

April 16, 2020

The Columbia County Commissioners met on the above date at 2:00 PM in the Commissioners' Conference Room at 700 Sawmill Small Conference Room for a Commissioners meeting handling the transaction of routine business. In attendance were Commissioners Young, Ridgway, Kovach, Solicitor McDonald, Chief Clerk Witchey, Marcie Strachko and Michelle Frey. All other attendees were online via zoom they are as follows Jeremy Brown, Phil Yoder, Jean Lapinski, Wade Mays, George Ney, Sheriff Chamberlain, Eric Boughner, and Pete Kedron.

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 at 10:00 AM in the Commissioners Conference Room at 700 Sawmill Small Conference Room for the transaction of routine business. In attendance were Commissioners Young, Ridgway, Kovach Solicitor McDonald, Chief Clerk Witchey, Eric Boughner, Michele Frey, and Marcie Strachko. All other attendees were online via zoom they are as follows Jean Lapinski, Phil Yoder, Jen Long, Denise Labuda, George Ney, April Miller, Register & Recorder Lupini, Treasurer Creveling, Rich Kisner, and Pete Kedron. At the work session all department reports were reviewed. A discussion regarding Covid-19 ensued and the Commissioners said that they were calling the Governor Wolf's office regarding the opening of local business. Jean reviewed bills and available cash in comparison to prior year. Pete Kendron asked about the non-disclosure agreement the Commissioners were required to sign and also discussed the bill that passed in the Pa Senate that would allow the Commissioners to decide how to open up their respective County.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Magistrates - March Report

	Cases	Collected
Berwick	202	\$5,020.56
Bloomsburg	262	\$7,465.46
Catawissa	371	\$6,122.07
Millville	135	\$3,798.30

Sheriff – March Report:

Revenue:

Interest:	\$0.00
Civil:	\$2,382.00
Lic To Carry	\$2,166.00
Lic to Sell Firearms	\$114.00
Lic to Sell Precious Metals	\$50.00
Personal Prop	\$201.00
Real Estate	\$2,058.96
Warrant	\$2,890.83
Total	\$9,862.79

Prothonotary: March Report:

Clerk of Orphans Courts – March Report:

Total remitted to the County was \$16,353.47  
Total business all sources was \$24,003.60

Clerk of Courts – March Report:

Total remitted to the County was \$57,060.18  
Total business all sources was \$134,180.76

Treasurer – March Report:

\$1,981.00 was collected in Commissions

Register & Recorder – March Report:

\$25,152.52 was collected in commissions and fees  
\$1,587.00 was collected in Recorder Improvement Fund  
\$1,058.00 was collected in County Improvement Fund  
\$6,705.89 was collected in Affordable Housing Fund  
\$1,534.35 was collected in Remote Access Fee

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Approve being the applicant for the DCNR Grant for the construction of a senior playground and dog park at the Silk Mill Apartment site, project cost is \$144,405 of which 50% would be funded by DCNR

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

- B. Update regarding the COVID-19

- C. Approve using \$5,000 of Hotel Tax Funds for the Bloomsburg Children's Museum

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Young; all approved

- D. Approve using \$25,000 of Hotel Tax funds for the Bloomsburg Theater Ensemble

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

- E. Approve a resolution to request \$500,000 from the H2O PA Small Water and Sewer grant for the floodwall feasibility study for the West End of the Town of Bloomsburg.

Motion by Young and seconded by Kovach; all approved

- F. Approve a resolution to request \$500,000 from the H2O PA Small Water and Sewer grant for the Comprehensive study of the Fishing Creek Watershed

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

- G. Approve the addendums to lease 14 & 16 Main Street, Bloomsburg Pa. The lease for 14 Main Street is for 1 year and the lease for 16 Main Street is for 2 years, both leases are \$2,041.66 per month.

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

- H. Approve the Non-Disclosure and Confidentiality Agreement with the PA Department of Health regarding the County receiving COVID-19 information.

Motion by Young and seconded by Kovach; all approved

- I. Approve the exoneration of tax/cost/interest pursuant to Act-156 Abandoned mobile Home

- Parcel# 11-06-006-03,322 \$1,400.02

Approve the exoneration of tax/cost/interest for a lease hold trailer that was moved

- Parcel# 11-06-006-03,045 \$87.84

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

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

- Megan McNeill, Caseworker 2, CYS, 6 mo Step Increase, 3/10/2020
- Lottie Neiswender, Lead Nurse, Prison, 4 yr Step Increase, 4/11/2020
- Alex Karpinski, FT Telecommunicator Level II Non-Cert, ECEN, Hire, 4/12/2020
- Jeni Hassel, Parent Educator, FC, 2 yr Step Increase, 4/16/2020
- Chris Kupsky, Parent Educator, FC, 7 yr Step Increase, 4/4/2020
- Chris McCarthy, Carpenter, Maintenance, 20 Step Increase, 4/26/2020

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

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

- Heru Kirkland, Probation Officer, JPO, 1 yr step Increase, 2/11/2020
- Sarah Roeder, Judicial Secretary, DM Catawissa, 6 mo Step Increase, 4/28/2020

Motion by Young and seconded by Kovach; all approved

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

- Jalon Jackson, PT CO, Prison, Resignation, 4/8/2020
- Carlos Agramonte, PT CO, Prison, Resignation, 4/8/2020

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

CORRESPONDENCE:

- United States Department of the Interior Fish & Wildlife Service notified the Commissioners of the West Branch – Fishing Creek Restoration Project. This project is to improve fish habitat and stabilize the bank along a section of the West Branch of Fishing Creek located in Sugarloaf Township.
- Livic Civil notified the Commissioners of the submittal of a permit application to DEP for a construction of a Driveway and a single family dwelling on Scott Township.
- SEDA COG notified the Commissioners of the Berwick Borough and the Town of Bloomsburg Federal Fiscal Year 2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.
- Endeavor Professional Services Engineering & Design notified the Commissioners of EXCO Resources, LLC plan to apply for a permit application to drill and operate an unconventional gas well at 217 Champion Hill Road, Muncy Valley.
- SEDA COG notified the Commissioners of the revised public hearing for the 2020 analysis of impediments to Fair Housing Choice CDBG.
- Coleman environmental Engineering notified the Commissioners of a culvert replacement in West Creek located in Jackson Township on Mountain Road near SR 118.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Request to pay bills for periods of March 20<sup>th</sup> totaling \$365,645.56 & April 3<sup>rd</sup> totaling \$1,020,875.28 and April 17<sup>th</sup> totaling \$1,589,477.81

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

Request to pay American Paper for the periods of March 20<sup>th</sup> totaling \$5,250.05 & April 3<sup>rd</sup> totaling \$1,152.10 and April 17<sup>th</sup> totaling \$6,427.65.

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Young; abstain by Ridgway; motion passes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- None

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