

November 7, 2019

The Columbia County Commissioners met on the above date at 2:00 PM in the Commissioners' Conference Room at the First Street Annex for a Commissioners meeting handling the transaction of routine business. In attendance were Commissioners Young, Ridgway, Kovach, Solicitor McDonald, Chief Clerk Witchey, Marcie Strachko, Jen Long, Treasurer Creveling, Eric Stahley, Phil Yoder, Daniel Chalupsky, Dominic Martucci, Mike Lester, Register & Recorder Lupini, Bev Lutcavage and Weston Brehm.

A motion was made by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach 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 the First Street Annex for the transaction of routine business. In attendance were Commissioners Young, Ridgway, Kovach, Solicitor McDonald, Chief Clerk Witchey, Jean Lapinski, Marcie Strachko, April Miller, Jen Long, Treasurer Creveling, Rachael Swartwood, Wade Mays, Eric Stahley, and Matt Repasky. April was in attendance due to several personnel actions and to discuss the Federal Class Action Lawsuit filed against Pennsylvania State which involves one of Columbia County's Children & Youth's children under their care. IT was discussed to hire an attorney to respond to the lawsuit. Marcie reviewed the personnel actions. Jean reviewed the 11-8-19 bills and available cash. Treasurer Creveling reviewed her monthly report. Wade Mays discussed the issue at Perry Avenue regarding a six inch PVC line or that blew out its fitting and was now exposed. He also was there to discuss the house next to the prison and its layout. Eric Stahley mentioned that he may be able to get 10,000 cubic yards of dirt for the landfill. The Commissioners said that even though that is great the RFP is will be finished soon and the project is going to go out to bid. Weston discussed the 2019 CDBG projects applications. Jen Long informed the Commissioners that Geisinger is going to calibrate the RAD Equipment for EMA. The Commissioners also discussed the fact that Rod Ralston was elected into office as County Auditor, the County will need to go through the process of under rule 1908. Filling of Vacancies.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Treasurers - October Report:

\$2,261.00 was collected in commissions

Register & Recorder – October Report:

\$32,618.61 was collected in commissions and fees

\$2,094.00 was collected in Recorder Improvement Fund

\$1,396.00 was collected in County Improvement Fund

\$9,363.15 was collected in Affordable Housing Fund

\$3,891.43 was collected in Remote Access Fee

Sheriff – October Report:

Courthouse: Total Visitors: 7,976

Total Alarms: 4,840

Confiscated Weapons:

Knives 51

Scissors 13

Razor 0

Utility 3

Mace 6

Guns 8

Misc 5

Annex: Total Visitors: 6,006

Total Alarms: 5,279

Confiscated Weapons:

Knives 33

Scissors 2

Razor 0

Utility 0

Mace 2

Guns 2

Misc 39

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Approve the purchasing of the IQ System voting machines in the amount of \$617,165 of which the County will receive an estimated 60% reimbursement from the state and HAVA reimbursement of \$63,130.74

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Young, opposed by Kovach Motion passes

- B. Approve 2019 CDBG grant application of \$254,230.00 and resolution associated with the application

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

- C. Approve the Ordinance for the Reaffirming and Ratifying the County's participation in the PA Counties Risk Pool and the Intergovernmental Agreement pursuant to the Pa Intergovernmental Law as amended

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Young; all approved

- D. Approve the agreement between Geisinger and EMA for RAD Equipment Calibration for 2020

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Young; all approved

- E. Recognize Bev Lutcavage achieving her Local Professional Certification Certificate and Phil Yoder receiving his County Basic Certification Certificate

- F. Approval to apply to PEMA for the PDM 19 sub –application in the amount of \$60,000, this grant does require a 25% local match of \$15,000

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

- G. Approve the exoneration of tax/cost/interest for campers moved without permit

• Parcel # 16-02-024-00,081	\$95.75
• Parcel# 16-02-024-00,096	\$111.75
• Parcel# 26-04-024-00,026	\$994.77
• Parcel# 21-19-009-02,066	\$61.46
• Parcel# 21-19-009-02,172	\$156.88

