

August 15, 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, Kovach, Solicitor McDonald, Register & Recorder Lupini, Jean Lapinski, Jennifer Long, Phil Yoder, James Loefflad, Marcie Strachko, Rachael Swartwood, and Brian Pufnak.

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, Kovach, Solicitor McDonald, Chief Clerk Withey, Marcie Strachko, Jeannie Lapinski, Brian Pufnak, Rachael Swartwood, Tim Murphy. Rachael Swartwood discussed the new appointment of John McGee, and the reappointment of Bill Brobst and Ernie Shearer Jr. The Commissioners also discussed with Rachael about her appointment on the Middle Susquehanna Bike & Pedestrian sub-committee. Marcie reviewed the personnel actions. Eric Stahley discussed that he had received Fishing Creek's and Stillwater Borough's EDECI project updates. Brian discussed the \$3,250,000 lease agreement between the ECEN and Motorola and that Columbia County's share is 79% and Montour County's is 21%. Tim Murphy discussed the Geospatial Data Sharing Agreement with the Commonwealth. The Commissioners discussed the purchasing of the Wagner Covered Bridge and the RFP to have the Bridge disassembled and then moved to the Columbia Montour Visitors Bureau with the cost being split 50/50 between the Commissioners and CMVB.

#### DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

##### Register & Recorder – July Report:

\$27,642.51 was collected in commissions and fees  
\$1,884.00 was collected in Recorder Improvement Fund  
\$1,256.00 was collected in County Improvement Fund  
\$7,592.49 was collected in Affordable Housing Fund  
\$1,905.12 was collected in Remote Access Fee

##### Prothonotary Clerk of Orphans Courts – July Report:

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

##### Prothonotary Clerk of Courts – July Report:

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

##### Sheriff – July 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

OLD BUSINESS: None

- A. Approve the use of \$400 from Hotel Tax money for a dumpster to clean up Kocher Park

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

- B. Approve the County to enter into an agreement with 3+1 which will evaluate and recommend how to invest the County's excess funds throughout the calendar year

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

- C. Approve the lease agreement between the ECEN and Motorola for \$3,250,000 (Columbia County responsible for 79% and Montour County is responsible for 21%) this is phase II of the P-25 upgrade

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Young; all approved

- D. Approve Josh Marks as a Director to the Farmland Preservation Board

Motion by Young and seconded by Kovach; all approved

- E. Approve the new appointment of John McGee to the Planning Board

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Young; all approved

- F. Approve the reappointments of Bill Brobst and Ernie Shearer to the Planning Board

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

- G. Approve Rachel Swartwood to be a member of the Middle Susquehanna Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Young; all approved

- H. Approve the externship/practicum agreement between the County and McCann School of business

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

- I. Approval and sign the Geospatial Data Sharing Agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Young; all approved

- J. Approve to purchase the Wagner Covered Bridge from Todd Zeisloft for \$1

Motion by Young and seconded by Kovach; all approved

- K. Approve to have an RFP to have the Wagner Covered Bridge disassembled and moved and reassembled at a later date at the Columbia Montour Visitors Bureau with the cost of this being split 50/50 with the CMVB not to exceed \$50,000

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

- L. Approve the exoneration of tax/cost/interest for a lease hold trailer that was sold or razed pursuant to Act 156-abandoned mobile home.

- Parcel# 12-04-002-07,090 \$874.48

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

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

- None

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

- Michael Tkach, Deputy Sheriff, Sheriff, 4 yr step, 8/4/18

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Young; all approved

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

- Steven Krasucki, Tax Sale Poster, Tax, Seasonal position ended, 8/2/19
- Henry Augustine, Tax Sale Poster, Tax, Seasonal position ended, 8/7/19
- Kathleen Shadle, Caseworker 2, CYS, Resignation, 9/4/19
- Samantha Fiester, Caseworker Aide, CYS, Resignation, 9/3/19

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Newell, Tereska, & Mackay notified the Commissioners regarding the SR339-06A Reconstruction and Widening in Mifflin Township, Columbia County
- Hanover Engineering notified the by UGI Utilities, Inc. that they are performing maintenance on an existing natural pipeline in Briar Creek Township
- The PUC notified the Commissioners that the Department of Transportation applied for approval to alter 4 public at-grade operated by the North Shore Railroad Company in the Town of Bloomsburg.
- Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection has reviewed the County's Emergency Action Plan regarding the Briar Creek (PA-498) Dam for 2019
- GHD on behalf of Suez Water Pa, Inc is applying to convert an existing building into a new booster pump station at 236 Montour Blvd. in Bloomsburg Pa.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Request to pay bills for August 9, 2019 totaling \$305,899.48 with the exception of American Paper

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; 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 Kovach and seconded by Ridgway. The motion passed.

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