

April 7, 2022

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 Young, Ridgway, Kovach, Solicitor McDonald, Chief Clerk Witchey, Marcie Strachko, Michelle Frye, Treasurer Creveling, Nancy Corbin, and MJ Mahon. Via zoom: Chris Matthews, Don Coleman, Hamid Khan, Tiffany Bienkowski, Jen Long, Britt Bacon, Alex Karpinski, Kristy Strain, Geralee Zeigler, and Jeremy Brown.

Commissioner Young 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 Kovach, seconded by Ridgway; all approved.

Report of the work session: There was a 10:00 work session held. In attendance were Commissioners Young, Ridgway, Kovach, Solicitor McDonald, Chief Clerk Witchey, Marcie Strachko, Michelle Frye, Bob Christianson, Jean Lapinski, Nancy Corbin, Geralee Ziegler, Teri Provost, Treasurer Creveling, Register & Recorder Lupini, Wade Mays, and MJ Mahon. Via Zoom were the following individuals: Eric Boughner, Don Coleman, Tim Murphy, Jen Long, Jeremy Brown, and Kurt Brungard. Commissioner Young called the work session to order and asked Nancy Corbin to start the meeting and she discussed the proclamation for the Conservation District Week and all the work/projects that the Conservation District does. Some examples are dirt and gravel road projects throughout the County, Kinney Run Flood Project, Kocher Park Project, and their annual plant sale. SEDA-COG then discussed their two items on the agenda and their four different recommendations for the Commissioners to consider to vote on. They suggested that the Commissioners elect to go with item #1 which was the engineering of the West End. Some of the Cons was that the Board of Commissioners would not be in place and if 2D does not provide the necessary reduction of impact is it a viable project. The other issue is the 25% match which is an estimated \$575,000. SEDA-COG then asked if they could talk to Benton Borough Officials regarding the Benton Dam, buyouts etc. The Commissioners gave SEDA-COG permission to reach out to the Board. Bob Christianson stated that by the end of the week it should be determined if Suez is moving forward with the water project. He also had a conversation with DEP regarding Lyons Hill and that Suez is going to include them in the project as well. Jeremy mentioned telecommunications week.

The Commissioners then went into executive session at 10:49AM.

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach approved by all. The Commissioners discussed the Opioid lawsuit that they are involved in, after 12 minutes of being in executive session the Commissioners ended their executive session at 11:02AM.

Motion by Kovach, seconded by Ridgway; all approved

The rest of the agenda was reviewed, Marcie then reviewed all the personnel actions. Jean then reviewed cash and bills; The Salary Board agenda was reviewed and then the meeting was adjourned.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Treasurer – March Report
\$2,129.00 County Commission

Register & Recorder – March Report:
\$36,178.44 was collected and remitted to the County
\$2,454.00 was collected in Recorder Improvement Fund
\$1,636.00 was collected in County Improvement Fund
\$10,596.00 was collected in Affordable Housing Fund
\$2,004.44 was collected in Remote Access Fee

Magistrates – March Report:

	Cases	Collected
Berwick	369	\$8,763.34
Bloomsburg	595	\$11,776.52
Catawissa	517	\$7,634.97
Millville	233	\$3,432.96

Sheriff Revenue – March Report

Interest:	\$37.66
Civil	\$3,631.00
Lic To Carry	\$3,249.00
Lic to Sell Firearms	\$0.00
Lic to Sell Precious Metals	\$50.00
Personal Prop	\$1,331.50
Real Estate	\$0.00
Transports	\$25.00
Warrant	\$967.75
Total	\$9,291.91

Sheriff Screeners – January Report

Courthouse:	
Visitors	6,314
Alarms	3,759
Weapons:	
Guns	5
Knives	52
Misc	24
Annex:	
Visitors	5,675
Alarms	2,660
Weapons:	
Guns	8
Knives	43
Misc	14

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Proclamation for Conservation District Week which is April 10th -17th
- B. Proclamation for Public Safety Telecommunications week which is April 10th – 16th
- C. Approve the engineering of levee control systems in the amount of \$2.3 million which has been recommended by SEDA-COG

