

July 16, 2026

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 McDonald, David Witchey, Marcie Strachko, Michelle Frye, Jean Lapinski, Chris Anderson, and Denise Boston. Via Zoom: Jeremy Brown, Karla Alexander, and MJ Mahon.

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 Kovach and seconded by Karschner; all approved

Commissioner Brewer called for a report of the work session: In attendance was Commissioners Brewer, Karschner, Kovach, Solicitor McDonald, David Witchey, Marcie Strachko, Cindy Yenchick, Matt Repasky, Denise Boston, Michelle Frye, MJ Mahon, Candice Cotterman, Dan Keeney, and Jean Lapinski. Via Zoom: April Miller, Denise LaBuda, Jeremy Brown, and Kirsti Kritzer. The work session started with a discussion around Local Lore. Candice Cotterman described how the project started and how it would be setup for visitors of Columbia County. The app utilizes GPS for a guided tour of local history based upon where you are in the County; it also would provide current events, local attractions and businesses which is designed to help visitors discover the many things to do around the area they are located. She is not seeking any monetary support from the Commissioners just collaboration. Matt Repasky provided an update that they had sent out the 5-year mailer that is sent out for individuals that have not voted and is part of the process to clean up the registered voter rolls. In addition, the last person to speak was Dan Keeney that wanted to discuss his frustration regarding the courts, solicitor McDonald explained to him the process and then we provided him with the Court Administrator's phone number so that he can discuss it with them. After which the agenda was reviewed along with all personnel moves; Jean then provided the Commissioners updates on both available cash and bills. After which the work session as adjourned.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Magistrates Reports – June Report:

	Cases	Collected
Berwick	264	\$ 6,341.56
Bloomsburg	336	\$ 8,679.45
Catawissa	441	\$11,319.69
Millville	352	\$ 7,196.62

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Discussion with Mammoth Recycling
- B. Discussion regarding the presentation of Local Lore
- C. Approve Resolution 2026-9 which is correcting 2025-6, the new resolution states Columbia County is the applicant through DCED

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Brewer; all approved

- D. Approve the opening of the bids for the Courthouse Bell Tower Project

Motion by Karschner and seconded by Kovach; all approved

- E. Approve the lowest bidder Caliber pending Engineer and solicitor review

Motion by Brewer and seconded by Karschner; all approved

- F. Approve the invoice to press enterprise out of Hotel Tax Funds for the America 250 Banner in the amount of \$274.20

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Brewer; all approved

G. Approve the agreement with the KLT Appraisers for the West End Mitigation Project

Motion by Karchner and seconded by Kovach; all approved

H. Approve the tentative agreement with the SEIU Union for a 5 year contract with the annual increase being 4%, 3%, 2.5%, 2.5, 3%

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Brewer; all approved

I. the exoneration of tax/cost/interest for a lease hold trailer razed or moved with no permit:

- Parcel# 04A-01-065-00,025 \$2,868.99
- Parcel# 04D-02-055-00,042 \$ 363.23
- Parcel# 31-3C2-116-01,025 \$ 112.35

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Karschner; all approved

J. APPROVE THE FOLLOWING HIRES, STEP INCREASES, and PROMOTIONS:

- Christine Kupsy, PT Parent Educator, Family Center, Re-Hire, 7/27/26
- Crystal Malmgren, Caseworker 2, CYS, Hire, 8/3/26

Motion by Karchner and seconded by Kovach; all approved

K. APPROVE THE DATES OF THE FOLLOWING ELECTED OFFICIALS and COURT EMPLOYEE HIRES, STEP INCREASES, and PROMOTIONS:

- Jacob Bassett, Probation Officer, Adult, Hire, 8/10/26

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Brewer; all approved

L. APPROVE THE DATES OF THE FOLLOWING RESIGNATIONS, TERMINATIONS, AND RETIREMENT

- Amanda Leavens, Office Manager, PD, Resignation, 7/24/26

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Brewer; all approved

CORRESPONDANCE:

- None

BILLS:

- Approve the bills for 7/3/26 totaling for \$469,024.38

Motion by Karschner and seconded by Brewer; all approved

- Motion to pay MDJ Brewer for 7/3/26

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- None

AJOURN:

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned with a motion by Karschner and seconded by Kovach.

Attest: _____
David J. Witchey