

August 16, 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, Solicitor McDonald, Chief Clerk Witchey, Register & Recorder Lupini, Treasurer Creveling, Prothonotary Silvetti, Marcie Strachko, and Jean Lapinski.

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, Solicitor McDonald, Chief Clerk Witchey, Register & Recorder Lupini, Treasurer Creveling, Wade Mays, Marcie Strachko, Eric Boughner, Rachael Swartwood, Eric Stahley, Jean Lapinski, and Tim Murphy. Rachael discussed the Ground Water Grant from USGS and that they cover the difference if the grant is overspent. Marcie reviewed the personnel moves, Jean reviewed bills and available cash. Eric Boughner reviewed the current status of systems, specifically that we are currently running on two servers instead of the normal 3 and that will result in slower computers. Cindy reviewed doe licenses and that we sold less this year vs previous years. Wade updated the Commissioners that Larson Design started their bridge inspections due to the flash flooding in the northern part of the county that will also include Huffman Park and the Dry Dam. Maintenance is repairing the rails to trails and bridge #41 is open. Eric Stahley updated the Commissioners on the flood wall and the stop logs will stay in until after the weekend. He also informed the Commissioners that the municipalities have the forms to perform their damage assessments. The Commissioners will go into executive session following today's work session.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Sheriff – July Report:

Courthouse:

Total Visitors: 7,752

Total Alarms: 4,015

Confiscated Weapons:

Knives 60

Scissors 1

Utility 4

Razor 1

Mace 5

Guns 25

Misc 4

Annex:

Total Visitors: 5,779

Total Alarms: 4,574

Confiscated Weapons:

Knives 97

Scissors 2

Utility 0

Razor 0

Mace 2

Guns 4

Misc 2

Prothonotary Clerk of Orphans Courts – July Report:

Total remitted to the County was \$21,341.56

Total business all sources was \$30,216.59

Prothonotary Clerk of Courts – July Report:

Total remitted to the County was \$34,926.25

Total business all sources was \$111,486.45

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Approve the Columbia Montour Area on Aging use of the Briar Creek Lake Park for the Chickin Pickin Corn Roastin Good Time which includes the serving of alcohol

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach all approved

- B. Approve the assurance of compliance/participation for C&Y

Motion by Young and seconded by Kovach all approved

- C. Approve Columbia-Montour Coalition for Source Water Protection use of Briar Creek Lake Park and Pavilions on Wednesday September 12th for an educational event. This event will host 500 8th grade students.

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway all approved

- D. Executive session regarding the lawsuit against Pirian Siuikvar.

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

Katelyn Matthews, Caseworker 2, CYS, 6 month step increase, 7/23/18

Maureen Schoch, Caseworker 2, CYS, 6 month step increase, 8/13/18

Motion by Young and seconded by Ridgway all approved

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

Denise Gensel, Clerk, Register & Recorder, 6 month step increase, 9/5/18

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway all approved

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

Nicole Henderson, Tax Sale Notice Poster, Tax, Layoff, 8/3/18

Steven Krasucki, Tax Sale Notice Poster, Tax, Layoff, 8/3/18

Alex Freeman, PT CO, Prison, Resignation, 8/26/18

Jerry Harner, PT CO, Prison, Resignation, 8/9/18

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach all approved

CORRESPONDENCE:

PEMA notified the Commissioners that Columbia County's 2017 9-1-1 funds were distributed properly in accordance with Chapter 53 of Title 35 and PEMA's Program policies..

THE Public Utility Commission is advising that there will be a field investigation at the T-456 DOT#908 921 W where Industrial Drive crosses the North Shore Railroad tracks in South Centre Township, Columbia County. .

The State Conservation Commission notified the Commissioners regarding the submittal of individuals to expiring Director terms.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Warrant requests for August 10th totaling \$515,832.11

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach all approved

Warrant requests to pay American Paper Supply for August 10th \$3,775.17

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