

September 19, 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, Jean Lapinski, Treasurer Creveling, Jen Long, Phil Yoder, Brian Pufnak, Eric Stahley, Rachel Swartwood, Sheriff Chamberlain, Sue Grenuk, and Joe Grenuk.

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, Jean Lapinski, Jen Long, Rachael Swartwood, Treasurer Creveling, Phil Yoder, Marcie Strachko, and Eric Stahley. Marcie reviewed the personnel actions. Jean reviewed the 9-20-19 bills and available cash. The Commissioners then had a discussion regarding the house at 146 East Seventh Street that is next to the prison and the possibility of filing a special exemption or variance so the house can be utilized as a County office space. Rachel discussed the recycling issues that are going on with the municipalities.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Magistrate – August Report:	Amount Collected	Cases
Berwick	\$5,943.36	324
Bloomsburg	\$7,233.60	344
Catawissa	\$5,691.03	322
Millville	\$5,569.11	302

Prothonotary Clerk of Orphans Courts – August Report:
Total remitted to the County was \$21,275.96
Total business all sources was \$34,556.13

Prothonotary Clerk of Courts – August Report:
Total remitted to the County was \$42,081.26
Total business all sources was \$85,932.07

Sheriff – July Report:

Courthouse:	Total Visitors: 8,263
	Total Alarms: 4,532
	Confiscated Weapons:
	Knives 54
	Scissors 6
	Razor 1
	Utility 18
	Mace 4
	Guns 21
	Misc 5
Annex:	Total Visitors: 6,118
	Total Alarms: 5,011
	Confiscated Weapons:
	Knives 66
	Scissors 4
	Razor 0
	Utility 8
	Mace 4
	Guns 5
	Misc 1

OLD BUSINESS: None

A. Approve the Resolution for the 2019 Keystone Communities Grant Program totaling \$500,000
Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

- B. Approve the agreement regarding the Ordinance and Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with Behavioral Health Alliance of Rural Pa

Motion by Young and seconded by Kovach; all approved

- C. Approve to re-budget CDBG 2016 funds in the amount of \$9,002 from Locust Township Police Station Barriers project and \$25,498 from the West Street Church Apartments project and moving these to the Benton Borough Colley Street Project (\$34,500)

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

- D. Approve David James to the Traveling Library for 2019 and then a 5 year term of January 2020 thru 2024

Motion by Young and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

- E. Approve the use of Jack Varaly who is a planning expert to assist the Columbia County Solicitor in preparing to file a special exemption or a variance for the use of the home next to the prison

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

- F. Approve the use of \$20,000 Hotel Tax money for the Berwick Boulevard

Motion to approve based upon receipt of letter detailing the use of funds, motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

- G. Presentation of a stork pin to Joe Grenuk due to a delivery of a baby prior to EMS arrival

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

- Nathan Jandrisovits, PT CO, Prison, Promotion to FT, 9/22/19

Motion by Young and seconded by Kovach; all approved

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

- Elaine Miley, Judicial Secretary, DM Catawissa, Hire, 10/1/19

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

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

- Frank Doone, PT Telecommunicator, ECEN, Termination, 9/6/19

Motion by Young and seconded by Kovach; all approved

CORRESPONDENCE:

- CDBG sent notification to the Commissioners that they had conducted a performance review and found only 1 finding that the County did not post a copy of the Employee Right Poster
- SEDA COG notified the Commissioners that the County's contribution is going to go up to \$.25 per capita which will make the contribution \$16,824.00.
- The County received notification from Dolittle Construction regarding the Scatena Project in Stillwater Borough which is a structure raising.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Request to pay bills for September 20th totaling \$670,428.39 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