

May 6, 2021

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, Ridgeway, Kovach, Solicitor McDonald, Chief Clerk Witchey, Treasurer Creveling, Jean Lapinski, Marcie Strachko, and Michele Frye. Via Zoom: Don Coleman, Eric Stahley, Mike Lester, Teri Provost, Jen long,

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

There was a 10:00 work session held in attendance were Commissioners Young, Ridgeway, Kovach, Chief Clerk Witchey, Treasurer Creveling, Jean Lapinski, Marcie Strachko, Tami Kline, Delroy Artman, Michelle Frye, Maureen Casey, Brent Hales, Andra Johnson, Michael Ryan, and Don Coleman. Via Zoom: April Miller, Eric Stahley, Teri Provost, Jen long, and Jeremy Brown. Jen Long started the work session updating the Commissioners on COVID-19. She stated that for the last two weeks that she has not had any messages to schedule vaccinations. Jen also stated that Columbia County will need to average 700 vaccinations per day until May 31st to achieve 70% vaccination in Columbia County. Jen also stated that the Prison inmates are going to receive the Johnson & Johnson vaccine on May 12th. Maureen Casey for Penn State Extension wanted to discuss the rumors regarding the defunding of the Extension. The Commissioners stated that they would not defund Penn State Extension however they were thinking of leaving the consortium of Counties and just do a standalone like Union County does. The Commissioners also discussed that they feel that Penn State is not what it used to be and that their programs are eroding or being watered down. They also discussed that they feel the world is evolving and Penn State is not keeping up with the changes. Dr. Hales from Penn State thanked the Commissioners and wants to continue to be a partner and work together with them. He stated that Penn State does not want to dictate the process, and wants to demonstrate value. Teri Provost then discussed the upcoming meeting with the two winning bidders of the Fishing Creek and West End Studies and the Commissioners mentioned that the Conservation District has grant funds and that they should coordinate their efforts together so as not to duplicate efforts. The agenda was then reviewed and the work session was adjourned.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Sheriff Revenue – April Report:

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| Interest: | \$50.42 |
| Civil | \$2,677.00 |
| Lic To Carry | \$4,119.00 |
| Lic to Sell Firearms | \$0.00 |
| Lic to Sell Precious Metals | \$0.00 |
| Personal Prop | \$497.00 |
| Real Estate | \$3,007.43 |
| Transports | \$0.00 |
| Warrant | \$1,174.00 |
| Total | \$11,604.85 |

Sheriff Screeners – April Report

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| Courthouse: | |
| Visitors | 5,335 |
| Alarms | 3,132 |
| Wepons: | Guns 1 |
| | Knives 15 |
| | Misc 4 |
| Annex: | |
| Visitors | 4,317 |
| Alarms | 2,916 |
| Wepons: | Guns 3 |
| | Knives 24 |
| | Misc 10 |

Register & Recorder – April Report:

\$32,596.21 was collected and remitted to the County
\$2,196.00 was collected in Recorder Improvement Fund
\$1,464.00 was collected in County Improvement Fund
\$9,755.816 was collected in Affordable Housing Fund
\$2,113.3 was collected in Remote Access Fee

Magistrates – March Report:

| | Cases | Collected |
|------------|-------|------------|
| Berwick | 250 | \$6,652.93 |
| Bloomsburg | 430 | \$8,082.35 |
| Catawissa | 416 | \$7,778.60 |
| Millville | 325 | \$5,950.45 |

Prothonotary:

Clerk of Orphans Courts – April Report:

Total remitted to the County was \$16,396.14
Total business all sources was \$25,377.76

Clerk of Courts – March Report:

Total remitted to the County was \$52,264.61
Total business all sources was \$109,096.29

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Covid-19 update

- B. Approve the contract for services with Harry Mathias Jr. to administer the County’s American Rescue Plan for 1/2% of the amount which includes mileage reimbursement and liability insurance.

Motion by Ridgway seconded by Kovach; all approved

- C. Approve the lease amendment with the United States Department of Agriculture to reflect the change in their office rental space with no change to the rate.

