

May 21, 2020

The Columbia County Commissioners met on the above date at 2:00 PM in the Commissioners' Conference Room at 700 Sawmill Small Conference Room for a Commissioners meeting handling the transaction of routine business. In attendance were Commissioners Young, Ridgway, Kovach, Solicitor McDonald, Chief Clerk Witchey, Marcie Strachko Jean Lapinski, Register & Recorder Lupini, and Michelle Frey. All other attendees were online via zoom they are as follows Eric Boughner, Jen Long, and Jeremy Brown.

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

There was a work session at 10:00 AM in the Commissioners Conference Room at 700 Sawmill Small Conference Room for the transaction of routine business. In attendance were Commissioners Young, Ridgway, Kovach, Solicitor McDonald, Chief Clerk Witchey, Marcie Strachko Jean Lapinski, Tami Kline, Register & Recorder Lupini, Sheriff Chamberlain, and Michelle Frey. All other attendees were online via zoom they are as follows Eric Boughner, Eric Stahley, Tim Murphy, Wade Mays, April Miller, Jen Long, Jeremy Brown, Don Coleman, Renae Newhart, Vince Demelfi, and Matt. Tami Kline started by notifying everyone that the courts are going to open June 1st but continuing in the same fashion as today, having zoom conferences and tele conferences for court proceedings. Both the Register & Recorder and Prothonotary offices are going to continue to have appointments, Brenda stated that they have no issues with the scheduling process. Sheriff Chamberlain stated that with the new office layout and will be limiting access to the office. Did notify the Commissioner that they are going to start serving Civil complaints. Renae asked about 2020 tax sale that is scheduled in September. Jean reviewed available cash and bills. Marcie reviewed all of the personnel moves. Matt Repasky reviewed everything for the upcoming election, including the fact that the Bloomsburg University Polling location will be closed for this election. At the time of the meeting we had historic requests 5,200 for mail in ballots, previous high was 1,500. Wade Mays discussed the issue regarding leachate breakouts towards the top of the landfill, apparently the landfill was capped then trash was placed on top of the cap then the landfill was capped again. The engineer and contractor have developed a solution of digging trenches to allow the leachate to flow down through the landfill. Wade also notified the Commissioners that bridge #148 will be posted to a 34 Ton weight limit, and that he is going to post signs at the parks regarding gathers of 25 people or less

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Prothonotary: April Report:

Clerk of Orphans Courts – April Report:

Total remitted to the County was \$6,901.21

Total business all sources was \$10,800.60

Clerk of Courts – April Report:

Total remitted to the County was \$40742.42

Total business all sources was \$72,436.79

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Update on Covid-19 Red to Yellow phase
- B. Update on the June 2nd Primary Election
- C. Update on the Landfill Project
- D. Approve the extension of the lease to the Columbia/Montour Area of Aging for 1 year at the same 2020 rate of \$7,805.02

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

- E. Approve the 2020 Keystone Communities Grant Resolution for \$500,000

Motion by Young and seconded by Kovach; all approved

- F. Approve the allocation of the EDECI grant funding not to exceed \$16,850 for Mifflin Township for the storm water study for Main and Kline Streets

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

- G. Approve the exoneration of cost/interest for a parcel that was missed when transferring ownership
- Parcel# 22-01B-140-00,000 \$139.76

Motion by Young and seconded by Kovach; all approved

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

- Brenndan Weaver, Corrections Officer, Jail, Promotion to FT, 5/10/2020
- Joseph Zook, Corrections Officer, Jail, Promotion to FT, 5/24/2020
- Mark Horrax, Sergeant, Jail, Promotion, 5/24/2020
- Evan Pinchak, PT CO, Jail, Promotion to >30, 5/24/2020
- Kera LaBonte, Supervisor, CYS, 7 year step increase, 4/25/2020
- Heather Davidow, Caseworker 2, CYS, 6 month step inc, 5/4/2020
- Laura Hess, Caseworker 2, CYS, 4 year step inc, 5/16/2020

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

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

- a. Paula Seritti, Legal Secretary, DA, 4 year step inc, 4/11/2020

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

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

- Michael Newton, Caseworker 1, CYS, Resignation, 5/29/2020
- Seth Roadarmel, PT CO, Jail, Termination, 4/17/2020
- Edward Smith, PT CO, Jail, Resignation, 5/15/2020

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Pine Township Supervisors received the Office of Planning and Developments Kitzmiller sub-divison plan and have no issues or comments regarding the plan.
- SEDA COG announced both CDBG-CV program for both Berwick Borough and the Town of Bloomsburg and their funding amounts of \$ 193,787 and \$161,545.
- Coleman Environmental Engineering notified the Commissioners of their intent to submit application to DEP for a Paperdale Road Culvert Project, which is located in Stillwater Borough.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Request to pay bills for period of May 15th totaling \$1,576,657.38

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

Request to pay American Paper for the period of May 15th totaling \$4,223.80

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- None

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