

July 3, 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, Solicitor McDonald, Chief Clerk Witchey, Marcie Strachko, Treasurer Creveling, Jeannie Lapinski, Jen Long, Brian Pufnak and Eric Stahley.

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 the First Street Annex for the transaction of routine business. In attendance were Commissioner Ridgway, Chief Clerk Witchey, Treasurer Creveling, Jean Lapinski, Mitch Kishbach, Jen Long and Brian Pufnak, Tim Murphy, and Marcie Strachko. Jean reviewed bills and current available cash. Cindy discussed a company called 3+1 that is scheduled to come in and discuss banking options. And Marcie reviewed all of the personnel updates.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Register & Recorder – June Report:

\$27,642.51 was collected in commissions and fees
\$1,884.00 was collected in Recorder Improvement Fund
\$1,256.00 was collected in County Improvement Fund
\$7,592.49 was collected in Affordable Housing Fund
\$1,905.12 was collected in Remote Access Fee

Treasurer's June Report:

\$2,015.00 was collected in commissions

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Approve Steve Hummel's request to utilize the Courthouse Plaza on July 12th for a vigil to discuss the history of immigration

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Young; all approved

- B. Approve the use of \$1,000 of Hotel Tax dollars to support the WWII Weekend on July 20th and 21st.

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

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

- Amanda Reich, Caseworker 2, CYS, 6 mo step increase, 5/19/19
- Frank Doone, PT Telecommunicator, ECEN, Hire, 7/8/19

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

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

- Claudia Roper, Transfer from DRO to Courts, Adm Asst to President Judge, 7/8/19
- Joshua Bucheit, Transfer from Jail to AP, AP Officer, AP, 7/15/19
- Angela Hewett, Adult Probation Officer, AP, Hire, 8/5/19

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Young; all approved

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

- Kristen Hotaling, Adm Asst, Courts, Resignation, 7/12/19
- Scott Derrick, PT CO, Prison, Resignation, 7/3/19

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Pennsylvania Department of Transportation notified the Commissioners that in Scott and South Centre Township on SR 147 that the PUC will be installing at-grade crossings new active traffic control devices across the tracks of SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority
- Midland Asphalt submitted notice of NPDES application to the municipalities and the County.
- DCED notified the Commissioners that they have reviewed the single audit report for 2017 with the scope of the review being the SEFA (Schedule of Federal Awards) and found that there were no material misstatements of the receipts.
- Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection notified the Commissioners that Gilberton Coal Company has submitted information of the bond review for their Surface Mining Permit.
- The United States Bankruptcy Court notified the Commissioners that Westmorland Coal Company filed Chapter 11 bankruptcy.
- The Public Utility Commission notified the Commissioners regarding the application from the Norfolk Southern Railway Co to improve the crossing on SR 42 in the Borough of Catawissa.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Request to pay bills for June 28, 2019 totaling \$769,245.30

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Young; all approved

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