

June 2, 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, Chief Clerk Witchey, Marcie Strachko, Michelle Frye, Jean Lapinski, Treasurer Creveling, Senator Gordner, and Representative Millard. Via zoom: Alex Karpinski, April Miller, Jen Long, Don Coleman, MJ Mahon, Dan Knorr, Geralee Zeigler, Teri Provost, Jeremy Brown, and Sheriff Chamberlain.

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, Treasurer Creveling, Harry Mathias, Geralee Ziegler, Teri Provost, Roger Hayes Tom Felty, Jon White Spinner, and Eric Boughner. Via Zoom were the following individuals: Alex Karpinski, April Miller, Tim Murphy, Don Coleman, John Dolmetsch, Dan Knorr, Jen Long, and Jeremy Brown. Commissioner Young called the work session to order and asked Harry Mathias start the meeting updating the Commissioners on the Private innovation Grants. Harry informed the group there are 4 recommendations for the Board's approval, he reviewed each in detail and noted them on item A of the agenda. BIG was then asked to provide a update on their Network Gap Analysis, and Roger Hayes started the conversation highlighting the report indicating that the report is to get the County to 80-85% coverage for the underserved population, and that the coverage does not provide service to areas that currently have cable service internet. He also stated that the upgrade to the system can be performed in stages and not required to do all at once. Roger then indicated that the biggest component that is needed are the individuals that had requested internet service but were told they could not receive it. BIG requested this but were never provided the information. Ideally if this was a known the system could target the areas of highest need. The quote to get the County to the 80-85% is \$1.9MM, BIG also provided a quote to monitor the system stating the owner of the system or a 3rd party should monitor the system, not a subsidiary of the ISP. Dan Knorr also agreed that the next step is to identify where everywhere who requested service is identified. Jon White Spinner then provided an update of what a sensory Friendly performance was and he requested \$3,000 of Hotel Tax Funds for the free performance. Geralee Ziegler from SEDA-COG provided an update on their requests for items on the agenda, both items are for administrative costs to be covered by the grants. She also provided an update that the metrics of the bottom of the fishing creek are completed and that the 2D modeling is being worked on. Bob Christianson stated that there are no new updates on the Water or sewer projects.

Geralee then provided the Commissioners a update of Benton Borough's meeting where SEDA-COG did discuss the findings from HRG regarding Fishing Creek. The Board were interested in the re-profiling of Waller Road and the two levee projects suggested in the study. After Geralee the agenda was reviewed, Jeannie then reviewed bills and cash, Marcie reviewed all personnel moves. Then both the Salary Board and Retirement Board agendas were reviewed and then the meeting was adjourned.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Treasurer – May Report

\$1,149.00 County Commission

Register & Recorder – May Report:

\$41,141.40 was collected and remitted to the County
\$2,190.00 was collected in Recorder Improvement Fund
\$1,460.00 was collected in County Improvement Fund
\$9,877.53 was collected in Affordable Housing Fund
\$2,133.32 was collected in Remote Access Fee

Sheriff Screeners – May Report

Courthouse:
Visitors 6,307
Alarms 2,990
Weapons: Guns 3

Knives	36
Misc	10

Annex:	
Visitors	4,908
Alarms	1,603
Weapons:	
Guns	1
Knives	74
Misc	21

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Senator John Gordner announcement

B. Approve the following list of American Rescue Funds to the following business for the Private Innovation Grants

- Recommendation #1 - \$16,381 to Appalachian Wood Company to purchase a 24” planer and epoxy resin supplies.

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

- Recommendation #2 - \$21,000 to Folk Butterfly Farm to install an environmental friendly parking facility.

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

- Recommendation #3 - \$61,156 to Turn 2 Aviation LLC to purchase digital flight training instrumentation

Motion by Young and seconded by Kovach; all approved

- Recommendation #4 - \$10,000 to Bloomsburg Kids for website development.

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

C. Presentation and discussion regarding Business Information Group’s Network Gap Analysis report.

D. Approve the amendments for three SEDA-COG PSA’s for administration for two Small Water and Sewer and KCP grants (West End and Fishing Creek Flood Mitigation Studies)

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Young; all approved

E. Approve to amend the contract with HRG relating to the Fishing Creek Flood Study to allow for reimbursable expenses related to the Reproduction of GIS Data

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

F. Approve the request by the Bloomsburg Theatre Ensemble request for \$3,000 of Hotel Tax Dollars to underwrite a FREE “Sensory Friendly” performance of their summer show The Lion The Witch and The Wardrobe on Sunday July 24th, 2022.

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

G. Approve EMA’s cooperation and coordination agreement between Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) and Geisinger Bloomsburg Hospital to provide medical service for contaminated injured individuals in the event of an accident at the Susquehanna Steam Electric Station.

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

H. Approve the Amended and Restated Articles of Agreement with DRIVE

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Young; no by Ridgway; motion passes

- I. Approve the request to provide support for CSO seeking an Emergency Solutions Grant for Columbia, Montour and Northumberland Counties for Rapid Rehousing, Homeless Prevention, and Street Outreach.

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Young; all approved

- J. Approve the exoneration of tax/cost/interest the parcel is a lease hold camper that moved out of the campground with no permit

Parcel# 32-07-023-00,111 \$184.96

Motion by Young and seconded by Kovach; all approved

- K. APPROVE THE FOLLOWING HIRES/STEP INCREASES/PROMOTIONS:

- Sean Richendrfer, Telecommunicator, ECEN, 2 yr Step Increase, 6/13/22

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

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

- Heather Comstock, Deputy, Sheriff, Step Increase, 4/15/22
- Barbara Warunek, Court Program Dir, Courts, 2 yr step, 6/10/22

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

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

- Danielle Parker, Caseworker 1, CYS, Resignation, 6/10/22
- Joshua Switzer, PT Telecommunicator, ECEN, Termination, 5/23/22

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Young; all approved

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Sokol Quarries Inc. notified the Commissioners that they submitted a Permit Application Renewal to DEP for its location in Benton and Fishing Creek Township & Stillwater Borough.
- The Commissioners received official notification of Talen Energy Supply, LLC Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Case
- Pennsylvania Department of Transportation notified the Commissioners of work to begin on I-80 between mile marker 236 and 239. Work is scheduled Monday thru Thursday between the hours of 7:00 PM and 6:00 AM.
- Pennsylvania Department of Transportation notified the Commissioners of work to continue on Route 339 between Mifflin Township and Broad Street in Nescopeck..

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

- Approve bills from 5/27/2022 for \$1,582,746.83

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

- Approve the American Paper bill from 5/27/2022 for \$3,958.57

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Commissioner Kovach mentioned that Millville's 250th year anniversary which will include some planned activities during their annual July 4th parade.

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. Withey, Chief Clerk