

May 1, 2025

There was a Commissioners meeting at 2:00 PM in the Commissioners Conference Room at 700 Sawmill Road, Small Conference Room for the regularly scheduled Commissioners meeting. In attendance were Commissioners Brewer, Karschner, Kovach, Solicitor Marinos, David Witche, Treasurer Creveling, Jean Lapinski, Rachael Swartwood, Ron LeVan, Krunal Thakore, and Michelle Frye. Via Zoom were Chris Anderson, Denise LaBuda, Jeremy Reese, Kelly O'Brien, Thomas Frace, Don Coleman, Kirsti Kritzer, Jenn Long, and MJ Mahon.

Commissioner Brewer 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 Karschner seconded by Kovach; all approved.

Commissioner Brewer then called for a report of the work session: The work session report is as follows, at 10:00 AM there was a work session held. In attendance were Commissioners Brewer, Karschner, Kovach, Solicitor Marinos, David Witche, Warden Ney, Lauryn Higgins, Eric Swab, Rachael Swartwood, Michelle Frye, Treasurer Creveling, Jean Lapinski, Bobby Christensen, Chris Anderson, Lorie Shadle, Doyle Shadle, Michael Redline, Daniel Deneen, and Christopher Redline, and MJ Mahon. Via zoom were April Miller, Jodi Cook, Denise LaBuda, Tim Murphy, Don Coleman, Jenn Long, Tom Frace, Clint Sorber, and Jeremy Brown. The Chairman asked Michael Redline to speak about his proposed project that will be at the Briar Creek Lake Park. Michael is proposing placing signs around the park indicating the frog species that exist at the lake. Warden Ney then discussed the prison food service proposal along with the prison fence project both of which are on the agenda. Rachael Swartwood then discussed the Memorandum of Understanding for the Municipal Waste Plan between the 5 counties. Chris Anderson then reviewed the amended agreement with Verdantas for the 2-D modeling for mitigation on Fishing Creek for the proposed flood wall. Eric Swab then discussed the proposed increase to the Cost & Fee Schedule for tax claim notices. Bobby Christianson then discussed the ongoing water hookups still occurring in South Centre and the ongoing sewer project. He then briefly discussed the PFAS situation that is in South Centre and that Senator Culver was discussing the possibility of having Geisinger being able to test the residents. Marcie then reviewed the Hires/Steps/Promotions, Jean reviewed bills and available cash. After which the work session was adjourned.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Approve Michael Redline's Venturing Service Project Proposal

Motion by Commissioner Brewer; seconded by Commissioner Kovach; all approved

B. Approve the Prison's Food Service Bid of equipment that will be paid by the Food Service Company that currently has the contract

Motion by Commissioner Karschner; seconded by Commissioner Kovach; all approved

C. Approve the bid for the prison fence project

Motion by Commissioner Kovach; seconded by Commissioner Brewer; all approved

D. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Lycoming, Columbia, Montour, Snyder and Union Counties, for the Municipal Waste Planning & Recycling

Motion by Commissioner Karschner; seconded by Commissioner Brewer; all approved

E. Approve the amended agreement with Verdantas (formally known as Borton Lawson) for the 2-D modeling for mitigation of induced flooding of Fishing Creek located at Fernville in Hemlock Township

Motion by Commissioner Kovach; seconded by Commissioner Karschner; all approved

F. Approve resolution 2-2025 for the change of the Cost & Fee Schedule for the Tax Claim Office, changes are as follows:

- Unsigned Return & Claim Notice (First Year Delinquent) \$40.00
- Signature of Unpaid Certified & Restricted Tax Sale Notice (Second Year Delinquent) \$100.00

Motion by Commissioner Kovach; seconded by Commissioner Brewer; all approved

G. APPROVE THE FOLLOWING HIRES, STEP INCREASES, and PROMOTIONS:

- Alexander Smith, Certified Telecommunicator one (1) year, ECEN, Step Increase, 4/20/2025
- Tobi Garrity, Caseworker 1, CYS, Hire, 6/2/25
- Tylar Coulter, Caseworker 1, CYS, Hire, 6/2/25
- Ian Unger, Caseworker 2, CYS, Two year step increase, 4/18/25
- Jessica Tloczynski, Parent Educator, FC, 7 year step increase, 5/9/25
- Phillip Snyder, FT CO, Hire, Jail, 5/12/25
- Rocco Robinson, FT CO, Hire, Jail, 5/12/25
- Shane Latshaw, FT CO, Hire, Jail, 5/12/25
- Matthew Ohlandt, FT CO, Hire, Jail, 5/12/25

Motion by Commissioner Kovach; seconded by Commissioner Karschner; all approved

H. APPROVE THE DATES OF THE FOLLOWING ELECTED OFFICIALS and COURT EMPLOYEE HIRES, STEP INCREASES, and PROMOTIONS:

- Morgan Knorr, Promotion to Conference Officer, DRO, 4/28/25
- Abigail Barcnas, Secretary, DRO, Hire, 5/5/25
- Jonathan Broadt, Deputy, Sheriff, 2 yr step inc, 8/24/25
- James Dodge, Deputy – Part-time, Sheriff, Hire, 7/1/25

Motion by Commissioner Kovach; seconded by Commissioner Brewer; all approved

I. APPROVE THE DATES OF THE FOLLOWING RESIGNATIONS, TERMINATIONS, AND RETIREMENTS:

- Brandon Batiuk, PT Sheriff Deputy, Resignation, 3/28/25
- Nathan Apple, FT CO, Resignation, Jail, 5/17/25
- Antonia Brennan, Conference Officer, DRO, Resignation, 5/30/25

Motion by Commissioner Karschner; seconded by Commissioner Kovach; all approved

CORRESPONDANCE:

- PPL sent information to the PA Public Utility Commission that they are applying to alter the crossing of North Shore Railroad at Catherine Street in Bloomsburg
- The Commissioners were informed of a request for water obstruction permit by Dorothy Yost a North Centre Township resident, the request is for a streambank stabilization project of 1,280LF.
- The Commissioners were informed of a request for water obstruction permit by Brian Paden a North Centre Township resident, the request is for a streambank stabilization project of 1,1950 LF.
- Woodland Design Associates notified the Commissioners that PPL Electric Utilities Corporation filed for a NPDES permit for storm water that is associated with construction in Ashland, Butler, Catawissa, Conyngham, Cleveland, Franklin, Hemlock, Locust, Montour, Roaring Creek, and Union Townships located in Columbia and Schuylkill Counties.
- Moxie Freedom LLC sent notification to the Commissioners that they filed a application for minor modification to a current SRBC approval with the Addition of Veolia Water Company as a source of water for Moxie Freedom facility located in Salem Township Luzerne County.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Approve the bills dated 4/25/2025 in the amount of \$1,555,162.69

Motion by Commissioner Kovach; seconded by Commissioner Brewer; all approved

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ron Levan and Krunal Thakore discussed the ongoing issues surrounding the residents of North Centre Townships regarding PFAS in their drinking water. Ron felt as though there was incorrect information

in an article in the Press Enterprise regarding the PFAS in North Centre Township. The Commissioners suggested that they come to their next 10:00 AM work session to discuss the issue.

AJOURN:

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Karschner and seconded by Commissioner Kovach. The motion passed.

Attest: _____
David J Witchey