

August 20, 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, Jean Lapinski, Treasurer Creveling, Harry Mathias, Michelle Frey, Eric Stahley, Julye Wemple, and Lori Gordner. All other attendees were online via zoom they are as follows Don Coleman, Jeremy Resse, Vince Demelfi, and Jen Long.

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, Solicitor McDonald, Chief Clerk Witchey, Marcie Strachko, Wade Mays, Jean Lapinski, Treasurer Creveling, Harry Mathias, Michelle Frey, Lori Gordner and Matt Hess. All other attendees were online via zoom they are as follows Jeremy Brown, Jeremy Resse, Vince Demelfi, Tim Murphy, Eric Boughner, and Jen Long. Harry started off by recapping what the Commissioners had approved at their July meeting for the CARES funding. These included small business, Broadband, and CSO so CSO could retro-fit homes to keep individuals out of long term care facilities. He also reported that he is working on recommending more projects especially workforce development. Harry also reviewed the qualifications to apply for the small business CARES funding, and reported that \$2,143,804 small business requests are on the agenda for Commissioner approval. In total he had 9 different recommendations on the agenda for approval. If all are approved would leave a little less than \$1M in CARES funding left to be expended by December 30<sup>th</sup>. Wade provided a brief update on the landfill and stated that the flow of leachate from CS-1 is noticeable lower than in prior weeks and that the contractor started backfilling CS-2. Lori Gordner spoke about the Community Development Grant for COVID-19 in the amount of \$166,152, the program is for two years and is an income eligible program. Marcie reviewed all of the personnel moves.

#### DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

##### Prothonotary:

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

Total remitted to the County was \$15,238.87

Total business all sources was \$23,981.49

##### Clerk of Courts – July Report:

Total remitted to the County was \$61723.19

Total business all sources was \$106,593.67

##### Magistrates – July Report:

	Cases	Collected
Berwick	254	\$6,549.41
Bloomsburg	365	\$6,444.36
Catawissa	338	\$7,351.37
Millville	305	\$4,416.07

OLD BUSINESS: None

##### NEW BUSINESS:

A. Update on Covid-19

B. Update on the Landfill Project

C. Recommendations on COVID-19 Cares Funding:

- i. Approve \$2,143,804 from the CARES Block Grant for Small Business/Tourism relief grants per the attached list of qualified applicants

Motion made by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

- ii. Approve \$10,801.32 from the CARES Block Grant to the following municipalities:
  1. Berwick Borough \$1,395.78
  2. Town of Bloomsburg \$5,764.87
  3. Hemlock Township \$1,401.81
  4. Locust Township \$1,806.09
  5. North Centre Township \$432.77

Motion made by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

- iii. Approve the issuance of a PO from the CARES Block Grant to Zones LLC (Costar provider) for \$26,394.25 to purchase 25 laptop computers for County employees to provide work-from-home and/or mobile work.

Motion made by Kovach and seconded by Young; all approved

- iv. Approve the reimbursement to the County General Fund from the CARES Block Grant for \$1,722.45 for Zoom Licenses.

Motion made by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

- v. Approve the reimbursement to the County General Fund from the CARES Block Grant for \$1,195.00 for purchases made for District Justice Magistrate 26-2-01 for Covid-19 safety upgrades

Motion made by Young and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

- vi. Approve Geisinger Bloomsburg Hospital from the CARES Block Grant \$23,701 pending final contract language with Geisinger to purchase and install increased morgue space at the Bloomsburg facility.

Motion made by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

- vii. Approve the reimbursement to the County General Fund from the CARES Block Grant for \$1,000,000 to reimburse County expenditures for the 911 center and digital communications equipment improvements

Motion made by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

- viii. Approve the reimbursement to the County General Fund from the CARES Block Grant for \$100,000 to reimburse County expenditures to scan county documents into digital form so they can be viewed virtually

Motion made by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

- ix. Approve the reimbursement to the County General Fund from the CARES Block Grant for \$250,000 to reimburse County expenditures to renovate county facilities to provide safer work environment for County employees.

Motion made by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

- D. Approve the advertising of the Briar Creek Lake Park Paving Surface Treatment Project which is a Bituminous Fiber Reinforcement Seal Coat.

Motion made by Kovach and seconded by Young; all approved

- E. Approve the 2020 Community Development Grant-COVID19 (CDBG-CV) application of \$166,152:
  - Mortgage Assistance for Households Facing Foreclosure Countywide (except for Town of Bloomsburg and Borough of Berwick) \$139,750
  - Administration of \$26,402

Motion made by Kovach and seconded by Young; all approved

- F. Approve the North Mountain Art League to paint 4 picnic tables and use Twin Bridges Park for an October 10 event

Motion made by Young and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

- G. Approve the agreement with the Children's Museum and DCNR for Children's Museum to administer their awarded funds under the Park Rehabilitation and Development Grant Program.

Motion made by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

- H. Approve the exoneration of tax/cost/interest for the following lease hold trailer was razed

- Parcel# 12-03-009-07,157 \$89.23
- Parcel# 06-01-017-00,025 \$660.66
- Parcel# 06-01-017-00,079 \$722.54
- Parcel# 06-01-017-00,088 \$570.54
- Parcel# 02-02-001-00,125 \$284.33

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

- Parcel# 06-01-015-00,136 \$4,854.36

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# 06-1B1-023-00,046 \$676.20

Motion made by Young and seconded by Kovach; all approved

- I. Approve the opening of bids for the landscaping around Sawmill Road

Motion made by Kovach and seconded by Young; all approved

- J. Approve the lowest responsible bidder pending review of the proposals

Motion made by Kovach and seconded by Young; all approved

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

- Jacquelyn Lorson, CO, Jail, Promotion, 8/2/2020

Motion made by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

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

- Michelle Santor, Intake Officer, DRO, Promotion, 8/31/2020
- Angela Hewett, Officer, Adult probation, 1 year step, 8/5/2020
- Candy Duda, Clerk, Reg/Recorder, Hire, 9/8/2020

Motion made by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

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

- Candice Cotterman, Admin Asst, Jail, Resignation, 8/14/2020

Motion made by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

#### CORRESPONDENCE:

- State Representative Stanley E. Saylor Majority Appropriations Chairman requested that the Columbia County Commissioners provide a detailed breakdown of the appropriated CARES Act money distributed by Columbia County.
- Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission sent a notice to the Commissioners that they had no objections to the Fall 2020 Pavement Repair Project at Briar Creek Lake Property in Briar Creek Township, Columbia County.
- Secretary Rosemary Chiavetta of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission that they submitted application to the PennDOT for approval to alter 4 public at-grade crossing in Bloomsburg Pa. located at Market, East, Locust, and Park streets.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Request to pay bills for period of August 7<sup>th</sup> totaling \$1,412,774.64

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

Request to pay American Paper for the period of August 7<sup>th</sup> totaling \$2,752.80

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Julye Wemple asked when the deadline was for business's to apply for the CARES Funding, the deadline was August 10<sup>th</sup>.

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