

October 20, 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, Kovach, Solicitor McDonald, Chief Clerk Witchey, Marcie Strachko, Jean Lapinski, Treasurer Creveling, Michele Frye, Bob Christianson, and Eric Stahley. Via zoom: Bill McClure, Don Coleman, Kelly O'Brien, MJ Mahon, Patricia Lawton, Alex Karpinski, and Keith Loughney.

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 Kovach, seconded by Ridgway; all approved, 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, Kovach, Solicitor McDonald, Chief Clerk Witchey, Marcie Strachko, Michelle Frye, Bob Christenson, Jean Lapinski, Bill McClure, Sue Helwig, MJ Mahon, and Oren Helbok. Via Zoom were the following individuals: Don Coleman, Jen Long, Jeremy Brown, Geralee Ziegler, Matt Hess, and Alex Karpinski. Commissioner Young called the work session to order and asked Matt Hess to start the meeting. He discussed the 2022 CDBG Grant and the breakdown. Harry then discussed the \$1,000,000 to Veolia for installation of water in South Centre Township. He also then discussed the history regarding the background of how this project started which included the future installation of sewer within the Township. Bob Christianson then discussed the current situation regarding the sewer project. Oren then gave some background on his request regarding the use of Tourism Funds for the Bloomsburg Singers at Wesley Church, he stated that are applying for a non-profit status. Sue Helwig discussed the LERTA for Catawissa Borough. Geralee than gave a brief update on the Fishing Creek Flood Mitigation implementation project in which they are getting ready to send surveys to the 419 properties. Jean reviewed bills and cash then Marcie discussed the hires/step/promotions, and then the Salary and Retirement Board agendas was reviewed. Commissioner Young then asked if there was any public comment and none was asked.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Prothonotary:

Clerk of Orphans Courts – September Report:

Total remitted to the County was \$14,034.89

Total business all sources was \$22,112.08

Clerk of Courts – September Report:

Total remitted to the County was \$30,199.79

Total business all sources was \$64,791.01

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Approve recommendation #1 to fund Veolia Water \$1,000,000 for installation of a water system in South Centre Township by the terms in the agreement, as invoices are presented

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

- B. Approve Resolution 2022-9 which is a LERTA for properties located within the Catawissa Borough, as recommended by Penn Strategies

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

- C. Approve to place John Harahus as a member of the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) as recommended by the EMA Director.

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

- D. Approve the advertising of the request for proposal (RFP) for both the Courthouse Entry and Annex Entry security proposals.

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

- E. Approve the CDBG FFY 2022 grant broken down as follows:
- Blight: \$62,709
 - Summer Splash: \$10,000
 - Broadband: \$145,523

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

- F. Discussion with the Exchange seeking the Commissioners support for a project by the Bloomsburg Singers
- G. Approve the 2023 Columbia County Farm Bureau Membership in the amount of \$100.00

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

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

- Matthew Horrax, CO, PT Jail, Hire, 10/25/22
- Hasan Abuomar, FT CO, Jail, (re)Hire, 10/25/22
- Thomas Miller, PT CO, Jail, Hire, 10/25/22
- Jerica Jo Caballero, PT CO, Jail, Hire, 10/25/22
- Kevin Markowski, PT CO, Jail, Hire, 10/25/22
- Timothy Burns, Deputy Warden, Jail, Hire, 10/31/22
- Austin McCormick, FT CO, Jail, 2 yr step inc, 10/25/22
- Hugh Vastine, FT CO, Jail, 1 yr step inc, 10/17/22
- Patrick Rooney, FT CO, Jail, 6 month step inc, 10/17/22
- Riley Balmoos, FT CO, Jail, 6 month step inc, 10/17/22

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

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

- Anita Manjone, Secretary, AP, 4 yr step inc, 11/05/2022
- Lacey Swisher, Court Recorder, Courts, Transfer, 10/31/22
- Rosalie Antoniello, Deputy, Prothonotary, 7 yr step inc, 1/31/21
- Stephanie Stroup, Deputy, Prothonotary, 7 yr step inc, 10/5/22
- Debra McHenry, Asst Deputy, Reg & Recorder, 6 mo Step increase, 10/19/22

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Young; all approved

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

- Frances Mannino, Caseworker 1, CYS, Resignation, 10/28/22
- Jacob Thompson, CO, Jail, Termination, 5/24/22
- Sarah Gembic, Court Reporter, Courts, Resignation, 10/28/22

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

CORRESPONDENCE:

- RK&K notified the Commissioners that they have submitted written notification of proposed construction for culvert replacement at SR 1013-011 Draketown Road over Stony Brook in Orange Township
- Mining & Environmental Engineers provided notice that Jac-Mar Coal Co. has made application to the PA DEP BMR for Completion Report with Bond Release Request

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

- Approve bills from 10/14/22 for \$509,050.25

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

- Approve the American Paper bill from 10/14/22 for \$2,537.41

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ethan Howard from Penn State Extension gave the Commissioners an update on all the different occasions that they attended and all the meetings they are handling and then briefly discussed the budget request.

AJOURN:

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. Withey, Chief Clerk