

June 20, 2024

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 Brewer, Karschner, Kovach, Solicitor Marinos, Chief Clerk Witchey, Jean Lapinski, MJ Mahon, Marcie Strachko, Eric Stahley, Dan Conner, Kurt Brungard, Jared Whitford, Elizabeth Dowd, Jon White-Spunner, and Michelle Frye. Via zoom were the following individuals Alex Karpinski, Denise Labuda, Jeremy Brown, Jenn Long, Don Coleman, Kelly O'Brien, and Roy Bunger.

Commissioner Brewer 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 Commissioner Kovach, seconded by Commissioner Karschner; all approved; motion passes.

Commissioner Brewer then called for a report of the work session: There was a 10:00 work session held. In attendance were Commissioners Brewer, Karschner, and Kovach, Solicitor Marinos, Chief Clerk Witchey, Jean Lapinski, Michelle Frye, MJ Mahon, Marcie Strachko, Bobby Christianson, Eric Stahley, and Denise LaBuda. Via Zoom were Jenn Long, Jodi Cook, Alex Karpinski, Tim Murphy, Jeremy Brown, Eric Boughner, Sheriff Chamberlain, Geralee Ziegler, Roy Bunger, and Don Coleman. Commissioner Brewer called the meeting to order and asked Eric to start the meeting since he had multiple items on the agenda. He then reviewed his the Ester Furnace rehabilitation project along with the Grant agreement with PEMA for the mitigation project along with the reimbursement request for the Benton Mitigation Project. Bobby Christianson then reviewed the water and sewer projects, he stated that the main line installation will be occurring first with the laterals going in after. As far as sewer it is continuing with the plan to join BAJSA. After he spoke the agenda was reviewed and Marcie reviewed the Hires, Steps and Promotions, Jean then reviewed available cash and bills after which the work session was adjourned.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Proclamation for acknowledging Elizabeth Dowd's 46 years with the Bloomsburg Theatre Ensemble

B. Approve the opening of the bids for the fencing project located at the Columbia County Prison

Motion by Commissioner Kovach and seconded by Commissioner Brewer; all approved

C. Approve the lowest bid by Suburban Fence pending review by the Engineer and Solicitor

Motion by Commissioner Kovach and seconded by Commissioner Brewer; all approved

D. Approve Bridge #11 Ester Furnace option #4 rehabilitation and turn around

Motion by Commissioner Karschner and seconded by Commissioner Kovach; all approved

E. Approve the LPDM 2023 Grant Agreement between PEMA and the County, awarding \$1,725,000 from the 2023 Legislative Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant

Motion by Commissioner Karschner and seconded by Commissioner Kovach; all approved

F. Approve the Keystone Communities Program reimbursement request in the amount of \$3,650.00 for the Benton Mitigation Project.

Motion by Commissioner Karschner and seconded by Commissioner Kovach; all approved

G. Approve Resolution 3-2024 for the change in Reimbursement Agreement amount with the State

Motion by Commissioner Kovach and seconded by Commissioner Karschner; all approved

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

- Gabrielle Brennan, LPN, Prison, Hire, 06/23/2024
- Mike Weber, Teacher (PT), Prison, Hire, 06/23/2024
- Kayla Green , PT LPN (per diem), Prison, Hire, 06/15/2024
- Richard Tucci, PT CO, Prison, Promotion to FT, 05/27/2024
- Nolan Miller, PT CO, Promotion to FT, Prison, 06/23/2024
- Isaac Anderson, PT CO, Promotion to FT, Prison, 06/23/2024
- Justin Meaders, Sgt, Prison, 6 month step increase, 06/24/2024
- Natalie Wiley, FT CO, Prison, 6 month step increase, 06/10/2024
- Stephen Gifford, FT CO, Prison, 6 month step increase, 06/10/2024
- Nathan Apple, FT CO, Prison, 6 month step increase, 06/10/2024
- Mason Vandermark, FT CO, Prison, 6 month step increase, 06/10/2024
- Brennen Davi, FT CO, Prison, 1 year step increase, 06/04/2024
- Jordan Carpenter, FT CO, Prison, 1 year step increase, 07/09/2024
- Benjamin Johnson, FT CO, Prison, 1 year step increase, 07/09/2024
- Cavern Gosciminski, FT CO, Prison, 2 year step increase, 07/05/2024
- Brandy Walton, FT CO, Prison, 8 year step increase, 07/17/2024
- Brittany Boyer, Caseworker II, CYS, 10 year step increase, 06/02/2024
- Casey Cooper, Caseworker 1, CYS Promotion to Caseworker II, 06/05/2024
- Jordyn Arnold, Caseworker 1, CYS, 6 month step increase, 06/11/2024

Motion by Commissioner Kovach and seconded by Commissioner Karschner; all approved

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

- Haley Traugh, Reception Clerk, DA, Hire, 06/24/2024
- Erin Cosoleto-Miller, Asst DA, DA, 6 month step review, 07/02/2024
- Rosalie Antoniello, Civil Chief Deputy, Prothonotary, 10 year step increase, 01/13/2024
- David Adams, Criminal Chief Deputy, Prothonotary, 6 month step increase, 07/02/2024
- Ryan Zarnich, Conference Officer, DRO, 4 year step, 7/20/2024

Motion by Commissioner Karschner and seconded by Commissioner Kovach; all approved

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

- Kayla Green FT LPN, Prison, Resignations, 06/14/2024
- Megan Hart, FT CO, Prison, Resignation, 07/10/2024
- Shannon Gleason, Legal Secretary, MDJ Catawissa, Resignation, 6/21/2024
- Bailey Soule, Caseworker Aide, CYS, Resignation, 06/21/2024

Motion by Commissioner Karschner and seconded by Commissioner Kovach; all approved

CORRESPONDANCE:

- Penn Dot notified the Commissioners that SR 1012 (Shickshinny Valley Road) will close the week starting June 17th due their maintenance crew will be replacing pipes.
- Olde Forge Environmental notified the Commissioners that Rest Area Site 38 Wastewater Treatment Plant along westbound Interstate 80 is applying for their NPDES Permit.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Approve the bills dated June 21, 2024 in the amount of \$1,318,256.31 except Keystone Applicators

Motion by Commissioner Karschner and seconded by Commissioner Kovach; all approved

Approve the bill dated June 21, 2024 to Keystone Applicators in the amount of \$1,559.25

Motion by Commissioner Kovach and seconded by Commissioner Brewer; abstain by Karschner; motion passes

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

AJOURN:

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Karschner seconded by Commissioner Kovach; motion passes.

Attest: _____
David J. Withey