

October 6, 2022

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 Young, Ridgway, Via Teleconference Kovach, Solicitor McDonald, Chief Clerk Witchey, Marcie Strachko, Jean Lapinski, Treasurer Creveling, Michele Frye, Sue Helwig, and Jason Fitzgerald. Via zoom: Bill McClure, Jodi Cook, Jenn Long, Eric Boughner, Alex Karpinski, MJ Mahon, and Jeremy Brown.

Commissioner Young 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 Ridgway, seconded by Young; all in favor, motion passes.

Commissioner Young then called for a report of the work session: There was a 10:00 work session held. In attendance were Commissioners Young, Ridgway, Via Teleconference Kovach, Solicitor McDonald, Chief Clerk Witchey, Marcie Strachko, Michelle Frye, Bob Christenson, Jean Lapinski, Bridget Kingston, and Matt Hess. Via Zoom were the following individuals: Bill McClure, Don Coleman, Jen Long, MJ Mahon, Eric Boughner, Jeremy Brown, Alex Karpinski, and Jodi Cook. Commissioner Young called the work session to order and asked Bridget to provide an update regarding the information she received when attending the Veteran's Affairs Conference specifically regarding Camp Lejeune. Bridget stated that there are certain conditions that allow you to qualify for veterans benefits for Camp Lejeune. Must have been at Camp Lejeune for 30 cumulative days and did not receive a dishonorable discharge, you must also have a diagnosis one at least one of eight presumptive conditions. If you meet those conditions you may qualify for health care or compensation but you need to file your claim. If you choose to go with the class action lawsuit you will not be able to do both processes. Matt Hess then spoke about the resignation of one of his board members, he stated he will bring the Commissioners a recommendation in the near future. Bob Christianson then stated that there are still issues with Veolia regarding water within the township. He stated that he will continue to provide updates at the Commissioners meeting. The rest of the Commissioners agenda was reviewed, Marcie then reviewed and discussed the hires/step/promotions, and then the Salary Boards agenda was reviewed. Commissioner Young then asked if there was any public comment and MJ asked about the termination of Joseph Rogustski Marcie then stated that Rogustski was terminated after having his Louder Mill hearing. During the meeting it was discussed that the PEMA interconnectivity Grant was not on the agenda and the Commissioners decided to add this item to the 2PM agenda.

The motion was made to add the PEMA Statewide Interconnectivity Grant in the amount of \$770,479.15 to the 2PM agenda

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

There was delay in the start of the meeting due to a technological problem with the conference phone, issue was resolved and the meeting began at 2:09PM

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Treasurer – August Report
\$5,901.00 County Commission

Treasurer – September Report
\$968.00 County Commission

Magistrates – September Report:

	Cases	Collected
Berwick	243	\$5,670.79
Bloomsburg	509	\$9,508.69
Catawissa	387	\$6,305.83
Millville	176	\$3,508.42

Register & Recorder – September Report:
\$35,391.01 was collected and remitted to the County
\$1,917.00 was collected in Recorder Improvement Fund
\$1,278.00 was collected in County Improvement Fund
\$7,784.67 was collected in Affordable Housing Fund

\$2,205.63 was collected in Remote Access Fee

Sheriff Revenue – September Report

Interest:	\$389.29
Civil	\$2,352.00
Lic To Carry	\$2,546.00
Lic to Sell Firearms	\$0.00
Lic to Sell Precious Metals	\$0.00
Personal Prop	\$897.00
Real Estate	\$0.00
Transports	\$0.00
Warrant	\$674.00
Total	\$6,858.29

Sheriff Screeners – September Report

Courthouse:	
Visitors	6,852
Alarms	3,181
Weapons:	Guns 7
	Knives 41
	Misc 13
Annex:	
Visitors	4,487
Alarms	1,374
Weapons:	Guns 4
	Knives 36
	Misc 8

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Proclamation for LGBTQ Outfest Day, October 15, 2022

B. Approval to place the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) Statewide Interconnectivity Grant in the amount of \$770,479.15 on the October 6th, 2022 agenda.

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

C. Approve the PEMA Statewide Interconnectivity Grant in the amount of \$770,479.15 to be used for towards the NC CHE Maintenance, NC ESInet Maintenance and NC Region WAN Migration projects.

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

D. Discussion with Catawissa Borough regarding a LERTA for properties within the Borough

E. Approve the resignation of Gary Boehmer from Columbia County Housing Authority Board

Motion by Young and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

F. Approve the exoneration of tax/cost/interest for a lease hold trailer which was sold or razed pursuant to ACT-156 Abandoned Mobile Home

- Parcel# 25-02-029-01,105 \$680.40

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

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

- Jordan Fosse, CO, Jail, Promotion to FT, 10/1/22
- Michael May, EMT, Prison, 6 month step increase, 9/19/22
- Brittany Gensel, Parent Educator, Family Center, Hire, 10/17/22

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

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

- Michelle Sweitzer, Secretary, AP, Hire, 10/7/22
- Amy Ort, Counselor, AP, 7 year step increase, 10/13/22
- John Glynn, Counselor, AP, 7 year step increase, 10/13/22

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

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

- William (Chase) Cannon, Asst PD, PD, Resignation, 10/7/22
- Terra Doebler, CO, Jail, Resignation, 9/29/22
- Keith Wittig, CO, Jail, Resignation, 9/3/22
- Bonnie Kreiser, RN, Jail, Resignation, 9/10/22
- Ryan Bowman, Paramedic, Jail, Resignation, 9/25/22
- Ken Gabrielson, Deputy Warden, Jail, Resignation, 9/21/22
- Claudia Apichell, Secretary, AP, Termination, 9/15/22
- Megan Shellenberger, Caseworker 2, CYS, Resignation, 10/4/22
- Nicole Savani, Parent Educator, Family Center, Resignation, 9/30/22
- Joseph Rogutski, Corrections Officer, Jail, Termination, 10/6/22

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Autoneum notified the Commissioners that they have submitted plan to DEP to construct and operate a decommissioned boiler to a fire Natural Gas located within the facility
- The Commissioners received a request from a resident of Wonder view regarding a guardrail issue that has a cost estimate of \$30,000
- HRI Inc notified the Commissioners of their intent to file an application of renewal for a state only operating permit to DEP.
- Rettew on behalf of the Town of Bloomsburg notified the Commissioners of a permit application for replacement of an existing fuel pump with a larger fuel system at the Bloomsburg Municipal Airport.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

- Approve bills from 9/30/22 for \$245,258.67

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

- Approve the American Paper bill from 9/16/22 for \$5,368.67

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

AJOURN:

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

Attest: _____
David J. Witchey, Chief Clerk