

September 5, 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, Chief Clerk Witchey, Register & Recorder Lupini, Jean Lapinski, Treasurer Creveling, Marcie Strachko, and Mike Lester.

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 the First Street Annex for the transaction of routine business. In attendance were Commissioner Young, Ridgway, Kovach, Solicitor McDonald, Chief Clerk Witchey, Marcie Strachko, Jeannie Lapinski, Brian Pufnak, Rachael Swartwood, Wade Mays, Jen Long, Eric Stahley, Phil Yoder, Richard Beach, and Mary Lynn Cadman. Rich and Mary Ann discussed the proposal regarding an Ordinance for an Inter-Governmental Cooperation Agreement that Behavioral Health Alliance of Rural Pa is requesting. The State is currently handling but the proposed process would involve a 23 different County area would be handled via a Managed Care group that assumes all risk of an overspend for the 3% admin fee. Marcie reviewed the personnel step/hires/ and promotions. Jean reviewed two sets of bills paid since the last Commissioners meeting and current available cash. Treasurer Creveling reviewed her August Report which was up vs last year's report citing launch permits and hunting licenses as the driving factor in the increase. Rachael discussed the reappointment of Ed Sidinger. Brain Pufnak informed the Commissioners that one of the dispatchers aided in the delivery of a baby. Wade discussed the upcoming roof project and associated timeline, and Solicitor McDonald discussed the removal of two properties from the tax sale due to the fact that it would have impacted deployed military personnel.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Register & Recorder – August Report:

\$28,752.97 was collected in commissions and fees
\$2,001.00 was collected in Recorder Improvement Fund
\$1,334.00 was collected in County Improvement Fund
\$8,452.64 was collected in Affordable Housing Fund
\$1,657.48 was collected in Remote Access Fee

Treasurer's August Report:

\$4,982.00 was collected in commissions

OLD BUSINESS: None

- A. Approve the advertisement regarding the Ordinance and Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement that Behavioral Health Alliance of Rural Pa is requesting

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

- B. Approve the Agreement between Todd Zeisloft and the Columbia County Commissioners regarding the Wagner Covered Bridge

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

- C. Approve the professional consulting services agreement between the Columbia County Commissioners and Maximus Consulting Services thru 2021 for the County's cost allocation. Fee will remain at \$7,450

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

- D. Approve Ed Sidinger reappointment to the Planning Commission Board

Motion by Young and seconded by Kovach; all approved

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

- Kerri Shaylor, Caseworker Supervisor, CYS, Promotion, 9/16/19
- Lisa Collett, LPN, Prison, Hire, 9/8/19
- Taylor Miller, PT CO, Prison, Hire, 9/16/19
- Jeremy Schott, PT CO, Prison, Hire, 9/16/19

- Terrance Shelhart, PT CO, Prison, Hire, 9/16/19
- Christopher Day, PT CO, Prison, Hire, 9/16/19
- Kratzer, Jalisa, PT CO, Prison, Hire, 9/16/19
- Chase Raker, FT CO, Prison, 1 yr Step Increase, 9/19/19
- Michael Vezendy, FT CO, Prison, 15 yr Step Increase, 9/20/19
- Kourtney Tersavige, PT CO, Prison, 6 mo Step Increase, 9/20/19
- Andrew Armijo, PT CO, Prison, 6 mo Step Increase, 9/20/19
- Austin McCormick, PT CO, Prison, 6 mo Step Increase, 9/20/19
- James Wright, PT CO, Prison, 6 mo Step Increase, 9/20/19

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

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

- James Dalton, PT Deputy Sheriff, Sheriff, hire, 9/16/19

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

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

- Blake Barnes, Corrections Officer, Prison, Resignation, 8/31/19
- Don Roguszewski, Caseworker 1, CYS, Resignation, 9/13/19
- Susan Rood, Judicial Secretary, DJM Brewer, Resignation, 9/6/19
- Jamie DeGuzis, LPN, Nurse, Resignation, 9/6/19

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Young; all approved

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Commonwealth of Pennsylvania PUC notified the Commissioners that there is a field inspection Thursday September 12, 2019 at the South Eaton Street Crossing in Berwick Borough to discuss the proposed improvements for the crossings for the SEDA-COG JRA
- Coleman Environmental Engineering notified the Commissioners regarding the Paperdale Road Culvert Project to replace a concrete pipe in an UNT to Fishing
- Pennsylvania Hardwoods Development Council notified the Commissioners about ordinances being passed by Townships that restrict Forestry. Some of these Ordinances have been reviewed by the Office of the Attorney General and some have been found to violate the Agriculture, Communities and Rural Environmental Act (ACRE).
- AECOM notified the Commissioners about Lions Gate Commons Community Final Land Development Plan and the General NPDEA for Stormwater Discharge with Construction Activities.
- Diamondback notified the Commissioners that they plan to alter 7 public at-grade crossings by the installation of new automatic lights and circuitry where it crosses the single track of North Shore Railroad in Berwick and Bloomsburg

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Request to pay bills for August 23rd and September 6th totaling \$1,335,744.72 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