

July 18, 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, (via tele-conference) Kovach, Solicitor McDonald, Chief Clerk Witchey, Dave Cartright, Treasurer Creveling, Jeannie Lapinski, Mike Reeder, Kate Mullally, Joe Stender, and Lissa Bryan-Smith.

A motion was made by Kovach and seconded by Young 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 Young, Ridgway, (via tele-conference) Kovach, Solicitor McDonald, Chief Clerk Witchey, Dave Cartright, Treasurer Creveling, Jeannie Lapinski, Mike Reeder, Kate Mullally, Joe Stender, and Lissa Bryan-Smith, Brian Pufnak, Eric Stahley, and Wade Mays. Dave Cartright from Geisinger spoke about the Geisinger Authority's Revenue Bonds and said that they are seeking up to 1 billion dollars of which \$109 million is scheduled to be spent in Columbia County. He also mentioned that the specific details of the bond is not yet complete however he felt as though the bonds would be issued by November. Jean reviewed bills and current available cash. Cindy discussed doe tags in comparison to last year were down by about a thousand tags. Wade discussed what the minimum cost would be for a ton of construction demo would be going to a landfill and that amount was \$60 per ton. Brian discussed purchasing new locks at our tower sites, and also brought up a scheduled meeting on Monday regarding a 911 call that occurred in Montour County. Eric Stahley said that he has received 4 applications for the ECEDI grant money that was procured by Senator Gordner.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Prothonotary Clerk of Orphans Courts – June Report:

Total remitted to the County was \$19,320.59  
Total business all sources was \$27,471.70

Prothonotary Clerk of Courts – June Report:

Total remitted to the County was \$39,573.03  
Total business all sources was \$78,867.43

Sheriff – June Report:

Courthouse:

Total Visitors: 6,983  
Total Alarms: 3,683

Confiscated Weapons:

Knives 44  
Scissors 0  
Razor 3  
Utility 2  
Mace 5  
Guns 21  
Misc 11

Annex:

Total Visitors: 5,194  
Total Alarms: 4,204

Confiscated Weapons:

Knives 60  
Scissors 7  
Razor 0  
Utility 1  
Mace 2  
Guns 1  
Misc 4

Magistrates – June Report

Berwick: \$5,920.32  
Bloomsburg: \$8,926.65  
Catawissa: \$5,980.54  
Millville: \$5,289.06

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Approve the resolution regarding the proposed issuance by Geisinger Authority of its health system revenue bonds, with the aggregate principal not to exceed \$1,000,000,000, with \$109,000,000 being utilized in Columbia County

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

- B. Approve the revision of the 2015 CBDG program by moving \$111,428.63 from the Benton Borough 3<sup>rd</sup> Street project to the Benton Borough Colley Street project.

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Young; all approved

- C. Approve Jeremy Reese and Mark Fidshun to the Columbia County LEPC Board

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Young; all approved

- D. Approve Tony Eith of CEC to draft bid documents for an RFP for the capping of the Columbia County landfill

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

- E. Approve the exoneration of tax/cost/interest for 3 lease hold trailers that were razed with no permit

- Parcel#11-06-006-03,265                      \$2,088.91
- Parcel#11-06-006-03,410                      \$75.00
- Parcel#04B-02-150-00,079                      \$1,096.29

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

- F. Approve the 2018 Tax Collector Audit engagement Letter with Dan Brewer and McKonly

Motion by Young and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

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

- Vivian Bloom, PT CO, Prison, FT CO Hire, 7/21/19

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

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

- Michelle Feitner, Secretary, Domestic Relations, Hire, 7/29/19
- Ashley Talanca, Fiscal Manager, Domestic Relations, Promotion, 7/29/19
- Bethanna Perkins, Conference Officer, Domestic Relations, Hire, 7/30/19

Motion by Young and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

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

- Lindsey Fish, Fiscal Manager, Domestic Relations, Resignation, 7/29/19

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency notified the Commissioners that they had completed Columbia County's Combined Report for 2018 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
- J&D Campground intends to apply to DEP for renewal of Water Quality management Permit for its Treatment

- Kelly Asselin from Trout Unlimited was asking the Commissioners to sign a resolution urging Congress to reauthorize the abandoned Mine Lands reclamation fund.
- Swank Construction Company LLC was awarded a PennDOT project that encompasses Columbia County where they will be cleaning and sealing cracks starting July 22<sup>nd</sup> and to be completed December 18<sup>th</sup>.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Request to pay bills for July 12, 2019 totaling \$1,343,224.48 with the exception of American Paper

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Young; all approved

Request to pay bills for American Paper

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

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

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
David J. Withey, Chief Clerk