Motion by Young and seconded by Kovach; all approved

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

- Casey Flynn, PT CO, Prison, 1 year step inc, 10/4/19
- Brenndan Weaver, PT CO, Prison, 6 month step inc, 10/15/19
- Joseph Zook, PT CO, Prison, 6 month step inc, 10/15/19
- Caleb Kline, PT CO, Prison, 6 month step inc, 10/15/19
- Christopher Moser, FT CO, Prison, Hire, 11/10/19
- Zakary Lewis, PT CO, Prison, Promotion > 30, 11/10/19
- Caleb Kline, PT CO, Prison, Promotion > 30, 11/10/19
- James Wright, PT CO, Prison, Promotion > 30, 11/10/19
- James Dent, FT CO, Prison, 1 yr step inc, 11/12/19
- Norman Folk, FT CO, Prison, 6 month step inc, 11/6/19
- Mariela Savinon, PT CO, Prison, 6 month step inc, 11/28/19
- Tyler Leighow, PT CO, Prison, 6 month step inc, 11/28/19
- Alex Cashner, PT CO, Prison, 6 month step inc, 11/28/19
- Robert Cochran, Aide, CYS, Hire, 12/2/19
- Michael Newton, Caseworker 1, CYS, Hire, 11/25/19
- Megan McNeill, Caseworker 2, CYS, Step Increase, 9/10/19
- Cynthia Storper, Caseworker 2, CYS, Promotion, 10/22/19
- Tim Witter, Caseworker 2, CYS, Promotion, 10/22/19
- Kathryn Knight, Parent Educator, Family Center, Promotion, 11/19/19

- Ken Carey, FT Telecommunicator Level III Certified, ECEN, Promotion, 12/15/19
- John Lenches, FT Telecommunicator Level III Certified, ECEN, Promotion, 12/29/19
- Brian Williams, FT Telecommunicator Level II Certified, ECEN, Promotion, 12/15/19
- Jon Broadt, FT Telecommunicator Level II Certified, ECEN, Transfer, 11/6/19
- James Loefflad, PT Project Lead, Resiliency, Hire, 11/12/19

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

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

- John Thomas, PT Deputy Sheriff, Sheriff, HIRE, 11/8/19
- Jean Gibbs, Clerk, Prothonotary, 7 year step increase, 11/26/19
- Francesco Greco, Conflict Counsel, PD, Hire, 12/1/19
- Holly Stewart, Chief Deputy, Reg & Recorder, Promotion, 11/4/19

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Young; all approved

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

- Taylor Miller, PT CO, Prison, Resignation, 10/20/19
- Levi Rightnour- Miller, PT CO, Prison, Resignation, 11/14/19
- Travis Petty, Conflict Counsel, PD, Resignation, 11/30/19

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Dale and Deanna Beaver notified the Commissioners of their application of their NPDES permit for 47 Beaver Meadow Road, Catawissa Pa.
- The Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy notified the Commissioners that the Vera Grove Rishel property was in compliance with the terms and conditions of the agreement.
- Reilly Associates notified the Commissioners that they intend to submit an application to DEP for UMH PA Pleasant View Estates MHP for the installation of a Dechlorination System in South Centre Township.
- Entech Engineering notified the Commissioners on behalf of the Benton Municipal Water and Sewer Authority that they intend to submit application for a Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements in Benton.
- TeamAg notified the Commissioners of their intent to submit a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit to DEP on behalf of Roaring Creek Egg Farms, LLC. The application is intended to add 4 existing poultry house at 1019 Numidia Drive & 54 Gas Well Road Locust Township to the existing permit and to construct a third laying hen house at 319 Middle Road, Cleveland Township.
- The Commonwealth of PA notified the application of the Department of Transportation to alter two at public at-grade crossings at 339 and SR 2017 each cross a single track of Norfolk Southern Railway Company.
- The Commissioners received notification of an application of the Commonwealth of Pa Department of Transportation for approval to alter 12 public at-grade crossings by the installation of new active traffic control devices and three high-type concrete crossing surfaces where various local roadways cross SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority.
- Columbia County received notification that Payless Holdings LLC has filed a second amended joint plan of reorganization of Payless Holdings pursuant to Chapter 11.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Request to pay bills for November 8th totaling \$582,019.87 with the exception of American Paper

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

Request to pay bills for American Paper

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

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. Withey, Chief Clerk