

July 6, 2017

The Columbia County Commissioners met on the above date at 2:00 PM in the Commissioners' Conference Room at the First Street Annex for the transaction of routine business. In attendance were Commissioners Young, Ridgway, Kovach, Chief Clerk Witchey, Jean Lapinski, Register and Recorder Lupini, Treasurer Creveling, Fred Hunsinger, and Dan Knorr.

A motion was made by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway to approve the minutes of the last meeting all approved.

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 Commissioners Young, Ridgway, and Kovach, Treasurer Creveling, Corner Reese, Fred Hunsinger, Jean Lapinski, Eric Stahley, Tim Murphy, Robert Aungst and Oren Helbok. Corner Reese discussed his plan regarding filling the opening in his department due to the passing of Ron Taylor. He also discussed that the company that his office utilizes for reporting is going out of business and the new company charges \$1,000 to purchase and between \$1,500 to \$3,000 fee per year depending on the number of cases the corner has. Robert Aungst discussed bridges #7, #70, and #41 that are going to be approved on the agenda. Treasurer Creveling reviewed her June report. Jean Lapinski reviewed the payables and cash in general fund, Fred Hunsinger discussed his five employee actions on the agenda and also the pole location agreement with Zito media. Oren Helbok was in attendance and discussed Destination Blues, which is going into its 5th year. He also discussed applying for a grant from the National Endowment of The Arts which does require a government partner. The Commissioners asked Oren to prepare a formal request for both and they will then place each item on the agenda for formal approval.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Register/Recorder – June Report:

Total remitted to the County was \$27,677.09
Total collected for County Improvement Fund was \$1,326
Total collected for Recorder Improvement Fund was \$1,989
Total collected for March Remote Access was \$1,386.33
Total amount turned over to Affordable Housing was \$8,409.42
Total remitted to County for 2017 \$155,943.68
Total Business, All Sources for 2017 \$3,815,459.70

Treasurer – June Report:

\$2,026.00 was collected in commissions and fees for June

Sheriff – June Report:

Courthouse:

Total Visitors: 7,281
Total Alarms: 3,578

Confiscated Weapons:

Knives	66
Scissors	4
Utility	7
Razor	1
Mace	3
Guns	27
Misc	18

Annex:

Total Visitors: 5,803
Total Alarms: 4,464

Confiscated Weapons:

Knives	119
Scissors	9
Utility	6
Razor	0
Mace	13
Guns	5
Misc	12

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Approve the purchase of 16 iPads, security enclosures, and USB cables for \$3,472.00 for the Visitors Bureau use as kiosks in the local hotels

Motion by Kovach seconded by Ridgway all approved

- B. Approve the Boy Scouts use of the Columbia County Courthouse Image for their Friends of Scouting 2018 Patch

Motion by Kovach seconded by Ridgway all approved

- C. Approve PennDot to perform work on Bridges #7 and #70, patch deck, membrane waterproofing, and bituminous overlay. Cost of each bridge is estimated \$30,000 to \$37,000, after completion each bridge should have no repairs for 20 years.

Motion by Young seconded by Ridgway all approved

- D. Approve Larson Design Group to bid out Bridge #41 for a full/partial deck replacement cost estimate \$200,000

Motion by Kovach seconded by Ridgway all approved

- E. Approve the pole location agreement with Zito media for fiber connections related to the ESINET project

Motion by Kovach seconded by Young all approved

- F. Approve providing a dumpster for Sakisui cleaning up Fishing Creek

Motion by Ridgway seconded by Kovach all approved

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

Jess Wood, Temporary Tax Sale Poster, Tax, Hire, 7/10/17

Terry Muhlenberg, Temporary Treasury Clerk, Treasurer, Hire, 7/10/17

Karleigh Poeth, Temporary Treasury Clerk, Treasurer, Hire, 7/10/17

Kristen Strachko, Temporary Treasury Clerk, Treasurer, Hire, 7/10/17

Ryan Bastian, PT Telecommunicator, 911, 7/9/17

Chad Romig, Telecommunicator, 911, Promoted to Level III, Certified, 7/2/17

Jeremy Brown, Telecommunicator, 911, Promoted to Senior Level III, Certified, 7/2/17

Michael Domanski, Telecommunicator, Promoted to Senior II Certified, 7/16/17

Tracy Francioni, Telecommunicator, Promoted to Senior II Certified, 7/16/17

Wayne Bridwell, PT CO, Prison, Hire, 7/9/17

Justin Meaders, PT CO, Prison, Hire, 7/9/17

Jose Palanco, PT CO, Prison, Hire, 7/9/17

Bridgette Burgess, PT CO, Prison, Promotion to PT >30, 7/9/17

Lauren McNelis, PT CO, Prison, Promotion to PT >30, 7/9/17

Candice Hoppy, PT CO, Prison, Promotion to FT, 7/9/17

Brent Harner, PT CO, Prison, Promotion to FT, 7/9/17

Josh Bucheit, PT CO, Prison, Promotion to FT, 7/9/17

Joseph Rogutski, FT CO, Prison, 8 year step, 6/7/17

Motion by Kovach seconded by Young all approved

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

Maureen Cole, Intake Clerk, DRO, Step Increase, 7/2/17

William J. Miner, Deputy PT Sheriff, Sheriff, Hire, 7/10/17

Denise Clouser, Adm Asst, Courts, 6 mo step increase, 7/17/17

Motion by Young seconded by Ridgway all approved

- I. APPROVE THE DATES OF THE FOLLOWING
RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS/RETIREMENTS:
Andrew King, Caseworker I, CYS, Never Started, 6/19/17
Charles George, CO, Prison, Retirement, 6/18/17
Jared Hopper, CO, Prison, Resignation, 7/1/17
Dylan Fenstermacher, CO, Prison, Resignation, 6/30/17

Motion by Kovach seconded by Ridgway all approved

CORRESPONDENCE:

PennDot notified the Commissioners that they were submitting an application to DEP for the replacement of a bridge on S.R. 1025 over the East Branch of Briar Creek on Summerhill Road. Penn E&R on behalf of PPL is submitting an application for a joint permit for the Mountain Road Repairs Project located in Beaver Township, Columbia County. N&L Coal Company is renewing their mining permit for activities that includes the Bond Review for 2017.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Warrant requests for July 6th totaling \$364,386.56 except American Paper

Motion by Ridgway seconded by Kovach all approved

Warrant request for American Paper \$1,314.28

Motion by Young seconded by Kovach, Ridgway abstained motion passed

ADJOURN:

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway. Motion passed.

Attest: _____
David J. Witchey, Chief Clerk