

October 15, 2020

The Columbia County Commissioners met on the above date at 2:00 PM in the Commissioners' Conference Room at 700 Sawmill Small Conference Room for a Commissioners meeting handling the transaction of routine business. In attendance were Commissioners Young, Ridgway, Kovach, Solicitor McDonald, Marcie Strachko, Jean Lapinski, Michelle Frey, Eric Stahley, Harry Mathias, and Lori Gordner. All other attendees were online via zoom they are as follows Geri Gibbons, Wade Mays, Jen Long, Dan Knorr, Don Coleman, Sheriff Chamberlain, and Susan Leighow.

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 700 Sawmill Small Conference Room for the transaction of routine business. In attendance were Commissioners Young, Ridgway, Kovach, Marcie Strachko, Jean Lapinski, Harry Mathias, Michelle Frey, and Lori Gordner. All other attendees were online via zoom they are as follows Eric Stahley, Eric Boughner, Rachel Swartwood, Matthew Williamson, Jen Long, Dan Knorr, Wade Mays, Don Coleman and Vince DeMelfi. Update from DOH regarding testing: 1068 total, 689 Columbia County, w/ 31 testing positive. Bloomsburg Fairgrounds will be vaccination site. As of 10/14/2020, spent \$19,300.00 for COVID related items (gloves, facemasks, sanitizers). Covid rapid test yields results in 45 minutes. Wade provided an update and stated that CEC is on site at the Landfill today. Samples of leachate for testing; clean out tank; paving next week; leachate is down 45,000 gallons. Briar Creek Lake Road is starting today. Depending on weather, it may bleed over to spring. Harry Mathias said this process has been efficient and comprehensive is nice especially since other counties have barely started. He also reviewed what the recommendations have been to date and they are as follows:

1. Cannot fund lost revenues but asked Cares funding can cover fixed expenses such as insurance and utility costs, then determined pro rata share. Millville had the highest grant (24,753) while Summerhill (3589) had the lowest grant. Upon approval, they will receive an email to pick up checks next week by Tues or Wed. There are 2 copies of contracts for each fire dept – signed copy for us, and one for them.
2. Testing for county and university residents. The finalized contract is for process will be managed and run by BU, not county employees. Then there will be a follow-up contract to discuss time, place, who, how, etc. The University plans to develop an administrative plan starting Monday. Dave Withey will be the procurement agent; GMC or DOH will be in the loop for assistance in administration of tests (BU is not a public health service)
3. Central Susquehanna Community Foundation will distribute. Window opens tomorrow through 11/9/2020. Capped for businesses is 20,000. If total is over 225,000, will be prorated; if under, they will be fully funded.
4. Approve \$6,614 to Volunteers in Medicine which serve the constituents of Columbia County
5. Approve \$2,200 to the Columbia County Covered Bridge Association
6. Approve \$9,423 to St Columba School
7. Approve \$377.10 to reimburse the Columbia County General Fund for temperature scanning device
8. Approve \$22,286 to reimburse Columbia County Family Center for COVID related expenses
9. Approve \$6,581.23 to reimburse Columbia County Conservation District for COVID expenses
10. Approve \$683.52 to reimburse the Town of Bloomsburg for COVID related expenses
If all is approved, \$17,500 will be left.
Harry Mathias' invoice for \$4,997.71

Solicitor McDonald has reviewed and the intergovernmental agreement between the Commissioners and Bloomsburg University but there still needs to be amended. Lori Gordner spoke about the projects below

1. West Street Church Apartments 92,516
2. Historic Preservation – 27,635
3. Blight Remediation & Demolition 63,943
4. Housing Rehabilitation/Accessibility Modifications 7, 583

Eric Stahley discussed Bridge #86 and its retro reimbursement. Marcie discussed the SEIU contract that included a 3 year contract with 2%, 2%, and 2.25% and healthcare capped at a 10% increase. Eric also Spoke about update needs to be every five years and the grant allows for 75% reimbursement. The Commissioners then went into executive session to discuss a settlement agreement and issues regarding the prison bids that were submitted to the County. Marcie then reviewed personnel actions and Jean reviewed bills and available cash.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Prothonotary:

Clerk of Orphans Courts – September Report:

Total remitted to the County was \$13,399.58

Total business all sources was \$25,471.15

Clerk of Courts – September Report:

Total remitted to the County was \$42,266.75

Total business all sources was \$77,518.11

Register & Recorder – September Report:

\$33,473.17 was collected in commissions and fees

\$2,328.00 was collected in Recorder Improvement Fund

\$1,552.00 was collected in County Improvement Fund

\$12,898.50 was collected in Affordable Housing Fund

\$1,991.59 was collected in Remote Access Fee

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Update on Covid-19

B. Update on the Landfill Project

B. Approve the following COVID-19 Cares Funding

1. Approve \$240,000 for Fire Companies to partially fund operating costs for 2020
Motion made by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved
2. Approve \$350,000 to enter a partnership with Bloomsburg University to provide COVID-19 quick response testing
Motion made by Kovach and seconded by Young; all approved
3. Approve \$225,000 for an additional round of small business/tourism grants
Motion made by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved
4. Approve \$6,614 to Volunteers in Medicine which serve the constituents of Columbia County
Motion made by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved
5. Approve \$2,200 to the Columbia County Covered Bridge Association
Motion made by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved
6. Approve \$9,423 to St Columba School
Motion made by Young and seconded by Kovach; all approved
7. Approve \$377.10 to reimburse the Columbia County General Fund for temperature scanning device
Motion made by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved
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Motion made by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved
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Motion made by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved
10. Approve \$683.52 to reimburse the Town of Bloomsburg for COVID related expenses
Motion made by Young and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

C. Approve the intergovernmental agreement between Columbia County Commissioners and Bloomsburg University for the rapid testing machines and tests

Motion made by Young and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

D. Approve SEDA-COG as the administrator of the West End and Fishing Creek Watershed Grants for an estimated of 3% of the grant

Motion made by Young and seconded by Kovach; all approved

E. Approve the resolution for CDBG for FFY 2020 in the amount of \$259,931

Projects:

1. West Street Church Apartments
2. Historic Preservation
3. Blight Remediation & Demolition
4. Housing Rehabilitation/Accessibility Modifications

Motion made by Kovach and seconded by Young; all approved

F. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding Between Columbia County and Geisinger Bloomsburg Hospital regarding the hospital's participation in the 340B program which allows the hospital to provide care to benefit indigent, uninsured population of Columbia County

Motion made by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

G. Approve the purchasing of office equipment that Susan McGarry had designed for GIS and Planning \$14,560 which is part of the Cares Funding

Motion made by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

H. Approve the reimbursement agreement between Columbia County and PennDOT for Bridge #86 in the amount of \$88,023.13

Motion made by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

I. Approve the agreement between the Columbia County Sheriff and Permittum, LLC with the online gun permit application

Motion made by Young and seconded by Kovach; all approved

J. Approve the Boy Scouts of America Columbia-Montour Council COVID 2020 operational guidelines for their Wine Festival

Motion made by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

K. Approve the contract proposal for the SEIU Courthouse Employees (Maintenance/Clerical)

Motion made by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

L. Approve the grant agreement with PEMA for Columbia County's Hazard Mitigation Plan and Eric Stahley as the designation of agent for such plan

Motion made by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

M. Approve the rejection of the previous accepted lowest bid due to who we thought complied with the bid specifications however did not

Motion made by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

N. Approve the next lowest bid which was submitted by C&D Waterproofing

Motion made by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

O. Accept settlement agreement for Christopher Frey

Motion made by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

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

- Jonathan Broadt, Telecommunicator Cert. III, ECEN, Promotion, 11/8/2020
- Samantha Yeick, Caseworker 1, CYS, Hire, 10/26/2020
- Johnnie Horne, Caseworker 1, CYS, Hire, 11/9/2020
- Jeremy Keefer, Sergeant, Prison, Promotion, 10/8/2020
- Thea Karas, VR Coordinator, VR, Step Increase, 11/18/2020

- Katherine Spickard, Secretary, PD, (temporary) Hire, 10/19/2020

Motion made by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

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

- Anita Manjone, Secretary, AP, Step Increase, 11/5/2020
- Sara Anderson, Program Coordinator, AP, Step Increase, 10/22/2020

Motion made by Kovach and seconded by Young; all approved

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

- Kim Keener, Dispatcher, ECEN, Termination, 10/14/2020
- Kourtney Tersavige, FT CO, Prison, Resignation, 10/1/2020

Motion made by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

CORRESPONDENCE:

- PEMA notified the Commissioners that received Columbia County's request for an extension to the 2016 911 Interconnectivity Funding grant for the North Central Region Next generation CPE.
- DCED notified the Commissioners that they performed a monitoring of expenditures of CARES funding on the October report all are allowable.
- MSL Properties sent a letter to the Commissioners notifying them that the occupant at 851 Railroad UMH Properties Inc. provided Act 14 notification for Brookside Village Mobil Home Park NPDES Sewage Plant Permit Renewel.
- Chapter 11 notification of Windstream Holding
- Act 14 notification from Dolittle Construction for Bill Knorr Raise Cabin, and Louis Gibbons Raise Cabin.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Request to pay bills for period of October 16th totaling \$627,646.70

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

Request to pay American Paper for the period of October 16th totaling \$2,394.90

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- None.

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

Attest: _____
David J. Witchey, Chief Clerk