Motion to table by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved
- D. Approve the change order prepared by Borton-Lawson for continuation of 2D modelling/engineering of time and material proposal for the West End Study, with a not to exceed of \$125,000

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved
- E. Approve the advertisement of the Non-Composite Bridge Rehabilitation Project for County Bridges No. 24, 49 and 116

Motion by Young and seconded by Kovach; all approved
- F. Approve Resolution 2022-5 for reimbursement for County Bridge #11 Ester Furnace study

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved
- G. Approve Eric Stahley’s reappointment to SEDA-COG’s Metropolitan planning Organization (MPO) which is by resolution #2022-6

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved
- H. Approve the exoneration of cost and interest, mobile home that was moved with no permit
Parcel # 31-02-028-00,118 \$45.00

Approve the exoneration of cost and interest, mobile home that was a lease hold trailer which was sold or razed pursuant to ACT-156

Parcel # 25-02-029-01,172 \$4,399.25

Motion by Young and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

- I. Approval for the Commissioners continued Dues for the Chamber of Commerce for \$275.00

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

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

- Cody Fronk, ECEN, Transfer to Part-time, 4/4/22
- Katelyn McGraw, LPN, Prison, 1 yr step inc, 3/4/22
- Terrance Shelhart, FT CO, Prison, 2 yr step inc, 2/23/22
- Jodi Sabo, LPN, Prison, 6 month step inc, 3/28/22
- David Nevel, FT CO, Prison, one yr step inc, 3/28/22
- Kim O'Brien, FT CO, Prison, one year step, 2/8/22
- Richard Kauffman, FT CO, Prison, Six year step inc, 3/6/22
- Patrick Rooney, FT CO, Prison, Hire, 4/3/22
- Tyler Coombe, Intelligence Officer, Prison, Promotion, 3/27/22
- Michael May, Paramedic (PT), Prison, Hire, 3/2/22
- Ian Unger, Caseworker 1, CYS, Hire, 4/18/22
- Emily Vollmer, Land Use Planner, Planning, two yr step inc, 4/15/22
- Bryan Davenport, FT CO, Prison, 1 yr step inc, 2/21/22,
- Kaiden Whitenight, FT CO, Prison, 1 yr step inc, 2/21/22,
- Ryan Potopsky, FT CO, Prison, Promotion, 4/3/22,

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Young; all approved

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

- Debora McHenry, Assistant Deputy, Reg & Recorder, Hire, 4/19/22
- Maria Babb, Admin Asst, DA, Hire, 5/16/22
- Nadine Valiquette, Judicial Secretary, DJM Bloomsburg, Rescind Resignation
- Earl Mordan, PT Deputy, Sheriff, hire, 4/5/22, \$17.26

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

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

- Jared Cunfer, Sgt, Prison, Resignation, 3/24/22
- Jordyn Silicano, Caseworker 1, CYS, Resignation, 3/31/22
- Jordan Ikeler, Clerk, Treasurer, Resignation, 4/1/22
- Boyd Welch, FT CO, Prison, Resignation, 4/3/22
- Katelyn Matthews, Caseworker 2, CYS, Resignation, 4/15/22
- Brandon Hoskins, FT CO, Prison, Resignation, 4/13/22
- Dylan Seibert, FT CO, Prison, Resignation, 4/9/22

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

CORRESPONDENCE:

- PennDOT notified the Commissioners that they are hosting an Erosion and Sediment Control course on April 19, 2022 from 8AM to 12PM at the Buckhorn Community Fire Company at 19 Firehall Road in Bloomsburg.
- PennDOT furnished the Commissioners with the 2 pages of construction detours in Bloomsburg as the roadwork improvement project continues on route 11/487
- The Conservation District notified the Commissioners of Bloom Carpet UNT Stream Restoration at US and Wolf Hallow Road located in South Centre Township.

- Scott Township Board of Supervisors thanked the Commissioners for their assistance in the Township Park Improvements

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

- Approve bills from 4/1/2022 for \$1,790,295.76

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

- Approve the American Paper bill from 4/1/2022 for \$2,844.55

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

AJOURN:

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. Withey, Chief Clerk