

August 6, 2020

The Columbia County Commissioners met on the above date at 2:00 PM in the Commissioners' Conference Room at 700 Sawmill Small Conference Room for a Commissioners meeting handling the transaction of routine business. In attendance were Commissioners Young, Ridgway, Kovach, Solicitor McDonald, Chief Clerk Witchey, Marcie Strachko, April Miller, Jean Lapinski, Misty Chapman, Michelle Frey, and Rich Kisner. All other attendees were online via zoom they are as follows Weston Brehm, Don Coleman, Jeremy Brown, Eric Boughner, and Eric Stahley.

A motion was made by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway 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 700 Sawmill Small Conference Room for the transaction of routine business. In attendance were Commissioners Young, Ridgway, Kovach, Chief Clerk Witchey, Marcie Strachko, Michelle Frey, Jennifer Wakeman, April Miller, Denise Labuda, Jean Lapinski, Josh Nespoli, Rich Kisner, Ken Holdren, and Misty Chapman. All other attendees were online via zoom they are as follows Jeremy Brown, Mike Lester, Jen Long, Wade Mays, Weston Brehm, Don Coleman Eric Stahley, and Sheriff Chamberlain. Jennifer Wakeman started the work session discussing the Broadband initiative as part of the Cares Funding. She started by discussing the buildout of the five county buildout of broadband, but then discussed the specifics regarding Columbia County. She notified the Commissioners that the RFP was going out on August 7th and it would be due by September 4th. She then discussed many different components of what can occur with the project. The discussion focused on towers and DRIVE's potential use of the WPGM tower, Green Communications tower and the potential of utilizing the PA State Police towers to cover Columbia County so that the constituents have Broadband. Rich Kisner then discussed the projects that he needed approval for that are on the agenda, the West Street Church Project is approved and is for nine units, one family unit and eight individual units. Rupert Fields is to construct eight cottage units. The last one is for the Mills on the Market is for a three story building and will have 6 2 person units and 6 three person units, units will typically appraise for around \$200K. Weston Brehm then discussed the CDBG-DR buyout program that is also on the agenda. This funding is still from the 2011 event and should buyout 30-35 properties. April miller presented Children & youth 2021/2022 budget at a public hearing. April discussed the current year budget ending June 30th which was 2% overspent. She then discussed the upcoming budget and some of the loss of funding that will occur for congregate care will only be allowed to be claimed for the first 2 weeks, with the remainder being pushed to the State and County. The number one issue which is requiring C&Y to be involved with the family is drugs. Denise Labuda discussed some of the changes that are going to occur within her are of C&Y and one of the biggest is Basic Skills which includes conversation/manners/choices she stated that the level of dysfunction of some of the children is terrible and that is why they are going to start with such basic skills. Harry Mathias provide a written report that Chief Clerk Witchey read that detailed the current status of the Cares Funding. Marcie reviewed all of the personnel moves. Jean reviewed available cash and a review of the current bills being paid.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Treasurer – July Report:

\$8,788.00 was collected in Commissions

Register & Recorder – July Report:

\$33,246.13 was collected in commissions and fees
\$2,409.00 was collected in Recorder Improvement Fund
\$1,606.00 was collected in County Improvement Fund
\$11,186.93 was collected in Affordable Housing Fund
\$1,921.15 was collected in Remote Access Fee

Magistrates – June Report:

| | Cases | Collected |
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| Berwick | 287 | \$6,177.40 |
| Bloomsburg | 207 | \$5,360.46 |
| Catawissa | 260 | \$5,360.46 |
| Millville | 211 | \$3,799.65 |

Sheriff – June Report:

Revenue:

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| Interest: | \$33.43 |
| Civil | \$2,524.00 |

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| Lic To Carry | \$4,674.00 |
| Lic to Sell Firearms | \$0.00 |
| Lic to Sell Precious Metals | \$50.00 |
| Personal Prop | \$224.00 |
| Real Estate | \$1,157.00 |
| Warrant | \$1,106.00 |
| Total | \$9,768.53 |

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Update on Covid-19

B. Update on the Landfill Project

C. Update of COVID-19 Cares Funding:

D. Discussion with Jennifer Wakeman regarding the Broadband Project for Columbia County

E. Approve the following for Community Strategies Group:

- Approve 2 signatories Chris Young and David Witchey for the digital HOME and HOME/CHDO contracts for West Street Church
- Approve Resolution to submit CDBG-DR application for The Mills on Market and for CSG to serve as developer.
- Approve Resolution to submit CDBG-DR application for Rupert Fields and for CSG to serve as developer.

Motion made by Kovach and seconded by Young; all approved

F. Approve the Resolution for CDBG-DR Buyout Program and Application for funding in the amount of \$3,048,921

Motion made by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

G. Approve the Language Access Plan for 2020 which was developed by CCRA

Motion made by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

H. Presentation of CYS budget at a public hearing

I. Approve Scantek to proceed forward with the scanning of Planning's documents. The initial proposal is for \$41,884.00. This does not include the following:

1. one-time \$3,944.00 charge,
2. Annual \$1,944.00 Subscription
3. Public Portal annual charges – 1000 views per month \$600
4. Additional licenses are \$648 per for 1-49 licenses

Motion made by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

J. Approve Eric Stahley to be the signatory to PADOT for the County to accept the \$650,760.00 Multimodal Transportation Funds for bridge repair.

Motion made by Young and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

K. Approve Monna Harman from Nurse Family Partnership to join CYS Advisory Board

Motion made by Kovach and seconded by Young; all approved

L. Approve the PCCD single year grant for \$131,238.50

Motion made by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

M. Approve the exoneration of tax/cost/interest for the following a camper that had provided proof of inspection.

- Parcel# 20-06-004-01,130 \$324.40

Approve the exoneration of tax/cost/interest for a lease hold trailer moved out of the court

- Parcel# 23-13-027-00,098 \$75.00

Motion made by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

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

- Kaiden Whitenight, PT CO <30, Jail, Hire, 7/27/2020
- Mary Kay Fabian, PT LPN, Jail, Hire, 7/27/2020
- Sarah Perkowski, PT LPN, Jail, Hire, 7/27/2020
- Misty Chapman, Accountant I, CYS, 2 yr step, 7/9/2020
- Lynn Dixon, Tax Assess/TCB Clerk, Tax, Hire, 8/10/2020
- Alex Karpinski, FT Sr II Telecommunicator, ECEN, Promotion, 8/9/2020
- Tyler Patterson, FT Telecommunicator in Training, ECEN, Hire, 8/3/2020

Motion made by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

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

- None

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

- Casey Glunt, PT CO, Prison, Resignation, 7/11/2020

Motion made by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Trivium Packaging notified the Commissioners that they are submitting a DEP Permit Application which is required by the 1990 Clean Air Act for facility-wide Air Quality Only permit for their facility located in South Centre Township.
- Coleman Environmental Engineering notified the Commissioners of plan to submit application to DEP for flood repairs, streambank stabilization and roadway work on Karns Road in Benton Township.
- CBRE notified the Commissioners of the proposed construction of a 330 ft. guyed tower along with ancillary equipment on Tower Drive in Danville Pa. CBRE is seeking comments with regards to potential impacts on historic architectural and or archaeological resources.
- United States Bankruptcy Court notified the Commissioners of Frontier Communications Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Request to pay bills for period of July 24th totaling \$1,180,761.00

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

Request to pay American Paper for the period of June 26th totaling \$1,478.53

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- None

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. Witchey, Chief Clerk