Motion by Young seconded by Kovach; all approved

- D. Approve the updated Children & Youth Services Foster Home Structure as follows effective July 1st, 2021:

Level I

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| Children age birth – 12 years | \$25.00 per day |
| Children aged 13- and older | \$31.00 per day |

Level II

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| Children with Medical Needs Requiring Specialized training | \$35.00 per day |
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Emergency Care (First 30 days of care)

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| Children age birth – 12 years | \$30.00 per day |
| Children aged 13- and older | \$37.00 per day |

Motion by Kovach seconded by Ridgway; all approved

- E. Approve the agreement with Maximus to perform the County’s Cost Allocation Plan for Calendar years 2020, 2021 and 2022 for \$7,450 for the first two years and 7,650 for year 2022

Motion by Young seconded by Kovach; all approved

- F. Approve the exoneration of tax/cost/interest of a lease hold trailer that was moved with no permit
- Parcel # 12-03-009-07,410 Cost \$64.70

Approve the exoneration of three that were parcels transferred to Bloomsburg University

- Parcel # 31-03-035-09,000 Cost \$572.10
- Parcel # 31-03-035-16,000 Cost \$161.09
- Parcel # 31-03-035-18,000 Cost \$237.53

Motion by Kovach seconded by Ridgway; all approved

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

- Lauryn Dalrymple, Adm Asst, Prison, Step Increase, 5/2/21, \$17.00
- Nicholas Straub, PT CO, Prison, Hire, 5/11/21, \$14.30
- Blake Hartzel, PT CO, Prison, Hire, 5/11/21, \$14.30
- Chelsea Gregory, PT CO, Prison, Hire, 5/11/21, \$14.30
- Jonathan Putterman, PT CO, Prison, Hire, 5/11/21, \$14.30
- Keith Wittig, PT CO, Prison, Hire, 5/11/21, \$14.30

Motion by Kovach seconded by Young; all approved

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

- Eric Pangelinan, Conference Officer, DRO, 1yr step, 5/4/21
- Katy Anderson, Secretary, DRO, 6 Mo step, 4/12/21

Motion by Kovach seconded by Ridgway; all approved

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

- Vanessa Aten, PT CO, Prison, Termination, 4/20/21
- Charles Yost, PT CO, Prison, Resignation, 4/26/21
- Brandon Delia, PT CO, Prison, Resignation, 4/26/21
- Andru Drunkenmiller, PT CO, Prison, Resignation, 4/30/21
- Courtney Bauder, FT CO, Prison, Resignation, 5/8/21
- Amber Brotzman, Caseworker 2, CYS, Resignation, 5/28/21
- Yulier Gonzalez, Law Clerk, Courts, Resignation, 4/30/21

Motion by Kovach seconded by Ridgway; all approved

- I. The Commissioners went into executive session to discuss contract issues

Motion by Ridgway seconded by Kovach; all approved

The Commissioners went into executive session at 2:35 and exited at 2:54 to go into regular session

Motion by Ridgway seconded by Kovach; all approved

CORRESPONDENCE:

- The Commissioners a thank you letter from the River Poets for allowing their one of their poems being posted on the front door of the Annex.
- The Commissioners again received multiple letters from local GOA (Gun owners of America). They are asking the Commissioners to pass a 2nd amendment sanctuary ordinance.
- The Commissioners received numerous anti 2nd amendment Sanctuary Ordinance
- SEDA COG notified the Commissioners that the Town of Bloomsburg's the FY 2019 CDBG Grant has been accepted
- SEDA COG notified the Commissioners of the Town of Bloomsburg's the FY 2021 CDBG Grant has been announced in the amount of \$257,730
- Glace Associates notified the Commissioners that they are performing work in Montour Township doing streambank repair on Tower Drive.

- The Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy notified the Commissioners that Tamara Wagner performed the easement inspection on March 16, 2021 and that there were no issues.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

- Approve bills from 4-30-21 totaling \$1,990,030.66

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

- Approve American Paper bills from 4-30-21 totaling \$1,933.29

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 Ridgway. The motion passed.

Attest: _____
David J. Witchey, Chief Clerk