

May 4, 2017

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, Chief Clerk Witchey, Jean Lapinski, Fred Hunsinger, Bob Aungst, Treasurer Creveling, Zabrina Finn, Jonathan Hansen, Christina Paradis, Steve Miller, Keith Haup, Mark Hepler, Arthur Jagiensi, Raymond Weaver, and Wren Fritsky.

A motion was made by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach to approve the minutes of the last meeting all approved.

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, Solicitor McDonald, Chief Clerk Witchey, Fred Hunsinger, Jen Long, Wade Mays, Jean Lapinski, Treasurer Creveling, Eric Stahley, Ashley Mensch, Tracey Eppler, Marie Cicini, Thomas Cicini, and April Miller. The work session began with Marie and Thomas Cicini notified the Commissioners that the group heading up the Evansville Lake Dog Park do not have the ability to raise revenue to pay for yearly liability insurance. This was a change from the first time they were in and the Commissioners stated that we would contact our insurance carrier regarding this to identify how much this coverage would be. Ashley Mensch was there to answer any questions regarding her new hire and Heather Getkin's 7 year step. April introduced Tracey who is volunteering to be on the CYS Advisory Board. Jean Lapinski reviewed the bills and current cash balance in general fund. Wade asked the Commissioners if he could use Hotel Tax money for the repairs to both the East Paden Covered Bridge and the Evansville Lake Covered Bridge. Fred discussed the Regional Next generation ESINET System and the Bid Opening that would occur at the 2:00PM meeting. The agenda was then reviewed and the meeting was adjourned.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Treasurer – April Report:

\$2,248.00 was collected in commissions and fees for April

Sheriff – April Report:

Courthouse:

Total Visitors: 6,782

Total Alarms: 3,607

Confiscated Weapons:

Knives 58

Scissors 11

Utility 18

Razor 1

Mace 8

Guns 20

Misc 15

Annex:

Total Visitors: 5,248

Total Alarms: 4,182

Confiscated Weapons:

Knives 122

Scissors 14

Utility 9

Razor 2

Mace 3

Guns 5

Misc 24

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Proclamation for Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month –May 2017

B. Approve Tracey Eppler, from the Women's Center, to join our CYS Advisory Board.

Motion by Ridgway seconded by Kovach all approved

C. Approve the opening of the bids for the regional emergency services internet protocol-based network (ESINET) via fiber connectivity

Motion by Kovach seconded by Ridgway all approved

Motion to accept proposal, contingent upon review of the Solicitor and 911 Director, Ridgway seconded by Kovach all approved

D. Approve the use of \$3,000 of Hotel Tax dollars to fund Berwick Area Regatta.

Motion by Ridgway seconded by Kovach all approved

E. Approve the agreement for participating in the 900 Regional Next Generation ESINET & CPE System

Motion by Ridgway seconded by Young all approved

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

Thomas Moyer, FT CO, Prison, 1 yr Step Increase, 4/24/17

Jessica Tloczynski, Parent Educator, FC, Hire, 5/9/17

Michael Morton-Brown, PT CO, Prison, Promotion from PT CO to PT CO >30, 4/9/17 (no increase)

Ryan Gajkowski, FT CO, Prison, 6 mo step, 5/13/17

Jared Hopper, FT CO, Prison, 6 mo step, 5/13/17

Kyle Whitebread, FT CO, Prison, 1 year step, 5/15/17

Cheri Heslop, PT CO, Prison, 1 year step, 5/16/17

Candace Hoppy, PT CO, Prison, 1 year step, 5/16/17

Gregory Kadesh, PT CO, Prison, 6 month step, 5/30/17

Ethan Whitmire, FT CO, Prison, 1 year step, 5/15/17

Justin Gonzalez, FT CO, Prison, 1 year step, 5/15/17

Dalton Helm, PT CO, Prison, 1 year step, 5/16/17

Josh Bucheit, PT CO, Prison, 6 month step, 5/30/17

Katy Anspach, FT LPN, Prison, 2 year step, 5/24/17

Heather Getkin, Parent Educator, FC, 7 yr step, 1/26/17

Paula Stellfox, LPN, Prison, Promotion to FT LPN, 5/7/17

Motion by Ridgway seconded by Kovach all approved

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

Michael Vezendy, FT CO, Prison, Voluntary Resignation of Sergeant Position, 4/2/17

Stephanie Huber, PT LPN, Prison, Termination, 4/24/17

Chris Stock, PT CO, Prison, Resignation, 3/22/17

Motion by Young seconded by Ridgway all approved

CORRESPONDENCE:

Bob Aungst discussed a letter regarding the Grove Rishel Estate stating that there is a small dump located on the property. Since this is the first time hearing of the dump the Commissioners instructed Bob Aungst to contact the Attorney for the Rishel property stating that once DEP approves the cleanup of the dump then the property transfer can proceed.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Warrant requests for May 4th totaling \$1,219,052.95

Motion by Ridgway seconded by Kovach all approved

Warrant request American Paper \$4,752.56

Motion by Kovach seconded by Young abstain by Ridgway motion approved

ADJOURN:

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

Attest: _____
David J. Witchey, Chief Clerk