

May 2, 2019

The Columbia County Commissioners met on the above date at 2:00 PM in the Commissioners' Conference Room at the First Street Annex for a reorganizational meeting and following that meeting would be having their normal Commissioners meeting handling the transaction of routine business. In attendance were Commissioners Young, Ridgway, Kovach, Chief Clerk Witchey, Jean Lapinski, Treasurer Creveling, Marcie Strachko, Eric Stahley, Wade Mays, Senator John Gordner, Representative David Millard, Leon Bogdan, Steve Stover, Rick Horvath, Kurt Brungard, Brenda Remaley, and Ben Willis.

A motion was made by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway to approve the minutes of the last meeting. The motion was unanimously passed.

State Senator John Gordner and Representative Millard announced that they have procured \$500,000 from DCED for the Columbia County Commissioners to administer in assisting Columbia County residents for flood related projects within the County.

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 Commissioner Young, Ridgway, Kovach, Solicitor McDonald, Chief Clerk Witchey, Treasurer Creveling, Marcie Strachko, Jean Lapinski, Rachael Swartwood, Wade Mays, Eric Stahley, Wade Mays, April Miller, Brian Pufnak, Caroline Melvin, George Weber Thomas Liddington, and Tracie Liddington. The Commissioners presented a Proclamation for Motorcycle Awareness Month for May 2019. April Miller discussed the personnel moves on the agenda for her Department then discussed her current compliment of employees. Marcie reviewed all of the personnel actions on the agenda, Jean updated the Commissioners on current cash and bills. Jean also presented and reviewed the Magistrates report. Treasurer Creveling reviewed her April Report and also discussed a Hotel owner who has not remitted their Hotel Tax. Solicitor McDonald will be reaching out to their attorney to discuss this issue. Rachael discussed her new hire and stated the office is getting busy and had just received 5 applications to review. She also mentioned that 5 county solid waste plan is in violation due Montour's change for recycling, this will be corrected once the new plan is submitted. Wade discussed County Bridge #154 was inspected and now has cracking on the interior beams, this is believed to be caused by overloading Kurt Brungard from Larson is going to review and get back to Wade to have a weight restriction placed on the bridge. Brian discussed his new hire and also discussed the email regarding the recommendation for radios, he indicated that the vendors will be apprised of what radios will be compatible with the new system and they will inform the groups which radios are compatible.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Register & Recorder – April Report:

\$36,455.44 was collected in commissions and fees
\$1,773.00 was collected in Recorder Improvement Fund
\$1,182.00 was collected in County Improvement Fund
\$7,365.64 was collected in Affordable Housing Fund
\$1,592.42 was collected in Remote Access Fee

Treasurer's April Report:

\$2,209.00 was collected in commissions

Magistrates – March Report:

Bloomsburg:	Cases	461
	Collected	\$11,216.25
Berwick:	Cases	333
	Collected	\$6,360.59
Catawissa:	Cases	616
	Collected	\$7,645.28
Millville:	Cases	231
	Collected	\$6,473.34

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Approve the opening of bids for Bridge #86 in Pine Township

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway all approved

B. Approve Nestteroder Contracting Co. as the winning bidder for \$347,296.17 pending review of Larson Design, Columbia County Solicitor and Chief Clerk.

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Young all approved

C. Approve the opening of the bids to be Columbia County's Provider for its PCoRP insurance.

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway all approved

D. Approve the Dunn Group as the winning bidder for \$7,900 per year for 5 years, pending review by Columbia County Solicitor and Chief Clerk.

E. Proclamation for motorcycle awareness month, May 2019

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

Charlie Miller, Seasonal, Parks, Rehire, 5/6/19

Jerry Moyer, Seasonal, Parks, Rehire, 5/6/19

Norman Folk, FT CO, Prison, Hire, 5/6/19

Emily Mowery, PT CO, Prison, Promotion to >30, 5/5/19

Nathan Jandrisovits, PT CO, Prison, 1 yr Step, 5/22/19

James Dent, FT CO, Prison, 6 mo step, 5/12/19

Courtney Bauder, FT CO, Prison, 1 yr step, 5/13/19

Megan Strittmatter, Caseworker 2, CYS, 6 mo step increase, 4/23/19

Donald Roguszewski, Caseworker 1, CYS, 6 mo step increase, 4/29/19

Joshua Switzer, FT Telecommunicator, ECEN, Hire, 5/20/19

Timothy Witter, Caseworker 1, CYS, 6 mo step increase, 4/22/19

Felicia Karns, Caseworker 2, CYS, Hire, 5/20/19

Garret Curland, PT CO, Prison, Promotion >30, 5/5/19

Cynthia Storper, Caseworker 1, CYS, 6 mo step increase, 4/22/19

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway all approved

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

Yulier Gonzalez, Law Clerk, Courts, Hire, 8/19/19

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Young all approved

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

Kayla Anthony, PT CO, Prison, Resignation, 5/4/19

Ismael Castillo, PT CO, Prison, Resignation, 4/25/19

Lauren McNelis, PT CO, Prison, Resignation, 4/30/19

Nicholas DePalma, PT CO, Prison, Resignation, 5/1/19

Zachary White, Probation Officer, AP, Resignation, 5/10/19

Joshua Ney, Probation Officer, AP, Resignation, 8/2/19

Brian Drust, PT CO, Prison, Resignation, 5/1/19

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway all approved

CORRESPONDENCE:

Tara Ulrich from Transitions of PA requested to use the Commissioners Conference Room for the required public meeting.

The PUC has an application of Norfolk Southern Railway for alteration where route 42 (Main Street) crosses in the Borough of Catawissa.

Weston Brehm notified the Commissioners of the municipalities that apply for CDBG funding

Lisa Houser provided the minutes to the Commissioners regarding the DEP White Pines Landfill LMIP Meeting held on March 11th, 2019.

SEDA COG notified the Commissioners that the Town Of Bloomsburg (FFY) 2017 CDBG Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report has been accepted the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The PUC notified the Commissioners that an application to the PDOT has submitted an application to alter 4 public at grade crossings in the Town of Bloomsburg.

The Commissioners were notified by Derr Pursel, Luschas & Naparsick that they received notification from Harpst, Ross, & Becker relative to the Transcontinental Gas Pipeline that a mechanics lien against the assets of the pipeline within the easement of the Vera Grove Estate property owned by the County. Coleman Environmental Engineering notified the Commissioners of their intent to submit an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for the project Pied Piper Road Culvert Project in Benton Township

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Warrant requests for March 3rd totaling \$319,849.61 with the exception of American Paper and Supply

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach all approved

Warrant requests to pay American Paper Supply \$377.90

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 Ridgway and seconded by Kovach. The motion passed.

Attest: _____
David J. Witchey, Chief Clerk