

June 16, 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, Solicitor McDonald, Chief Clerk Withey, Marcie Strachko, Eric Boughner, Treasurer Creveling, MJ Mahon, and Sheriff Chamberlain. Via zoom: Denise LaBuda, April Miller, Jen Long, Don Coleman, and Jeremy Brown.

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 Withey, Marcie Strachko, Eric Boughner, Bob Christianson, Treasurer Creveling, Gina Kapelewski, and MJ Mahon. Via Zoom were the following individuals: April Miller, Tim Murphy, Don Coleman, Jen Long, Tami Kline, Rachael Shaffer, Denise LaBuda, and Jeremy Brown. Commissioner Young called the work session to order and asked to discuss the first item on the agenda which was the Columbia County historical and Genealogical Society request for Hotel Tax funding. After discussing the Historical Society's situation the Commissioners are going to approve \$30,000 of Hotel Tax dollars every year for three consecutive years. The first payment will occur once a site has been determined. Bob Christianson then gave the Commissioners an update on both the water and sewer projects. He stated he has not yet heard anything from the water company and in 4 regards to the sewer project is that the Township will be invited to the Penn Vest meeting on July 20<sup>th</sup> so that they hear how much funding they will receive first hand. The remaining agenda was reviewed and then Marcie updated the Commissioners regarding the Salary Adjustments for the individuals that were identified as being paid low on the JL Nick Salary Study. After a brief discussion the rest of the agenda was reviewed and then both the Salary and Retirement Board agenda were reviewed and the work session was adjourned.

#### DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

##### Magistrates – May Report:

|            | Cases | Collected  |
|------------|-------|------------|
| Berwick    | 291   | \$5,385.81 |
| Bloomsburg | 443   | \$9,868.83 |
| Catawissa  | 446   | \$8,368.63 |
| Millville  | 246   | \$3,875.51 |

##### Prothonotary:

###### Clerk of Orphans Courts – May Report:

Total remitted to the County was \$16,658.83  
Total business all sources was \$23,922.88

###### Clerk of Courts – May Report:

Total remitted to the County was \$32,259.00  
Total business all sources was \$64,548.67

##### Sheriff Revenue – May Report

|                             |            |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| Interest:                   | \$41.37    |
| Civil                       | \$3,198.00 |
| Lic To Carry                | \$2,641.00 |
| Lic to Sell Firearms        | \$0.00     |
| Lic to Sell Precious Metals | \$50.00    |
| Personal Prop               | \$644.00   |
| Real Estate                 | \$317.00   |
| Transports                  | \$0.00     |
| Warrant                     | \$2,301.00 |
| Total                       | \$9,192.37 |

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Approve the use of Hotel Tax dollars to the Columbia County Historical & Genealogical Society in the amount of \$30,000 for 3 years once a site has been determined

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

- B. Approve the agreement between DRIVE and the Commissioners leasing tower space on the Catawissa tower to DRIVE for \$750 a year

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Young; all approved

- C. Approve the exoneration of tax/cost/interest the parcel is a lease hold mobile home that was moved or razed with no permit

Parcel# 11-06-006-03,209                      \$45.00

Approve the exoneration of tax/cost/interest the parcels listed are campers that were moved out of the campground with no permit

Parcel# 11-06-006-03,209                      \$45.00

Parcel# 11-06-006-03,209                      \$45.00

Motion by Young and seconded by Ridgeway; all approved

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

- Cavern Gosciminski, CO, Jail, Hire, 7/5/22
- Payton Aucker, CO, Jail, Promotion, 6/6/22
- Kenneth Gabrielson, Deputy Warden, Jail, Hire, 7/5/22
- Vincent Schultz, IT Help Desk, IT, Salary Adjustment, 6/1/22
- Stephanie Bond, CYS Caseworker, CYS, Salary Adjustment, 6/1/22
- Renee Halczak, CYS Caseworker, CYS, Salary Adjustment, 6/1/22
- Kera LaBonte, CYS Caseworker, CYS, Salary Adjustment, 6/1/22
- Kerri Shaylor, CYS Caseworker, CYS, Salary Adjustment, 6/1/22
- Bradley Hipps, Lieutenant, Jail, Salary Adjustment, 6/1/22
- Camden Scampone, Lieutenant, Jail, Salary Adjustment, 6/1/22
- Ryan Boatman, Lieutenant, Jail, Salary Adjustment, 6/1/22
- Shawn McCabe, Lieutenant, Jail, Salary Adjustment, 6/1/22
- Dan Lynn, Asst DA, DA, Salary Adjustment, 6/1/22
- Jennifer Peterson, CYS Program Director, CYS, Salary Adjustment, 6/1/22
- Ashley Mensch, Director, FC, Salary Adjustment, 6/1/22
- Jeannie Lapinski, Director, Finance, Salary Adjustment, 6/1/22
- David Heim, Chief, Assessment, Salary Adjustment, 6/1/22
- Rachel Swartwood, Director, Planning, Salary Adjustment, 6/1/22
- Jeremy Brown, Director, ECEN, Salary Adjustment, 6/1/22
- Jennifer Long, Director, EMA, Salary Adjustment, 6/1/22
- Jodi Cook, Director, Domestic, Salary Adjustment, 6/1/22
- Marcie Strachko, Director, HR, Salary Adjustment, 6/1/22

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

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

- Klæe Hunter, VW Coordinator, DA, Step Increase, 20.74, 7/1/22

Motion by Young and seconded by Kovach; all approved

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

- Pauline Roberts, Scanner, Sheriff, Resignation, 6/13/22
- William Waltman, Deputy Sheriff, Sheriff, Resignation, 6/13/22
- Ron Singley, Scanner, Sheriff, Resignation, 6/13/22
- Goran Lazarevic, CO, Jail, Resignation, 6/9/22

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

CORRESPONDENCE:

- The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission notified the Commissioners that CTSI doing business as Frontier Communications applied to alter the public crossing at Low Street in South Centre Township Pa.
- The Commissioners received official notification from the Columbia County EMA and Chief Richendrfer of South Centre Township requesting \$8,500 of American Rescue Funds for 17 Knox Boxes and keys.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

- Approve bills from 6/10/2022 for \$1,173,151.38

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

- Approve the American Paper bill from 6/10/2022 for \$1,226.76

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

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. Witchey, Chief Clerk