also mentioned that she received a grant to support a Parent Educator in Montour County. Jessica asked about Montour 1 went down due to the wind and Jessica discussed that 280 were still without power. She mentioned Dave Broadt becoming part of the LEPC board. Cindy Creveling discussing her monthly report and added that fishing licenses will pick up due to the upcoming trout season. Jean reviewed 2 sets of bills and available cash. Commissioner Young discussed the current hold on the Counties' funds from the State. Register and Recorder reviewed her report. Wade met with Stackhouse regarding the abandonment of the wells at the County Farm. Tim Murphy updated the Commissioners as to the status of the GIS web site.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Register & Recorder – March Report:

\$27,886.22 was collected in commissions and fees  
\$1,713.00 was collected in Recorder Improvement Fund  
\$1,142.00 was collected in County Improvement Fund  
\$7,137.27 was collected in Affordable Housing Fund  
\$1,529.32 was collected in Remote Access Fee

Treasurer's March Report:

\$2,654.00 was collected in commissions

Sheriff – March Report:

Courthouse:

Total Visitors: 7,779

Total Alarms: 4,896

Confiscated Weapons:

Knives 85

Scissors 4

Utility 5

Razor 1

Mace 12

Guns 23

Misc 17

Annex:

Total Visitors: 5,552

Total Alarms: 4,768

Confiscated Weapons:

Knives 75

Scissors 8

Utility 8

Razor 0

Mace 5

Guns 7

Misc 7

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Awards presentation

B. Approve \$10,000.00 from the hotel tax fund for the Barton House Historical Assn for their “History Comes Alive” event on May 4 – 6, 2018

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway all approved

C. Open the bids for deck resurfacing for Bridge 41

Motion to approve lowest bidder pending review by Larson Design and Solicitor McDonald Motion by Kovach seconded by Young

D. Approve Peters Consultants to perform the 2018 Briar Creek Dam Inspection in the amount of \$1,732.50

Motion by Young and seconded by Kovach all approved

E. Approve the Family Center to place blue pinwheels in the courthouse flower beds during the month of April to recognize Child Abuse Prevention month and to sell t-shirts and hold a dress down day on April 20<sup>th</sup>

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach all approved

F. Approve the Bloomsburg Theatre Ensemble’s use of the 911 call center parking lot for the Taming of the Brew on April 14<sup>th</sup>

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach all approved

G. Approve the agreement from the Bloomsburg University Foundation for the creation of a fund an endowment named Columbia County Community Impact Fund. Fund will be initially seeded with the \$31,341.47 that was to be refunded to BUF from the tax assessment appeal.

Motion by Young and seconded by Kovach all approved

H. Approve the Northeast Cruisers Car Club use of the Briar Creek Lake Park for a car Cruise In on July 19<sup>th</sup> from 5PM-9PM

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway all approved

I. Approve the appointment of David Broadt to the Columbia County LEPC Board

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach all approved

J. Approve the County’s purchase of an employee portal from CSIU which costs an additional \$750 per year.

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach all approved

K. Approve the WV Compatibility Determination for Columbia County Project 01-17-0001

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach all approved

L. Approve Ace Hardware girls softball team for Berwick Area Little League use of the upper field at Briar Creek Lake Park on weekdays for April, May and June 2018.

Motion by Young and seconded by Kovach all approved

M. Discussion of the Hotel Tax Ordinance No. 0 -2018

No motion needed only discussed

- N. Approve exoneration of tax/cost/interest for a parcel that was lease hold trailer that was moved with no permit

Parcel #	23-12-016-00,062	\$102.99
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Motion by Kovach and seconded by Young all approved

- O. Approve exoneration of tax/cost/interest for parcel that was sold at Sheriff Sale

Parcel #	04A-08-034-00,000	\$71.77
Parcel #	32-06A-030-01,000	\$35.03

Motion by Young and seconded by Kovach all approved

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

Chris Kupsy, Parent Education, FC, 4 yr Step increase, 4/4/18  
Dylan Knorr, PT CO, Prison, Hire, 4/8/18  
Kody Leisenring, PT CO, Prison, Hire, 4/8/18  
Vanessa Hickey, PT CO, Prison, Hire, 4/8/18  
Joshua Whitebread, PT >30, Prison, Promotion, 4/8/18  
Da'Quan Thomas, PT>30, Prison, Promotion, 4/8/18  
Jared Cunfer, Sergeant, Prison, Promotion, 4/8/18  
Richard Kauffman, FT CO, Prison, 2 yr step increase, 3/6/18  
Jace Parcell, FT CO, Prison, 2 yr step increase, 3/6/18  
Blake Barnes, FT CO, Prison, 2 yr step increase, 3/6/18  
Lottie Neiswender, Nurse, Prison, 2 yr step increase, 4/11/18  
Kristyn Erb, PT CO, Prison, 1 yr step increase, 4/23/18  
Chase Raker, PT CO, Prison, 1 yr step increase, 4/23/18  
Payton Aucker, PT CO, Prison, 1 yr step increase, 4/23/18  
Thomas Moyer, FT CO, Prison, 2 yr step increase, 4/24/18  
Jeni Hassel, Parent Educator, Family Center, Hire, 4/16/18  
Lauren McNelis, PT CO, Prison, 1 yr step, 2/5/18  
Caitlyn Taggart, FT CO, Prison, Promotion, 4/15/18

Motion by Young and seconded by Ridgway all approved

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

Andrew Ruzicka, PT Deputy, Sheriff, Hire, 4/6/18  
Lindsey Fish, Fiscal Manager, DRO, 2 yr step, 4/4/18  
Miranda Church, Intake Clerk, DRO, 2 yr step, 4/18/18  
Michael Irely, Law Clerk, Courts, Reclassification, 4/1/18

Motion by Young and seconded by Kovach all approved

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

Melissa Conrad, Caseworker 2, CYS, Resignation, 3/29/18

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach all approved

#### CORRESPONDENCE:

The Department of Transportation sent notification regarding final inspection of State Route 0080, westbound bridge in Mifflin Township.

Talen notified the Commissioners that unit 1 reactor was disconnected March 31, 2018 to begin scheduled refueling and maintenance outage.

Delux Building Solutions is applying for a DEP facility-wide Air Quality operating permit to continue operating its facility located in Berwick Borough.

PennDOT notified the Commissioners they plan to rehabilitate the structure at SR 254 in Madison Township.

PennDOT notified the Commissioners of the rehabilitation on SR 4032 of a bridge in Pine Township over Little Brier Run

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Warrant requests for March 23rd totaling \$455,708.62 and April 6<sup>th</sup> totaling \$488,393.40

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach all approved

Warrant requests to pay American Paper Supply for March 23<sup>rd</sup> and April 6<sup>th</sup> \$4,510.17

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