

August 5, 2021

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 Young, Ridgway, Kovach, Chief Clerk Witchey, Treasurer Creveling, Marcie Strachko, Jeannie Lapinski, Michelle Frye, April Miller, Misty Chapman, and Julye Wemple. Via Zoom: Jen Long, Eric Stahley, and Jeremy Brown.

A motion was made by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach to approve the minutes of the prior meeting. The motion unanimously passed.

There was a 10:00 work session held in attendance were Commissioners Young, Ridgway, Kovach, Solicitor McDonald, CHIEF Clerk Witchey, Jean Lapinski, Marcie Strachko, Treasurer Creveling, Wade Mays, April Miller, Misty Chapman, Michelle Frye, Teri Provost, Tyler Dombroski, and Matt Hess. Via Zoom: Jen Long, Dianne Cizewski, Jeremy Brown, and Sheriff Chamberlain. Young called the meeting to order and asked April Miller to start the meeting. April updated the Commissioners as to the FY 2020/2021 year end results. Overall C&Y was 90% of their \$6.2MM budget, as April highlighted that some areas were underspent however other areas were overspent. She also stated that she was there for C&Y's required public meeting for FY 2022/2023. Teri Provost and Tyler Dombroski were giving a Flood Wall update, Tyler started by stating that the construction was complete in December 2020 and that Tyler is working with HRI on the punch list items associated with the project. Tyler stated that HRI completed the releases of 3 leans and \$20,000 is still on hold until complete. Tyler also discussed that \$320,000 in Wyoming Valley Mitigation Funds that remain, and he discussed the administration money that SEDA-COG is still owed in regards to the WVM Funds. Commissioner Ridgway stated that those administration funds need to be handled by the Town of Bloomsburg and the Bloomsburg School District since they are the responsible parties associated for the Flood Wall and not the WVM Funds. After much discussion Teri stated that she will provide the Commissioners an update as to the status of what had occurred. Kelly O'Brien then presented BIDA update as to what the organization does and items that they are working on. BIDA has the Eagles Building which has 5 employees of which they perform notary services and have done numerous real estate improvements and capital improvements which exceeded over \$1MM. Overall BIDA rents to businesses that have over 175 employees in Columbia County. Kelly also stated that BIDA is working on Economic Development for recruitment and retention along with adult education for development of those individuals. BIDA is also working on bringing in two high tech companies into the area which will add additional employees in the County. Once Kelly was complete the agenda was then reviewed and the meeting was adjourned.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Register & Recorder – July Report:

\$24,459.00 was collected and remitted to the County
\$2,565.00 was collected in Recorder Improvement Fund
\$1,700.00 was collected in County Improvement Fund
\$11,485.19 was collected in Affordable Housing Fund
\$2,343.91 was collected in Remote Access Fee

Treasurer - July Report:

Commissions \$9,022.00

Sheriff Revenue – July Report:

Interest:	\$34.26
Civil	\$3,211.00
Lic To Carry	\$4,446.00
Lic to Sell Firearms	\$114.00
Lic to Sell Precious Metals	\$0.00
Personal Prop	\$3,217.20
Real Estate	\$1,598.38
Transports	\$0.00
Warrant	\$392.00
Total	\$13,066.84

Sheriff Screeners – July Report

Courthouse:		
Visitors		6,297
Alarms		2,843
Weapons:	Guns	2
	Knives	38
	Misc	26

Annex:		
Visitors		4,705
Alarms		783
Weapons:	Guns	4
	Knives	68
	Misc	25

Magistrates – July Report:

	Cases	Collected
Berwick	208	\$3,255.25
Bloomsburg	333	\$6,360.26
Catawissa	437	\$6,869.45
Millville	237	\$4,707.14

OLD BUSINESS:

- Nellie Hicks, Trail Asst, PD, Transfer, ~~7/12/21~~, 6/2/21

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Approval to fund the Berwick Area YMCA \$500,000 for their Capital Project, funding is from the American Rescue Funds

Motion by Kovach seconded by Ridgway; all approved

- B. Discussion with BIDA Executive Director Kelly O'Brien

- C. Approve the contract between the Teamsters Local 764 and Columbia County, contract is effective 1-121 thru 12-31-23

Motion by Kovach seconded by Young; all approved

- D. Approve the EDECI budget modification moving \$7,488.31 from the Montour Township Valley Road Streambank Repair to the Tower Drive Streambank Project

Motion by Kovach seconded by Ridgway; all approved

- E. Public meeting for the Children & Youth Needs Based Plan and Budget for FY 2022/23

- F. Approve Tyler Technologies proposal to Columbia County to change the County's financial systems from CSIU to Tyler in the amount of \$204,800 with a reoccurring yearly subscription of \$89,211.

