

September 17, 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, Chief Clerk Witchey, Michelle Frey, and Jason Ramsey. All other attendees were online via zoom they are as follows Treasurer Creveling, Jen Long, Kurt Brungard, Don Coleman, Eric Stahley, and Kelly Gavin O'Brien.

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, Jean Lapinski, Harry Mathias, Marcie Strachko, Michelle Frey and Mike Lester. All other attendees were online via zoom they are as follows BU President Hanna, Dan Knorr, Tami Kline, Treasurer Creveling, Jeremy Brown, Eric Stahley, Eric Boughner, Jen Long, and Eric Ness. Harry started off the meeting discussing the amount of money in reserve which is around \$1M dollars, he provided updates on who he is currently working with Bloomsburg University, BIDA, United Way, CMVB, CM Chamber, Columbia Fire Departments, Columbia County (Boughner, Witchey, Kline). He has not yet made recommendations for housing, local fire departments, mental health support, additional nonprofit, morgue, and BU. Harry is making three recommendations for the 9-17-20 meeting and they are in the agenda. Dan Knorr made a proposal to the Commissioners regarding Bloomsburg University, the proposal was for 2 rapid testing machines and 12,600 tests, each test takes about 30 minutes to process and they would have 1.5 times the amount of tests vs students. President Hanna also spoke that this would lead to better outcomes for Bloomsburg University the Town and the entire community. The Commissioners then said that they would make a decision and place on the October 1<sup>st</sup> agenda. Chief Clerk Witchey reviewed the personnel moves and the agenda was reviewed.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Prothonotary:

Clerk of Orphans Courts – August Report:

Total remitted to the County was \$12,341.56

Total business all sources was \$21,104.85

Clerk of Courts – August Report:

Total remitted to the County was \$43,112.17

Total business all sources was \$83,641.54

Magistrates – July Report:

	Cases	Collected
Berwick	312	\$6,737.48
Bloomsburg	394	\$5,942.38
Catawissa	488	\$5,876.65
Millville	273	\$4,334.15

Sheriff – Courthouse August Screeners Report:

Visitors 5,027

Alarms 3,511

Confiscated Weapons

Guns 3

Knives 19

Misc. 4

Annex August Screeners Report:

Visitors 4,003

Alarms 3,011

Confiscated Weapons

Guns 2

Knives 29

Misc. 10

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Update on Covid-19
- B. Update on the Landfill Project
- C. Approve the COVID-19 Cares Funding as follows:
  - 1. Courthouse sound system \$20,486.12
  - 2. Prothonotary digitize records \$23,850
  - 3. Block Grant
    - a. Agape \$1,008
    - b. BIDA \$22,950
    - c. CMVB \$15,000
    - d. CMCC \$30,000

Motion made by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

- D. Approve the agreement to provide services with the Columbia County Redevelopment Authority for HOME Contract C000074088 for the West Street Church Project for \$1,826,679

Motion made by Kovach and seconded by Young; all approved

- E. Approve the agreement to provide services with the Columbia County Redevelopment Authority for HOME Contract C000074087 for the CHDO Operating funds for \$100,000

Motion made by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

- F. Approve Mitchell Knorr Contracting to perform the restoration of County Home Road in the amount of \$69,269

Motion made by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

- G. Approve the opening of bids for the Prison Parking Lot

Motion made by Kovach and seconded by Young; all approved

- H. Approve the lowest responsible bidder RC Young pending review by Larson Design, Solicitor, and Chief Clerk

Motion made by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

- I. Approve McKonly & Asbbury to audit the 2019 Real Estate Taxes for the Tax Collectors of Columbia County, for \$9,250

Motion made by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

- J. Approve the advertisement for bid for the exterior of the Columbia County Prison which includes the following: Prison Roof, Stone Masonry Repair

Motion made by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

- K. Approve the Bloomsburg Theatre Ensemble Tree Fest 2020 operational guidelines

Motion made by Young and seconded by Kovach; all approved

- L. Approve the sale of the Wagner Covered Bridge to the Barton House in the amount of \$2

Motion made by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

- M. Approve the Resolution for the Retroactive Bridge Project Reimbursement Grant Agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Motion made by Young and seconded by Kovach; all approved

N. Approve the lease agreement with Motorola lease for no interest no payment for 2 years with a not to exceed \$3,600,000

Motion made by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

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

- Britney Zumberling, PT > 30 hrs, Jail, Promotion, 9/6/2020
- Boyd Welch, Transfer from Sergeant to FT CO, Jail, 9/16/2020
- Ethan Whitmore, Transfer from FT CO to Records, Jail, 9/20/2020
- Brandon Delia, PT CO, Jail, Hire, 9/20/2020
- Kayin Her, PT CO, Jail, Hire, 9/20/2020
- Blake Keefer, PT CO, Jail, Hire, 9/20/2020
- John Hassinger, PT CO, Jail, Hire, 9/20/2020
- Cooper Watkins, PT CO, Jail, Hire, 9/20/2020
- Veronica Ziegler, PT CO, Jail, Hire, 9/20/2020
- Carter Saucer, PT CO, Jail, Hire, 10/5/2020
- Richard Stofko, FT CO, Jail, Hire, 10/5/2020
- Kimberly O'Brien, PT CO > 30, Jail, ReHire, 10/5/2020
- Samantha Fiester, Aide, CYS, Rehire, 10/12/2020

Motion made by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

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

- Jodi Cook, Deputy Director, Promotion to Director, DRO, 10/2/2020

Motion made by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

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

- John Thomas, Deputy, Sheriff, Resignation, 9/4/2020
- Ryan Potopsky, PT Corrections Officer, Jail, Resignation, 9/6/2020
- Gail Keller, Director, DRO, Retirement, 10/2/2020
- Christopher Day, PT CO, Jail, Resignation, 9/19/2020

Motion made by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Town Manager Lisa Dooley sent a letter to the Commissioners that a constituent had sent them a letter stating that the Soldiers and Sailors Statue is dirty and needed of repairs, prior to this letter the County was unaware that the monument is actually a County structure. The Town also sent a quote from Young's Masonry to repair the statue.
- PA Department of Environmental Protection notified the Commissioners that Schell Building & Landscaping Stone, Inc. had their June 16, 2020 surface mining permit corrected.
- Benton Municipal Water Sewer Authority notified the Commissioners that they intend to apply for their NPDES permit.
- Penn E&R notified the Commissioners that PPL intends to construct a new distribution substation off of Franklin Street in Bloomsburg PA.
- Borton Lawson notified the Commissioners regarding the Benton Foundry expansion phase 3 which is the construction of 42,300 SF to the existing facility.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Request to pay bills for period of August 18<sup>th</sup> totaling \$945,089.81

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

Request to pay American Paper for the period of August 18<sup>th</sup> totaling \$1,769.25

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Kelly Gavin O'Brien, thanked the Commissioners for the BIDA Grant.
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With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach. The motion passed.

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