

August 2, 2018

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, April Miller, Misty Chapman, Treasurer Creveling, Marcie Strachko, Bob Lewis, Orin Helbok Jimmy May, Amy Melchiorre, Beth Montana, and Peydon Montana.

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

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, Kovach, Chief Clerk Witchey, Marcie Strachko, Rachael Swartwood, Register & Recorder Lupini, Jen Long, Jeremy Brown, Treasurer Creveling, Eric Stahley, Wade Mays, Tim Murphy, April Miller, Misty Chapman., and Orin Helbok. Orin provided an updated of Destination Blues and the proposed change that the Brew Pubs will become the venues instead of the Caldwell Consistory, and that the festival will be only one night instead of two. After discussing the Commissioners asked Orin for a marketing plan and he said he would have one at the 2:00 PM meeting. April and misty were in attendance for the public comment regarding the proposed formulation of the 2019-2020 C&Y budget. April reviewed the 17/18 budget and it was underspent by 5% however there were components of the budget that were overspent. County share for 17/18 came in at \$843K. The 18/19 budget is at \$5.1 million and the level of children in care remains flat. In 19/20 C&Y is anticipating the State to lower the amount of case load a caseworker can have along with the reduction that a supervisor can have reporting to them. The C&Y budget is due to the State by September 1st. Marcie reviewed the personnel moves. Register & Recorder Lupini informed the Commissioners that she is now accepting credit card payments for County fees. Jean reviewed bills and available cash. Jen updated the Commissioners that we have been approved to 2021 as a storm ready County. Treasurer Creveling reported that doe licenses were down about 2K. Eric Stahley gave brief update of the damage assessments from the July storm and it does not appear to be enough to meet the thresholds. Wade provided an update regarding Huffman Park and rails to trails with receiving very limited damage. Tim provided an update regarding his meeting with the Google maps and that he has had some dialog with their team and are continuing to work towards fixes regarding Montour County addresses.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Register & Recorder – July Report:

\$28,979.29 was collected in commissions and fees
\$1,920.00 was collected in Recorder Improvement Fund
\$1,280.00 was collected in County Improvement Fund
\$8,495.78 was collected in Affordable Housing Fund
\$1,782.47 was collected in Remote Access Fee

Treasurer's July Report:

\$2,533.00 was collected in commissions

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Columbia County Commissioners declare that 8-2-18 as Peydon Montana Day in Columbia County
- B. Approve the use of Hotel Tax Money of \$50,000 for DRIVE
Motion by Ridgway seconded by Kovach abstain by Young motion passed
- C. Approve Destination Blues request of \$10,000 of Hotel Tax money to sponsor the 2019 Festival
Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway all approved
- D. Public comment and review of the CYS Budget for FY 2019-2020
- E. Approve Dean Girton as a Drive Board Member replacing Matt Prosseda whose term ends at the end of 2018

Motion by Young and seconded by Kovach all approved

- F. Approve the exoneration of taxes/interest/penalty due to camper moved out of campground with no permit

Parcel# 32-07-023-00,028 \$45.00

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway all approved

- G. Approve the removal of Troy Brosious, Fred Hunsinger, and Jessica Shoup from the LEPC Board

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach all approved

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

Brian Pufnak, ECEN Director, ECEN, Hire 8/6/18

Autumn Adams, Caseworker 2, CYS, Step Increase, 7/8/18

Phil Yoder, Training Coordinator, EMA, Hire, 8/13/18

Chad Haney, PT CO, Prison, Hire, 8/15/18

Kayla Anthony, PT CO, Prison, Hire, 8/15/18

Jacob Perrin, FT CO, Prison, 1 yr step, 8/20/18

Anthony Byers, FT CO, Prison, 2 yr step, 8/7/18

Jeremiah Olivio, PT CO, Prison, 6 mo step, 8/11/18

Sarah Freeman, PT CO, Prison, 6 mo step, 8/11/18

Vivian Bloom, PT CO, Prison, 2 yr step, 8/20/18

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach all approved

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

Vanessa Adler, Chief Deputy, AP, 10 yr. step increase, 8/25/18

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach all approved

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

Brianna Dixon, PT CO, Prison, Resignation, 8/11/18

Cole Wirt, PT CO, Prison, Resignation, 7/20/18

Ray Tonkinson, PT Deputy, Sheriff, Layoff, 8/2/18

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach all approved

CORRESPONDENCE:

Autoneum notified the Commissioners that it is filing to DEP for its state only air quality operating permit.

Larson Design sent the Commissioners #86 bridge replacement project in Pine Township notice for acts 14, 67, 68, and 127.

Donald Karpowich Attorney-At-Law sent notification of the final plan of conservator, Marc Maset, for 1024 Sixth Avenue, Berwick Pa., Parcel ID#07-02A-058—00-000.

The Stover Group informed the Commissioner of its intent to submit a NPDES permit for Big Heart Pet Brands Inc., which notice is mandated by Act 14.

The Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy notified the Commissioners that they are in compliance in accordance with the provisions of Article V of the conservation easement agreement between the Estate of Vera Grove Rishel and the Conservancy.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Warrant requests for July 27th totaling \$1,783,060.43

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach all approved

Warrant requests to pay American Paper Supply for July 13th \$1,740.94

Motion by Young seconded by Kovach abstain by Ridgway motion passed

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

Attest: _____
David J. Withey, Chief Clerk