

May 15, 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 Witchey, Treasurer Creveling, Jean Lapinski, Marcie Strachko, Jerry Mertz, Matt Kurtz, Tim Wagner Sandra Hare, Cathryn Crossin, and Michelle Frye. Via Zoom were Doyle Shadle, Jenn Long, Don Coleman, Kaylin Bower, 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 Kovach seconded by Karschner; 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 Witchey, Marcie Strachko, Bobby Christianson, Treasurer Creveling, Michelle Frye, Treasurer Creveling, Bobby Christensen, MJ Mahon, and Tom Frace. Via zoom were Denise LaBuda, Tim Murphy, Jenn Long, Tom Frace, Kristi Kritzer, and Jeremy Brown. The Chairman asked Bobby Christianson to start the meeting and he stated that water is still progressing and that sewer had the finalized mapping of sewer lines and that they had scheduled conferences with various state agencies regarding the project. He then discussed the ongoing issue regarding PFAS in North & South Centre Township. Janine Hall then discussed her personal situation regarding the PFAS levels at her home and was asking if we had heard anything from the North Centre Township Supervisors. I had told her that they were at our last meeting discussing the issue. The agenda was then reviewed and Marcie then reviewed the Hires/Steps/Promotions, I reviewed bills and available cash. After which the work session was adjourned.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Prothonotary:

Clerk of Orphans Courts – April Report:  
Total remitted to the County was \$23,161.54  
Total business all sources was \$30,121.55

Clerk of Courts – April Report:  
Total remitted to the County was \$44,383.35  
Total business all sources was \$73,903.99

Sheriff Screener – April Report:

Courthouse:  
Visitors 7,025  
Alarms 3,320  
Weapons: Guns 2  
Knives 30  
Misc 26

Annex:  
Visitors 5,262  
Alarms 2,270  
Weapons: Guns 4  
Knives 31  
Misc 7

Register & Recorder – April Report:  
Total remitted to the County was \$29,156.46  
Total business all sources was \$683,614.08  
  
Number of Deeds recorded for April was 145  
Number of Mortgages recorded for April was 155

Sheriff Revenue – April Report  
Interest: \$ 814.11  
Civil \$ 3,123.00  
Lic To Carry \$ 2,166.00

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| Lic to Sell Firearms        | \$ 57.00    |
| Lic to Sell Precious Metals | \$ 0.00     |
| Personal Prop               | \$ 870.00   |
| Real Estate                 | \$ 5,474.65 |
| Transports                  | \$ 0.00     |
| Warrant                     | \$ 2,940.25 |
| Total                       | \$15,445.01 |

Treasurer for April 2025:

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| Total Dog Licenses:     | \$293.00 |
| Total Fish Licenses:    | \$ 27.00 |
| Total Boat Licenses:    | \$ 12.00 |
| Total Hunting Licenses: | \$332.00 |

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Proclamation for EMS Week for the following agencies; Bloomsburg Volunteer Ambulance, Geisinger EMS and Seven Mountains EMS Council for the week of May 18<sup>th</sup> -24<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- B. Proclamation for the designation of May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 as National Poppy Day
- C. Approve CMSU request of \$200,000 request from Columbia County's Opioid Settlement for the funding of Recovery Community Services Program which is referred to as Warm Hand Off Program. Funding is for FY 2025/2026.

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

- D. Approve the Bloomsburg American Legion Auxiliary permission to have a table in front of the Courthouse on May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00AM until 2:00PM to promote National Poppy Day

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

- E. Agape and Gatehouse public meeting regarding their 2025-2026 HSDF Grant Proposal
- F. Approve the Columbia County Human Trafficking Response Team use of the front of the Courthouse Plaza for a "Red Sand Project" on July 30<sup>th</sup> from 9AM to 12PM.

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

- G. Approve the exoneration of tax/cost/interest which is a lease hold mobile home which was sold or razed pursuant to Act 156 – Abandoned Mobile Home
  - Parcel# 25-02-02901100 \$832.12

Approve the exoneration of 2 parcels owned by Cleveland Township, parcels are flood properties that obtained by the township

- Parcel# 13-08-01300000 \$427.80
- Parcel# 13-08-01501000 \$283.98

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

- H. APPROVE THE FOLLOWING HIRES, STEP INCREASES, and PROMOTIONS:
  - Tim Lutz, Maintenance, Grade 12, six (6) month step increase, 3/8/25
  - Dina Melito, Secretary, Public Defender, Transfer, 6/4/25
  - Kelsey Allbeck, Deputy Assessor (Conditional), Promotion, 5/16/25

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

- I. APPROVE THE DATES OF THE FOLLOWING ELECTED OFFICIALS and COURT EMPLOYEE HIRES, STEP INCREASES, and PROMOTIONS:
  - None

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

- Carrie Lockard, Secretary, Public Defender, Resignation, 5/16/25

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

CORRESPONDANCE:

- Agape of Love notified the Commissioners that they are renewing their Electronic Recycling permit
- The Commissioners were informed by the PA PUC of an application of PPL Electric Utilities for alteration of utilities at public crossing where Market Street crosses the North Shore Railroad in South Centre Township.
- The Commissioners were informed of a request for water obstruction permit by the Conservation District for a streambank Stabilization at Oman Rad in Orangeville.
- The Commissioners were contact by Green Key Solar about the County Farm being for sale or lease
- Redner Real Estate notified the Commissioners that Mill Race Golf Course intends to submit application to DEP for a water obstruction permit for Fish Habitat Enhancement Structures
- PPL sent notification to the Commissioners for a notification of application for public crossing at 266 010S Hayes Street of North Shore Railroad in the Borough of Briar Creek
- Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy notified the Commissioners that they are going to review the Easement in Montour Township parcel #25-01-00700 the Counties Vera Richel Property
- The Commissioners were notified of request for Water Obstruction Permit project called Big Stream Crossing located at 1760 Hemlock Road in Catawissa Pa

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Approve the bills dated 5/09/2025 in the amount of \$1,225,686.15

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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