

November 5, 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, Treasurer Creveling, Jean Lapinski, Michelle Frey, and Don Coleman. All other attendees were online via zoom they are as follows Eric Stahley, Jeremy Brown, and Eric Boughner.

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, Solicitor McDonald, Marcie Strachko, Treasurer Creveling, Jean Lapinski, Michelle Frey, Susan Swartz, Tom Dougher, Thakore Krunal, and Harry Mathias. All other attendees were online via zoom they are as follows Barb Warnuk, Eric Stahley, Jeremy Brown, Sheriff Chamberlain, Jen Long, Wade Mays, Dan Knorr, and Eric Boughner. Harry discussed the Geisinger Morgue and with the Solicitors blessing that the Commissioners sign the agreement. As of the day of the meeting the small business grant requests are \$185K and Harry anticipates utilizing all of the 225K of the grant. He also discussed the two County grants of 100K and 250K and that we need to determine how much of those funds can be reallocated to other programs. The Commissioners presented the Gatehouse a Proclamation for National Homelessness and Hunger Week and then discussed CSG's West Street Church project. There was a COVID-19 discussion regarding Columbia County's total and Dan Knorr discussed Bloomsburg University's positive cases. Wade discussed the landfill and the Park projects, and Treasurer Creveling discussed the fact that State will reimburse the County for the postage for dog license notifications which is about 4K. Susan Swartz had questions regarding the Morgue project. Nikki Krize had a voting question regarding mail in ballots due to a comment from an individual stating that they had walked out when processing mail in ballots for Columbia County and that he ran across his dead grandmother's ballot. Since Columbia County had completed our processing election night, the Commissioners said this comment was invalid.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Treasurer – October Report:

\$1,607.00 was collected in Commissions

Sheriff – October Report:

Revenue:

Interest:	\$44.80
Civil	\$3,569.00
Lic To Carry	\$4,484.00
Lic to Sell Firearms	\$0.00
Lic to Sell Precious Metals	\$0.00
Personal Prop	\$764.00
Real Estate	\$7,101.68
Warrant	\$1,092.00
Total	\$17,055.48

Magistrates – October Report:

	Cases	Collected
Berwick	300	\$5,956.71
Bloomsburg	478	\$9,589.09
Catawissa	585	\$8,105.64
Millville	303	\$5,195.94

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Update on Covid-19
- B. Update on the Landfill Project
- C. Update of the COVID-19 Cares Funding

1. Approve the agreement between Geisinger Bloomsburg and the Commissioners regarding the morgue expansion

Motion made by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

- D. Approve the Resolution designating Eric Stahley as the County Agent for the Luzerne County Flood Protection Authority

Motion made by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

- E. Approve the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Relief through PCCD for the support of local law enforcement

Motion made by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

- F. Approve the proclamation for National Homelessness and Hunger Awareness for the Week of November 15, 2020 thru November 22, 2020.

- G. Approve the proclamation for Pennsylvania Parents as Teachers Day for November 8, 2020.

- H. Approve the exoneration of tax/cost/interest for the following a camper that has moved out of the campground with no permit.

- Parcel# 21-19-009-02,090 \$45.00
- Parcel# 21-19-009-02,127 \$1,058.70
- Parcel# 21-19-009-02,209 \$118.59
- Parcel# 21-19-009-02,212 \$45.00
- Parcel# 21-19-009-02,213 \$118.59

Approve the exoneration of tax/cost/interest for the remaining amount due to the property sold at Sheriff Sale, amount received was \$977.28

- Parcel# 04D-05-141-00,000 \$77.95

Motion made by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

- I. Approve to open County Bridge #79 to horse and buggy traffic only

Motion made by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

- J. Approve Pristine Flooring to sand and refinish the floors damaged by elections for \$2,300

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

- K. APPROVE THE FOLLOWING HIRES/STEP INCREASES/PROMOTIONS:

- Thomas Ramsey, PT CO, Jail, Hire, 11/10/2020
- Alex Bullock, PT CO, Jail, Hire, 11/10/2020
- Charles Yost, PT CO, Jail, Hire, 11/10/2020
- Timothy Heckman, PT CO, Jail, Hire, 11/10/2020
- Sarah Perkowski, Nurse, Jail, Promotion to FT, 11/1/2020
- Cooper Watkins, PT CO >30, Jail, Promotion, 11/15/2020
- Nicholas Snyder, PT >30, Jail, Promotion, 11/15/2020
- Joseph Zook, FT CO, Jail, 6 mo step inc, 11/24/2020
- Brenndan Weaver, FT CO, Jail, 6 mo step inc, 11/1/02020
- Christopher Moser, FT CO, Jail 1 year step inc, 11/10/2020
- James Dent, FT CO, Jail, 2 yr step inc, 11/10/2020
- Emily Mowery, FT CO, Jail 1 yr step inc, 12/8/2020
- Casey Flynn, FT CO, Jail, 1 yr step inc, 12.8.2020
- Payton Aucker, FT CO, Jail, 2 year step inc, 12/8/2020
- Kristyn Stump, FT CO, Jail, 2 yr step inc, 12/9/2020
- James Higgins, FT CO, Jail, 2 yr step inc, 12/9/2020
- Stefon Brown, FT CO, Jail, 2 yr step inc, 12/30/2020
- Evan Pinchak, PT CO, Jail, Promotion to FT, 10/25/2020
- Austin McCormick, PT CO, Jail, Promotion to FT, 10/25/2020

- Kaiden Whitenight, PT> 30 hr, Jail, Promotion, 10/14/2020
- Tori Fitzwater, FT Telecommunicator, ECEN, Hire, 11/8/2020
- Tyler Patterson, FT Telecommunicator, Promotion, 11/29/2010
- Charles Miller, Laborer, Parks, Seasonal layoff, 11/5/2020
- Jerry Moyer, Laborer, Parks, Seasonal layoff, 11/5/2020
- Kathryn Knight, Parent Educator, Family Center, Step inc, 11/19/2020
- Megan Shellenberger, Caseworker 2, CYS, 2 yr Step inc, 10/23/2020
- Jonathan Broadt, Telecommunicator, ECEN, Promotion Cert Level III, 11/8/2020

Motion made by Kovach and seconded by Young; all approved

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

- Dale Stokes, PT Deputy, Sheriff, Step Inc to Certified, 10/2/2020
- Kevin Katch, PT Deputy, Sheriff, Step inc to Certified, 10/2/2020
- Kristie Rospadowski, Deputy, Sheriff, 10 yr Step inc, 10/12/2020
- Michael Beyer, Deputy, Sheriff, 7 yr step inc, 8/19/2020

Motion made by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

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

- Jessica Surkin, Deputy, Sheriff, Resignation, 11/6/2020

Motion made by Kovach and seconded by Young; all approved

CORRESPONDENCE:

- TeamAg notified the Commissioners that Joel Knoebel intends to apply for application to DEP to amend the NPDES permit for a Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation and a water quality permit at 162 Center School Road in Elysburg, PA 17824.
- Received notification of Mallinckrodt PLC

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Request to pay bills for period of October 30th totaling \$516,050.29

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

Request to pay American Paper for the period of October 16th totaling \$2,338.46

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 Ridgway. The motion passed.

Attest: _____
David J. Witchey, Chief Clerk