Motion by Kovach seconded by Young; all approved

- G. Approve the use of \$400 from the Visitors Bureau to cover the dumpster cost for the cleanup of Kocher Park in Lightstreet.

Motion by Ridgway seconded by Kovach; all approved

- H. Approve the change order to add the repainting of the security bars of 31 windows at the prison for the cost of \$15,900

Motion by Ridgway seconded by Kovach; all approved

I. Approve the exoneration of tax/cost/interest for the parcel that is a lease hold mobile home that was razed/moved with no permit.

- Parcel#06-01-017-00,048 \$1,459.66

Approve the exoneration of tax/cost/interest for lease hold trailers which were sold or razed pursuant to ACT-156 abandoned mobile home

- Parcel#23-12-016-00,108 \$454.60
- Parcel#31-02-028-00,072 \$801.52

Approve the exoneration of tax /cost/interest for a lease hold mobile home that was destroyed

- Parcel#15-15-015-00,033 \$255.53

Motion by Kovach seconded by Ridgway; all approved

J. APPROVE THE FOLLOWING HIRES/STEP INCREASES/PROMOTIONS:

- Adam Van Loan, Senior III Certified Telecommunicator, ECEN, Promotion, 8/8/21
- Faye Creasy, FT CO, Prison, 10 yr step increase, 8/7/21
- Janelle Ackerman, FT CO, Prison, 10 yr step increase, 8/7/21
- Savannah Lengyel, FT CO, Prison, 8 yr step increase, 8/4/21
- Michelle Frey, FT CO, Prison, 8 yr step increase, 8/7/21
- Brent Harner, FT CO, 4 yr step increase, 7/9/21
- Vivian Bloom, FT CO, 2 yr step increase, 7/21/21

Motion by Young seconded by Kovach; all approved

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

- Michael Tkach, Deputy Sheriff, Sheriff, 7 yr step Increase, 8/4/21

Motion by Kovach seconded by Ridgway; all approved

L. APPROVE THE DATES OF THE FOLLOWING RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS/RETIREMENTS:

- Eric Pangelinan, Hearing Officer, DRO, Resignation, 8/6/21
- Ted Smith, Scanner, Sheriff, Resignation, 7/26/21
- Lottie Neiswender, LPN, Prison, Resignation, 8/2/21
- Kayin Herb, PT CO, Prison, Resignation, 7/12/21
- Natalie Hess, Tax Sale Poster, Tax, Position Ended, 7/23/21
- Steve Krasucki, Tax Sale Poster, Tax, Position Ended, 7/23/21

Motion by Kovach seconded by Ridgway; all approved

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Commonwealth of Pennsylvania sent notification to the Commissioners regarding to alter 7 public at-grade crossings by the installation of new active traffic control devices where they cross SEDA COG Joint Rail Authority in various municipalities in Northumberland and Columbia Counties all in accordance with the Federal Grade Crossing Program.
- PD, District 3-0 CRC notified the Commissioners and provided them an update regarding the Bloomsburg Reconstruction Project in Columbia County
- PD, District 3-0 CRC notified the Commissioners and provided them an update regarding a Bridge Replacement on Liberty Valley Road in Liberty Township, Montour County
- PD, District 3-0 CRC notified the Commissioners and provided them an update regarding a Lane Closure on the Danville River Bridge, Montour County

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

- Approve bills from 7-23-21 and 8-6-21 totaling \$1,641,054.15 and \$750,096.06

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

- Approve American Paper bills from 7-23-21 and 8-6-21 totaling \$1,189,.10 and \$1,574.81

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

AJOURN:

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. Withey, Chief Clerk