

September 21, 2017

The Columbia County Commissioners met on the above date at 2:00 PM in the Commissioners' Conference Room at the First Street Annex for the transaction of routine business. In attendance were Commissioners Young, Ridgway, Kovach, Chief Clerk Witchey, Treasurer Creveling, Register & Recorder Lupini, Jean Lapinski, Marcie Strachko and Fred Hunsinger.

A motion was made by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway to approve the minutes of the last meeting.

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 Commissioners Young, Ridgway, and Kovach, Chief Clerk Witchey, Treasurer Creveling, Jean Lapinski, Marcie Strachko Fred Hunsinger, Mitch Kishbaugh, David Good, Wade Mays, Tami Kline Sheriff Chamberlian, Deputy Sheriff Mordan Oren Helbok, Chip Facka, and Gene Stilp. Gene Stilp spoke about burning a homemade Nazi and Confederate Flag at the Courthouse to protest the Bloomsburg Fair sale of the Confederate Flag, he also stated he wanted to educate folks and burning the flag as a public protest, racial injustice and bigotry. He also stated that he wanted to get a sense of the public pulse in Columbia County and that he would be burning the flag at other rural courthouses. Orin discussed the Our Town Grant Mural Project for both Montour and Columbia Counties. He has spoken with the Visitors Bureau and they are eager to work on the project and would advertise and assist on branding the communities. Once the grant is awarded then Orin would seek commitment from the communities, he is looking for \$5,000 commitment from those areas. Mitch Kishbaugh discussed how TomTom, Garmin and active 911 data is received from the GIS Department. Treasurer Creveling provided an update that she had received \$65,000 of past due Hotel Tax money, Marcie discussed personnel moves; Jean reviewed bills and available cash.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Approve resolution 09212017 declaring that the unlawful distribution of prescription controlled substances has created a public nuisance and a serious public health and safety crisis for the citizens of Columbia County

Motion by Ridgway seconded by Kovach all approved

- B. Approve, but not endorse, Gene Stilp's the use of the front of the Courthouse Plaza to publicly protest the Bloomsburg Fair for allowing vendors to sell Confederate Flags

Motion by Young seconded by Kovach all approved

- C. Approve the request to waive the share of rollback taxes for a Clean and Green property owned by Melvin R & Beulah M. Rohrer which was subdivided and sold to the Millville Mennonite Church. Total rollback taxes amount to \$7,045.16 of which County share is \$1,154.18

Motion by Ridgway to table pending further review all approved

- D. Approve the use of \$5,000 but not to exceed \$10,000 of Hotel Tax dollars for a two County Mural Project grant from the National Endowment of the Arts which requires a 100% match of money or in kind donations. Contingent upon the commitment from the communities where the murals will be painted

Motion by Ridgway seconded by Kovach all approved

- E. Approve the 4yr reappointment of Dr. Brian Johnson, Ed Lease, and Ron Kocher to the Planning Commission Board

Motion by Kovach seconded by Young all approved

- F. Approve the continuation of the lease with Bloomsburg Schoolhouse, LP for 17 parking spots at \$280 per spot.

Motion by Ridgway seconded by Kovach all approved

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

Chase Raker, PT CO, Prison, 6 month step progression, 10/23/17
Kristyn Erb, PT CO, Prison, 6 month step progression, 10/23/17
Payton Aucker, PT CO, Prison, 6 month step progression, 10/23/17
Samantha Fiester, Caseworker Aide, CYS, 2 year step, 8/31/17
George Nye, Lieutenant, Prison, Hire, 10/15/17
Alice Ringer, PT Dispatcher, 911, Hire, 10/2/17

Motion by Ridgway seconded by Kovach all approved

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

Carol Fraley, Intake Officer, DRO, 2 yr step increase, 10/5/17
Janelle Pratt, Victim Witness Coordinator, DA, 6 mo step increase, 8/27/17
Frances Fraley, Victim Witness Coordinator, DA, 10 yr step increase, 5/8/17

Motion by Young seconded by Kovach all approved

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

Hasan Abuomar, FT CO, Prison, Resignation, 9/25/17
Aimee Thompson, Caseworker I, CYS, Resignation, 9/22/17
Kevin Dent, Deputy, Sheriff, Resignation, 10/20/17

Motion by Kovach seconded by Ridgway all approved

CORRESPONDENCE:

Williams Company notified the Commissioners of their intent to submit a Title V Administrative Amendment Application to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) to incorporate the requirements of Plan Approval No. PA 19-00007A issued on September 5, 2017.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Warrant requests for August 11th totaling \$686,759.92

Motion by Kovach seconded by Ridgway all approved

Warrant request for American Paper \$3,830.14

Motion by Young seconded by Kovach, Ridgway abstained motion passed

ADJOURN:

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway. Motion passed.

Attest: _____
David J. Witchey, Chief Clerk