

September 17, 2026

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 Brewer, Karschner, Kovach, David Witchey, Jean Lapinski, Treasurer Creveling, Sheriff Chamberlain. and Michelle Frye. Via Zoom: Don Coleman, Ell Adams, MJ Mahon, Stacey Knoebel, Brenda Hess Williams, and Kirsti Kritzer.

Commissioner Brewer 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 Karschner and seconded by Brewer; all approved

Commissioner Brewer called for a report of the work session: In attendance was Commissioners Brewer, Karschner, Kovach, Solicitor McDonald, David Witchey, MJ Mahon, Jean Lapinski, Treasurer Creveling, Betsy Rubio, Beth Burke, Ethan Howard, and Michelle Frye. Via Zoom: Denise LaBuda, Kirsti Kritzer, Ell Adams, Matt Repasky, and Tim Murphy. The work session started with Beth and Betsy discussing the modification changes associated the CDBG 2022 program. Removing Benton Sewer, and decreasing blight and adding Fire Escape Orangeville Manor N4C’s ADA addition and Beyond Violence addition. Then they discussed revision of CDBG 2022 adding Orangeville Manor and decreasing Blight and removing Beyond Violence. Ethan from Penn State then provided the Commissioners an update regarding what Penn State has been doing and upcoming events that are scheduled for 4-H, Master Gardeners, Animal Systems, and Agronomy. The Sheriff then spoke that he was there to communicate that his department deputies can write citations that they see but cannot investigate any crime. Matthew then provided a brief update for the upcoming election. He stated that there are 3090 mail in ballots were sent to the vendor and they anticipate they will be in the mail the week of September 25th. The remaining part of the agenda was reviewed along with all personnel moves; Jean then provided the Commissioners updates on both available cash and bills. After which the work session as adjourned.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Magistrates Reports – August Report:

	Cases	Collected
Berwick	252	\$ 5,947.87
Bloomsburg	522	\$ 8,828.60
Catawissa	404	\$ 8,656.56
Millville	409	\$ 6,218.22

Sheriff Screener – August Report:

Courthouse:		
Visitors		6,485
Alarms		2,775
Weapons:	Guns	1
	Knives	29
	Misc	9
Annex:		
Visitors		5,416
Alarms		2,238
Weapons:	Guns	1
	Knives	21
	Misc	6

Prothonotary:

Clerk of Orphans Courts – August Report:
Total remitted to the County was \$22971.10
Total business all sources was \$31,762.62

Clerk of Courts – August Report:
Total remitted to the County was \$35,332.53
Total business all sources was \$69,337.62

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Approve the use of Hotel Tax Funds to pay the invoices associated with America 250 in the amount of \$1,618.80

Motion by Karschner and seconded by Kovach; all approved

- B. Approve the Professional Services Agreements with SEDA-COG for two different grant programs they are as follows: Act 13 Flood Mitigation and Growing Greener

Motion by Brewer and seconded by Kovach; all approved

- C. Approve the letter of support to the River Valley Film Festival which is a promotion of the area for companies that want to film their project in Central Pa

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Karschner; all approved

- D. Approve the following Opioid requests to the state for their approval
 - Recovery Coummunity Services (CMSU) \$247,502.11
 - Re-Entry Day Reporting \$92,987.00
 - MAT \$26,962.00
 - D&A Counseling-Recovery \$120,268.01
 - Passengar Van \$40,000
 - MAT medications \$6,689.22
 - MAT Program Staff \$156,904.38
 - Drug Testing \$9,900.00
 - Watson town MAT Clinic \$3,256.65
 - Recovery Housing (Berwick Area
 - Transitional Services) \$10,000.00
 - HART Prpgram \$66,011.34

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Karschner; all approved

- E. Approve the Redevelopment Authority recommendation regarding the CDBG 2022 modification
 - Benton Sewer Project \$40,000 removed
 - Blight \$31,482.10 decreased
 - Fire Escape Orangeville Manor \$8,458.90 added
 - N4C’s ADA \$26,761.00 added
 - Beyond Violence \$36,007.00 added

Motion by Brewer and seconded by Kovach; all approved

- F. Approve the Redevelopment Authority recommendation regarding the CDBG 2022 revision
 - Blight \$8,864.74 decreased
 - Fire Escape Orangeville Manor \$44,901.74 added
 - Beyond Violence \$36,007.00 removed

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Karschner; all approved

- G. Approve the exoneration of tax, cost and interest associated with a lease hold trailer that was moved or razed with no permit
 - Parcel# 02-02-001-00151 \$658.27

Motion by Brewer and seconded by Karschner; all approved

- H. Approve the Women’s Center to place pinwheels and signs in the flower beds

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Brewer; all approved

I. APPROVE THE FOLLOWING HIRES, STEP INCREASES, and PROMOTIONS:

- Chase Lytle, FT CO, Jail, Hire, 9/28/26
- Tyler Branna, FT CO, Jail, Hire, 9/28/26
- Ashton Domingues, FT CO, Jail, Hire, 9/25/26
- Dante Larock, FT CO, Jail, Hire, 9/28/26
- Michael Epp, PT CO, Jail, Hire, 9/28/26
- Christian Cirilo, PT CO, Jail, Hire, 9/28/26
- Landon Polcyn, PT CO, Jail, Hire, 9/28/26
- Michele Michaels, PT CO, Jail, Hire, 9/28/26
- Christopher McGeehan, FT CO, Jail, one (1) year step, 7/21/26
- Adell Munson, Legal Adm Asst, PD, Hire, 9/21/26
- Gerard Catina, Caseworker, PD, Hire, 9/28/26

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Karschner; all approved

J. APPROVE THE DATES OF THE FOLLOWING ELECTED OFFICIALS and COURT EMPLOYEE HIRES, STEP INCREASES, and PROMOTIONS:

- None

K. APPROVE THE DATES OF THE FOLLOWING RESIGNATIONS, TERMINATIONS, AND RETIREMENT

- None

CORRESPONDANCE:

- None

BILLS:

- Approve the bills for 9/11/26 totaling for \$604,853.02

Motion by Karschner and seconded by Kovach; all approved

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- None

AJOURN:

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned with a motion by Karschner and seconded by Kovach.

Attest: _____
David J. Witchey