

October 18, 2018

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, April Miller, Marcie Strachko, Jean Lapinski, and Brian Pufnak.

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, Kovach, Chief Clerk Witchey, Marcie Strachko, Rachael Swartwood, Jean Lapinski, Brenda Remaley, Jen Long, Tim Murphy, April Miller, Eric Stahely, Jennifer Wakeman and Cynthia Venn. Cynthia Venn a BU Professor is requesting 24 use of the Briar Creek Lake Park to conduct for testing the water quality for their Aqueous Geochemistry Class. Jennifer Wakeman was at the meeting to discuss a \$1,000,000 Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program Grant (RACP) on behalf of Blaschak Coal. Blaschak will invest an estimated 14M into the project which will result in an estimated 25 additional jobs. The grant is not due until February 9th, 2019 but there is a stipulation regarding who is responsible for any ineligible project submissions. Both Karen Hackman (solicitor) from DRIVE will work with Anthony McDonald to ensure the County would not be responsible for any ineligible items. April Miller was attending due to three personnel actions. Marcie Strachko reviewed all the personnel actions on the agenda. Jean Lapinski reviewed the October 19th bills. Rachel Swartwood discussed the upcoming Landfill testing. Eric Stahley discussed the Multi Modal grant which requires a 30% County match. The Commissioners requested that Jen Long request a meeting between FEMA, PEMA, Talen, and the Commissioners to discuss future disaster drills. The agenda was then reviewed and the 10:00 work session was adjourned.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Treasurer's September Report:

\$1,336.00 was collected in commissions

Prothonotary Clerk of Orphans Courts – September Report:

Total remitted to the County was \$15,298.82

Total business all sources was \$41,347.95

Prothonotary Clerk of Courts – September Report:

Total remitted to the County was \$35,300.56

Total business all sources was \$90,847.16

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Approve the Aqueous Geochemistry Class from Bloomsburg University use of the Briar Creek Lake Park on November 9th and 10th, Professor Cynthia Venn, PH D from Bloomsburg University will be in charge of the group

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway all approved

- B. Discussion with Tyler Dombroski regarding the Flood Control Project and the 11th Street pump station

- C. Approve the \$2,462.69 settlement agreement and mutual limited release regarding Columbia County and Avanco regarding the Child Accounting and Profile System (CAPS)

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Young all approved

- D. Approve the use of \$20,700 of Hotel Tax money to support Winterfest's Marketing and Budget for 2018

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach all approved

- E. Appoint Brian Pufnak as the 911 Coordinator for Columbia County

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Young all approved

F. Approve the exoneration of a lease hold camper which was sold or razed pursuant to Act 156 – Abandoned Mobile Home

Parcel # 21-18-006-14,070 \$444.68

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Young all approved

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

Jeni Hassel, Parent Educator, FC, 6 month step, 10/16/18
Ken Carey, Telecommunciator, ECEN, Promotion from PT to FT, 10/28/18
Timothy Witter, Caseworker 1, CYS, Hire, 10/22/18
Seres Cynthia Storper, Caseworker 1, CYS, Hire, 10/22/18
Donald Roguszewski, Caseworker 1, CYS, Hire, 10/29/18

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach all approved

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

Christa Seedor, Jury Clerk, Courts, 6 month step increase, 11/7/18

Motion by Young and seconded by Ridgway all approved

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

Chris Prescott, Sheriff Deputy, Sheriff, Resignation, 10/23/18
Charles Miller, Park Laborer, Parks, Seasonal Layoff, 10/27/18
Jerry Moyer, Park Laborer, Parks, Seasonal Layoff, 10/27/18

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway all approved

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Warrant requests for October 19th for \$1,317,753.43

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach all approved

Warrant requests to pay American Paper Supply for October 19th totaling \$4,391.65

Motion by Kovach seconded by Young abstain by Ridgway motion passed

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. Witchey, Chief Clerk