

October 5, 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, Solicitor McDonald, Chief Clerk Witchey, Treasurer Creveling, Register & Recorder Lupini, Jean Lapinski, and Marcie Strachko.

A motion was made by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach 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, Solicitor McDonald, Chief Clerk Witchey, Treasurer Creveling, Jean Lapinski, Marcie Strachko, David Good, Eric Stahley, Jen Long, Tim Murphy, April Miller and Bob Aungst. Bob discussed the happy Valley Bridge Corridor study and notified the commissioners that the study will be completed prior to the December 31<sup>st</sup> timetable discussed with the Cleveland Township Supervisors and residents. Marcie discussed personnel moves. April discussed the higher Children & Youth expenditures due to more children being placed in group homes. Treasurer Creveling reviewed her report but also spoke about an audit being performed on Hotels that had been late providing information. The first step was to determine how much the audit would cost per hour and then determine if one should be performed. Once a quote is received the amount will be presented to the Commissioners to determine if they want to proceed with an audit. Jean reviewed bills and cash. Jessica and Jen went to conference and presented to other counties how they did their Hazzard Mitigation Plan. Solicitor McDonald asked that the fee letter between the County and the Attorney's for the Opioid Lawsuit

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DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Register & Recorder – September Report

Total remitted to the County was \$24,494.91  
Total collected for County Improvement Fund was \$1,194  
Total collected for Recorder Improvement Fund was \$1,791  
Total collected for Remote Access was \$1,645.74  
Total amount turned over to Affordable Housing was \$7,387.73  
Total remitted to County for 2017 \$235,865.76  
Total Business, All Sources for 2017 \$5,607,854.29

Treasurer – September Report:

\$1,870.00 was collected in commissions and fees for September

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Approve the fee agreement letter for the civil suit against those parties responsible for the wrongful distribution of prescription opiates. Client agrees to pay 30% of the total recovery.

Motion by Kovach seconded by Ridgway all approved

- B. 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 seconded by Kovach all approved

- C. Approve the exoneration of tax/cost/interest, parcel is a lease hold trailer that was razed  
Parcel# 06-01-010-00,025 \$8.44

Motion by Ridgway seconded by Kovach all approved

- D. Approve the use of \$11,944.26 of Hotel Tax dollars to pay for the installation associated with the Kiosks for the Visitors Bureau

Motion by Young seconded by Kovach all approved

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

David McCoy, Lieutenant, Prison, Hire, 10/15/17

Gerald Lacey, Corrections Officer, Reclassification, 9/28/17

Motion by Kovach seconded by Ridgway all approved

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

Amanda Brobst, Locate/Enforcement Specialist, DRO, resignation, 10/16/17

Motion by Ridgway seconded by Kovach all approved

CORRESPONDENCE:

Suez Water applied for approval of the right to offer, render, furnish or supply water service to the public in an additional portion of Montour Township, Columbia County and in a portion of Cooper Township, Montour County.

In regards to Suez's application the Pa Public utility Commission published notice that formal protests and petitions to intervene must be filed in accordance with Title 52 of the Pennsylvania Code on or before October 30, 2017.

The Department of Transportation notified that they are preparing plans for the rehabilitation of the tributary to Catawissa Creek on State Route 42 BMS No. 19-0042-0330-1514. Scope of work is a concrete jacket near the abutment.

Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency is granting the Environmental Products and Services of Vermont, Inc. (EP&S) Hazardous Materials Response Team and extension of thirty (30) days of their certification in accordance with the provisions of the Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning and Response Act, Act 165 of 1990. This extension comes with the understanding that all requirements outlined must be followed within the time period specified.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Warrant requests for October 6<sup>th</sup> totaling \$545,265.56

Motion by Ridgway seconded by Kovach all approved

Warrant request for American Paper \$1,167.89

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 Ridgway and seconded by Kovach. Motion passed.

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