

August 18, 2022

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, Marcie Strachko, Michele Frye, April Miller, Jean Lapinski, Misty Chapman, and Denise Labuda. Via zoom: Don Coleman, MJ Mahon, Jen Long, and Sheriff Chamberlain.

Commissioner Young called the meeting to order and asked that we stand and pledge the flag, he then called for the approval of the minutes of the prior meeting.

Motion by Kovach, seconded by Ridgway; motion passes.

Commissioner Young then called for a report of the work session: There was a 10:00 work session held. In attendance were Commissioners Young, Ridgway, Kovach, Solicitor McDonald, Chief Clerk Witchey, Marcie Strachko, Michele Frye, Tyler Nichols, Wade Mays, Jean Lapinski, Matt Hess, Betsy Rubio, Eric Stahley, Eileen Chapman, Karla Chapman, Karen Heaps, Laurie Swank, Sarah Teichman, Bob Christenson, and MJ Mahon. Via Zoom were the following individuals: Don Coleman, Tim Murphy, Eric Boughner, Geralee Ziegler, and Jen Long. Commissioner Young called the work session to order and asked that Agape start the meeting, Karen Heaps started the discussion regarding the County being the pass through for the HSDF Grant. The grant includes the following programs: Meals on Wheels, Emergency Shelter, Transportation, Temporary Housing, and Blended at the Schools. Karen discussed the many different agencies Agape works with to handle all of the programs from CMSU, Gatehouse and all the School Districts and the challenges all of them face when handling this grant. ABM then reviewed the updated numbers from the prior meeting and the indicative interest rate from the Prime Capital Bank was 3.74% with no penalty for a partial payment on the balance. After some other discussions about the projects the Chairman moved on to the Columbia County Redevelopment Authority. Matt Hess discussed the three projects that are complete or almost complete and why there were some additional unforeseen costs of over 82K which has brought them to the Commissioners for the CDBG Reallocation. The reallocation amount came from the Housing Rehabilitation Program which has an additional 750K placed in it for use. Bob Christianson then discussed the two South Centre projects with the first being the sewer project which he stated that all items are complete and they should find out how much they will be awarded on October 19th. In regards to the water project there seems to be some issues surrounding if an ordinance can be done to mandate water hookup or if the Township will have to create a water authority. Jean then reviewed available cash and cash comparison from LY to CY and also reviewed the bills from 8-19-22. The rest of the agenda was reviewed, the Chief Clerk discussed the hires/step/promotions and then the Salary Board and Retirement Board agendas were reviewed and the work session was adjourned.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Magistrates – July Report:

	Cases	Collected
Berwick	236	\$4,718.76
Bloomsburg	316	\$7,619.09
Catawissa	286	\$6,305.83
Millville	206	\$4,270.31

Prothonotary:

Clerk of Orphans Courts – July Report:

Total remitted to the County was \$14,671.25
Total business all sources was \$21,219.25

Clerk of Courts – July Report:

Total remitted to the County was \$25,220.81
Total business all sources was \$62,104.55

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Approve the Resolution authorizing the selection of ABM for the implementation of a design build project to address infrastructural needs of the County facilities at a total value of \$3,730,644.

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Young; all approved

- B. Approve the Resolution selecting Prime Capital Funding as the lessor of the project with a total value \$3,730,644 terms including payoff after (1) year with no penalty at 3.74% interest rate

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

- C. Motion to strike B's initial motion

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

- D. Approve the Resolution selecting Prime Capital Funding as the lessor of the project with a total value \$3,730,644 terms including payoff after (2) year with no penalty at 3.74% interest rate

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

- E. Approve the Columbia County's Redevelopment Authority CDBG reallocation recommendation as follows:

Add additional funds to:

- Catawissa Quaker Meeting House - \$3,616.10
- Hemlock Township Building - \$76,652.46
- Summer Splash Program - \$2,103.78

Funds From:

- Housing Rehab - \$82,372.34

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Young; all approved

- F. Approve the resolution authorizing the Chairman to sign the bridge reimbursement grant agreement for the painting of Bridge #27

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

- G. Approve the advertisement of the Sugarloaf polling location change to the Sugarloaf Fire Hall

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

- H. Approve the Columbia County Conservation District's Water Ed Day at Briar Creek Lake Park on September 14th

Motion by Young and seconded by Kovach; all approved

- I. Approve Agape to seek Human Service Development Funds in the amount of \$50,000

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

- J. Discussion with Penn State Extension regarding current and upcoming vents

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

- Ryan Bowman, FT CO, Jail, Hire, 8/8/22
- Josef Venditti, FT CO, Jail, Hire, 8/16/22
- Megan Woolcock, Caseworker 2, C&Y, 2yr step, 8/12/22

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

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

- Whitney Switzer, Secretary, Domestic, Hire, 8/22/22
- Breana Snyder, Secretary, DM Bloomsburg, Hire, 9/6/22
- John Mahon, ReEntry Administrator, AP, 7 yr step, 9/1/22

Motion by Young and seconded by Kovach; all approved

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

- Lewis Bennett, FT CO, Jail, Resignation, 8/11/22
- Kayleigh Bellido, FT CO, Jail, Resignation, 8/8/22
- Boyd Welch, PT CO, Jail, Resignation, 7/29/22
- Sara Steich, Aide, C&Y, Resignation, 9/2/22

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

CORRESPONDENCE:

- The Commissioners received notification from PPL exempting them from Municipal and Land Use Ordinances.
- Susquehanna Greenway Partnership provided the Commissioners with an update regarding their Lower North Branch Paddle for which they requested Tourism Dollars.
- Woodland Design Associates applied for their NPDES Permit for Storm Water Associated with construction.
- AT&T notified the Commissioners that they submitted a renewal application to DEP for Air Quality Program for General Operating Permit for diesel fired engine at Earth Station located in Catawissa.
-

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

- Approve bills from 8/19/2022 for \$776,664.82

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

- Approve the American Paper bill from 8/19/22 for \$1,262.24

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. Witchey, Chief Clerk