

May 5, 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, Jean Lapinski, Kurt Brungard, Melissa Haggerty, and Kaitlyn Haggerty. Via zoom: Alex Karpinski, Ed Nestlerode, Eric Boughner, Eric Stahley, Jeremy Brown, Tim Collier and Jen Long.

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.

Commissioner Young then called for a 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, Harry Mathias, Matt Hess, Betsy Rubio, Treasurer Creveling and MJ Mahon. Via Zoom were the following individuals: Don Coleman, Alex Karpinski, Geralee Zeigler, Eric Stahley Gini Feigles-Kaar, Jen Long, Wade Mays, Sheriff Chamberlain, and Tim Murphy. Commissioner Young called the work session to order and asked Harry Mathias to start the meeting discuss the recommendation of American Rescue Funds. Harry discussed the recommendation of extending the County's commitment to the continued Skilled Trades Training Program for the Columbia Montour Area Vocational Technical School in the amount of \$200,000. Matt Hess then discussed Betsy Rubio being reappointed as the County's 504 Officer for service and accessibility complaints against the County. Bob Christianson then informed the Commissioner that they filed the Penn Vest application on 5-4-22 for their sewer project. Geralee then discussed that SEDA-COG was going to meet with the Benton Borough Supervisors at their public meeting to discuss the options presented by HRG findings in the Fishing Creek Watershed Study. Jennie then reviewed bills and cash, Marcie reviewed all personnel moves the rest of the agenda was reviewed. The Salary Board agenda was reviewed and then the meeting was adjourned.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Treasurer – April Report

\$1,675.00 County Commission

Register & Recorder – April Report:

\$31,863.23 was collected and remitted to the County
\$1,962.00 was collected in Recorder Improvement Fund
\$1,308.00 was collected in County Improvement Fund
\$8,496.53 was collected in Affordable Housing Fund
\$2,262.51 was collected in Remote Access Fee

Sheriff Revenue – April Report

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| Interest: | \$40.97 |
| Civil | \$2,758.00 |
| Lic To Carry | \$3,135.00 |
| Lic to Sell Firearms | \$171.00 |
| Lic to Sell Precious Metals | \$0.00 |
| Personal Prop | \$1,251.00 |
| Real Estate | \$8,475.69 |
| Transports | \$25.00 |
| Warrant | \$2,024.50 |
| Total | \$17,881.16 |

Sheriff Screeners – April Report

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| Courthouse: | |
| Visitors | 6,219 |
| Alarms | 3,290 |
| Weapons: | |
| Guns | 3 |
| Knives | 31 |
| Misc | 20 |

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| Annex: | | |
| Visitors | | 5,079 |
| Alarms | | 2,104 |
| Weapons: | Guns | 1 |
| | Knives | 54 |
| | Misc | 14 |

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Approve the following uses of the American Rescue Funds as follows:

- Recommendation #1 – Approve a supplementary grant of \$200,000 for the Columbia Montour Area Vocational Technical School for the continuing Skilled Trades Training Program

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

B. Proclamation for EMS week which is May 15th-21st

C. Proclamation for Week of Child Welfare Professionals June 6th-10th

D. Open bids for the multimodal non-composite bridge rehabilitation project

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

E. Motion to accept the lowest bidder which is Kevin Raker Construction LLC, contingent upon review of the County Engineer and Solicitor

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

F. Approve the use of \$7,500 of Hotel Tax funds for Millville’s 250th year celebration

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

G. Approve to accept the technical proposal for Richard’s Covered Bridge by Larson Design with a not to exceed \$31,500.00, this is a shared bridge between Columbia and Northumberland County cost will be split 50/50

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Young; all approved

H. Approve Betsy Rubio as the County’s 504 officer, or the designated representative for any and all discrimination complaints regarding service and accessibility complaints

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Young; all approved

I. Approve the Traveling library Board nomination of Dee Davis for the vacancy on the Board

Motion by Young and seconded by Kovach; all approved

J. Approve the Resolution 2022-7 consenting that Snyder County join the SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

K. Approve Patty Zwaikuski to hand out poppy in front of the Courthouse on May 27th for National Poppy Day

L. Approve the exoneration of tax/cost/interest the parcel is a lease hold mobile home that was moved with no permit

Parcel# 04D-08-045-00,025 \$45.00

Approve the exoneration of tax/cost/interest the parcel was sold at Sheriff Sale, amount paid did not pay off all delinquent costs

Parcel# 31-4E2-001-10,000 \$238.00

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Young; all approved

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

- Zachary Lewis, FT CO, Jail, 1 yr step increase, 5/30/22
- Thomas Moyer, Sergeant, Jail, 6 year step increase, 4/24/22
- Tyler Coombe, FT CO, Jail, 10 yr step increase, 5/6/22
- Hugh Vastine, FT CO, Jail, 6 month step increase, 4/17/22
- Lewis Bennett, FT CO, Jail, 6 month step increase, 5/7/22
- Krystal Leitzel, FT CO, Jail, 6 month step increase, 5/7/22
- Carlos Speedwell, FT CO, Jail, 6 month step increase, 5/7/22
- Nicholas Straub, FT CO, Jail, 6 month step increase, 5/7/22
- Cooper Watkins, FT CO, Jail, 1 year step increase, 5/30/22
- Ethan Whitmire, FT CO, Jail, 6 year step increase, 5/15/22
- Steven Kirwin, FT CO, Jail, 10 year step increase, 5/27/22
- Donald Hilkert, Mechanic, Maintenance, Hire, 5/23/22
- Jessica Tloczynski, Parent Educator, Family Center, 4 yr step, 5/9/22
- Bessie Ashburn, Telecommunicator, ECEN, 1 yr step, 5/1/22
- Frances Mannino, Caseworker I, CYS, 6 month step increase, 4/11/22
- Bradley Beaver, Caseworker I, CYS, Hire, 5/23/22

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Young; all approved

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

- Kristy Leeman, Secretary, DRO, Hire, 5/9/22
- Joan Reimiller, Tip Staff, Courts, Hire, 5/5/22

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

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

- Jordan Ikler, Clerk, Treasurer, Resignation, 4/1/22
- Veronica Zeigler, CO, Jail, Resignation, 5/16/22

Motion by Young and seconded by Kovach; all approved

CORRESPONDENCE:

- PennDOT notified the Commissioners that they are submitting a permit application to DEP for for an obstruction permit for a project on SR 1012 in Briar Creek
- Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy notified the Commissioners that the easement agreement of the Vera Rishel property is in compliance.
- Red Barn Consulting Inc. is notifying the Commissioners that they are applying for permit for Aurand Poultry, LLC and that the applicant is applying for their NPDES CAFO Permit for this new operation.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

- Approve bills from 4/30/2022 for \$1,323,688.77

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

- Approve the American Paper bill from 4/30/2022 for \$1,494.12

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

AJOURN:

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

Attest: _____
David J. Witchey, Chief Clerk