

June 6, 2019

The Columbia County Commissioners met on the above date at 2:00 PM in the Commissioners' Conference Room at the First Street Annex for a Commissioners meeting handling the transaction of routine business. In attendance were Commissioners Young, Ridgway, Kovach (via teleconference) Solicitor McDonald, Chief Clerk Witchey, Treasurer Creveling, Renae Newhart, Wade Mays, Brenda Remaley, David Good, David Heim, and Karen Heaps.

A motion was made by Kovach and seconded by Young 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 the First Street Annex for the transaction of routine business. In attendance were Commissioner Young, Ridgway, Chief Clerk Witchey, Treasurer Creveling, Register & Recorder Lupini, Jean Lapinski, Rachael Swartwood, Brenda Remaley, David Heim, David Good, Wade Mays, Renae Newhart, Jen Long, Eric Stahley, Tim Murphy, April Miller, Phil Yoder and James Loefflad. James who is EMA's intern informed everyone that his project for the summer is to develop tabletop exercises for EMA he briefly explained his first exercise and also said that additional will be developed. Jean reviewed bills and current available cash. Cindy updated the Commissioners on her May monthly report. The tax department was in attendance to answer any questions the Commissioners had prior to the tax appeal that they are having after the 2:00PM meeting. Wade Mays provided an update to the Commissioners in regards to the landfill.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Register & Recorder – May Report:

\$30,217.79 was collected in commissions and fees
\$2,004.00 was collected in Recorder Improvement Fund
\$1,336.00 was collected in County Improvement Fund
\$8,293.03 was collected in Affordable Housing Fund
\$1,385.05 was collected in Remote Access Fee

Treasurer's May Report:

\$1,367.00 was collected in commissions

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Approve the HSDF Budget for 2019/2020 in the amount of \$30,000

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Young all approved

B. Approve 50,000 of Hotel Tax dollars to pay the 2019 DRIVE invoice

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach all approved

C. Approve the opening of the bids for the Columbia County Main Street Annex Roof project

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach all approved

D. Motion to approve JLK as the lowest bidder pending review by Wade Mays, Dave Witchey, and Frank Pellegrino

Motion by Young and seconded by Kovach all approved

E. Approve the exoneration of tax/cost/interest for the following parcel, parcel is an Act 156-Abandoned Mobile Home granted to the court owner:

- Parcel # 17-09-009-00,040 \$938.08

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway all approved

F. Approve the cooperation agreement between DRIVE and Blaschak Coal

Motion to table made by Kovach and seconded by Young

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

Andrew Armijo, PT CO>30, Prison, Promotion, 6/9/19
Megan McNeill, Caseworker 1, CYS, Rehire, 6/10/19
Henry Augustine, Temp Tax Sale Poster, Tax, Seasonal Hire, 6/17/19
Steven Krasicki, Temp Tax Sale Poster, Tax, Seasonal Rehire, 6/17/19
Alexia Williams, Judicial Secretary, DM Catawissa, Rehire, 6/17/19
Jennifer Knorr, Clerk, Treasurer, 4 yr step, 6/3/19
Renee Halczak, Casework Supervisor, CYS, 10 yr step, 4/30/19
Chad Romig, Senior Level Certified, ECEN, 6/9/19
Joseph Grenuk, Level 2 Certified, ECEN, 6/9/19

Motion by Young and seconded by Kovach all approved

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

Barbara Warunek, Court Programs Director, Courts, Promotion, 6/10/19
Anita Arnone, Secretary, AP, 6 month step, 5/5/19

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach all approved

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

Michael Schmid, PT CO, Prison, Resignation, 6/3/19
Allison Procopio, LPN, Prison, Resignation, 6/16/19
Garret Curland, PT CO, Prison, Resignation, 5/28/19
Jordon Rowe, Conference Officer, DRO, Resignation, 6/10/19
Zackery Jockiel, PT CO, Prison, Resignation, 6/21/19

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Young all approved

CORRESPONDENCE:

Bassett Engineering Inc. provided Act 14 notification for the Millville Elementary School regarding a waterline installation.

Williams notified the Commissioners that current litigation regarding Welded Contractors should have no impact on the property owners. The reason being is that Welded was required to have a bond and the bond amount exceeds the subcontractor's claims.

Bassett Engineering Inc. provided Act 14 notification for Madison Township this is for a Culvert/bridge project near 292 & 2238 Valley Road

SAI Consulting Engineers notified the Commissioners of an application of a PADEP Waterway Permit on SR4049-019 over Elk Run for Flood damage repair

Coleman Environmental Engineering notified the Commissioners of their project to replace HDPE pipe in an NUT to Culley Run in Benton Township

Columbia Investment Corp is applying for an NPDES permit renewal for County Terrace Estates MHP
CHUBB Group Insurance is providing a Surety Bond for the Kawneer maintenance obligations for grass cutting rodent control, repairing rodent damage, pump maintenance, annual inspections as required by local, state law to pass annual inspection.

Brandon Ball notified the Commissioners that he is the Mosquito-borne Disease Control Program Director for Columbia County

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Warrant requests for May 31st totaling \$1,320,847.55 with exception to American Paper and Supply

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach all approved

Motion to pay American Paper & Supply by Kovach seconded by Young with an abstention by Ridgway motion passes

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. Withey, Chief Clerk