

May 20 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, Jean Lapinski, Marcie Strachko, Betsy Rubio, Michele Frye and Morgan Edwards-Lewis. Via Zoom: Don Coleman, Eric Stahley, Jen long and Virginia Feigles-Kaar.

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, Solicitor McDonald, Chief Clerk Witchey, Jean Lapinski, Marcie Strachko, Michelle Frye, Betsy Rubio, Lori Gordner, and Leon Bogdan, Via Zoom: Eric Stahley, Jen long, and Rachael Swartwood, Diane Cizewski, and Don Coleman. Commissioner Young called the meeting to order and asked Lori Gordner to start the work session. Lori introduced Betsy Rubio who has taken for Weston Brehm and is on the agenda to be Columbia County 504 Officer which handles accessibility and ADA Compliance for County owned buildings. Lori also discussed the modification to the CDBG-CV funds and to utilize \$166,152 from mortgage foreclosure to owner occupied assistance/rehab to prevent them from going to a long term care facility. Jen Long discussed the number of vaccines provided at Susquehanna Valley Medical, Berwick Hospital and Geisinger during the past week and also stated that the allotments to the area are down due to the lack of demand. She also discussed that over 70% of County employees have received their vaccinations and that the Columbia County inmates that requested to be vaccinated have received the Johnson & Johnson shot. Jen then discussed the Commodity Flows Study for EMA that the organization that does the study does look at the placards on Rail Cars as well as vehicles flowing through the County. Rachael Swartwood mentioned that we need to add the Solid Waste Plan on the agenda for approval, the plan starts in 2023 and is for 10 years and the County needs to pay \$2,343.75 plus in kind for the plan. Jean reviewed the bills and available cash. The agenda was reviewed and then Commissioner Young discussed how well the election went and that there were no issues, he thanked all involved. Leon Bogdan then had a questions regarding final results and the Commissioners stated that the final results would not be completed until the election board meets on Friday.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Covid-19 update

B. Update on the American Rescue Funds

C. Approve Round 3 of the Hospitality Grant grantees in the amount of \$105,000 per the attached list

Motion by Ridgway seconded by Kovach; all approved

D. Proclamation for EMS Week for May 16th-22nd, 2021.

E. Approve utilizing Synovus Bank in order to receive better interest rate: Synovus 1 month rate is .75% and up to \$3,000,000 to be invested

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

F. Approve the modification of CDBG-CV Funds moving \$166,652 for home accommodations to keep residents in their homes and prevent them moving to long term care facilities

Motion by Young seconded by Ridgway; all approved

G. Approve the 504 officer for Columbia County, Betsy Rubio

Motion by Kovach seconded by Ridgway; all approved

H. Approve change order #2 for the prison to reflect Dena Snyder's paint recommendation after all the adjustments the change order totals \$67,050.

Motion by Kovach seconded by Young; all approved

I. Approve the engagement letter between the Columbia County Board of Commissioners and PEMA for the Provisioning of NG911 Services

Motion by Kovach seconded by Young; all approved

J. Approve Emergency Management Consulting, LLC to perform the Commodity Flows Study Update in the amount of \$7,000 which is all grant funded

Motion by Kovach seconded by Ridgway; all approved

K. Approve the Solid Waste Plan beginning in 2023, Columbia County's portion is \$2,343.75 and in kind of the same amount. Extends the plan until 2033.

Motion by Kovach seconded by Young; all approved

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

- Keith Wittig, PT CO >30, Prison, Promotion, 5/16/21
- Nellie Hicks, Secretary, PD, 2 yr Step Inc, 6/3/21
- Steven Krasucki, Temporary-Tax Sale Notice Poster, Tax, Recall, 6/15/21
- Joseph Meyers, PT >30, Prison, Promotion, 5/23/21
- Nina Galyaveyeva, PT>30, Prison, Promotion, 5/23/21
- Blake Delia, PT>30, Prison, Promotion, 5/23/21
- Lezette Aponte, PT CO, Prison, Hire, 5/24/21
- Evan Cochran, PT CO, Prison, Hire, 5/24/21
- Marissa Fox, PT CO, Prison, Hire, 5/24/21
- Hallie Yacko, PT CO, Prison, Hire, 5/24/21
- Hugh Vastine, PT CO, Prison, Hire, 5/24/21
- Cooper Watkins, FT CO, Prison, Promotion, 5/30/21
- Zakary Lewis, FT CO, Prison, Promotion, 5/30/21
- Joshua Switzer, PT Telecommunicator, ECEN, Transfer to PT, 4/10/21
- Jennifer Edgar, Caseworker 2, CYS 10 yr step, 5/10/21

Motion by Kovach seconded by Ridgway; all approved

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

- None

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

- Chelsea Gregory, PT CO, Prison, Termination, 5/11/21
- Christopher McClintock, PT CO, Prison, Termination, 1/12/21
- Brandon Delia, PT CO, Prison, Resignation, 4/26/21
- Courtney Bauder, FT CO, Prison, Resignation, 5/8/21
- Andru Drunkenmiller, PT CO, Prison, Resignation, 4/30/21
- Sarah Freeman, PT CO, Prison, Resignation, 5/29/21
- Johnny Burd, FT CO, Prison, Resignation, 2/24/21

Motion by Ridgway seconded by Kovach; all approved

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Enterprise sent the Commissioners a thank you for being part of their vehicle purchase program for 5 years
- S&P Global Ratings notified the Commissioners that the Counties Rating has been adjusted from an 'A' to an 'A-' and remains a stable outlook.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

- Approve bills from 5-14-21 totaling \$1,205,500.29

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

- Approve American Paper bills from 5-14-21 totaling \$3,846.89

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Commissioner Kovach wanted to thank and congratulate all the CO's at Columbia County Prison being that it was CO week.

AJOURN:

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