

November 21, 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, Treasurer Creveling, Eric Stahley, Jean Lapinski, Register & Recorder Lupini, Rachael Swartwood, and Mike Lester.

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 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, Treasurer Creveling, Rachael Swartwood, and Eric Stahley. April was in attendance for the appointment for a member of the C&Y Advisory Board. Marcie reviewed all of the step/hires/promotions and also discussed the qualifications of PT employees. Eric Stahley discussed the resolution for the H2O grant. Jeannie reviewed the Magistrates Report for October and then discussed the 2020 Budget. The 2020 budget has revenue at 29,176,086 and expenditures of \$29,433,685 which leaves a deficit of \$257,598 which will be covered by prior years surplus.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Prothonotary Clerk of Orphans Courts – October Report:

Total remitted to the County was \$19,467.01

Total business all sources was \$29,936.27

Prothonotary Clerk of Courts – October Report:

Total remitted to the County was \$38,010.11

Total business all sources was \$78,848.61

Magistrates - Octboer Report

|            | Cases | Collected  |
|------------|-------|------------|
| Berwick    | 298   | \$4,729.53 |
| Bloomsburg | 547   | \$7,819.07 |
| Catawissa  | 294   | \$5,490.56 |
| Millville  | 264   | \$5,307.52 |

OLD BUSINESS: Change of Franny Fraley's resignation to 12-31-19

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Approve the advertising of the 2020 budget

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

B. Approve the solicitation of an RFP for the 2020 TRAN in the amount of \$1,600,000

Motion by Young and seconded by Kovach; all approved

C. Discussion of the bidding documents for construction services to reconstruct the existing closure soil cap system and leachate collection system at the closed Columbia County Landfill located in Mt. Pleasant Township. The Commissioners will await comments from DEP prior to sending the RFP out.

D. Approve the resolution to apply for the H2O PA Grant of \$1,250,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for flood control and watershed studies within Columbia County

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Young; all approved

E. Approve the Resolution requesting the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of establishing a Fixed Route Public Transportation Service in Columbia, Montour, Northumberland, Snyder and Union Counties

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

- F. Approve the advertising of the 2020 Commissioner meetings which will be at Sawmill Road in 2020

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

- G. Approve Major Hershey to the Salvation Army Advisory Board.

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

- H. Approve the re-appointment to the Conservation District Board of Directors

Donald Edwards – Chairman/Farmer Director  
Joan McCarty – Urban Director

Motion by Young and seconded by Kovach; all approved

- I. Approve Jack Varlay to proceed with communicating with the Town of Bloomsburg regarding the expansion of prison parking with Larson being capped at \$3,000 to develop the parking lot

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

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

- Parcel # 32-07-023-00,092 \$350.01
- Parcel# 32-07-023-00,056 \$1,004.57
- Parcel# 21-19-009-02,089 \$383.16
- Parcel# 21-19-009-02,155 \$108.93

Motion by Young and seconded by Kovach; all approved

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

- Amy Diehl, Family Reunification Worker, Family Center, Hire, 12/16/19
- Hugh Taylor, Conflict Counsel, PD, reclassify to take on some PD Duties, 11/25/19
- Pearl Baxter, Caseworker 2, CYS, 2 year step increase, 10/31/19
- Jacquelyn Lorson, PT CO, Prison, Hire, 11/27/19
- James Hoskin, PT CO, Prison, Hire, 11/27/19
- Edward Smith, PT CO, Prison, Hire, 11/27/19
- Michael Rhone, PT CO, Prison, Hire, 11/27/19
- Evan Pinchak, PT CO, Prison, Hire, 11/27/19

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

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

- Janelle Neidig, Victim Witness Program Director, DA, Promotion, 1/1/20
- Tracee Kemper, Clerk, R&R, Re-classification, 11/4/19

Motion by Young and seconded by Kovach; all approved

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

- Patrick Zielecki, FT CO, Prison, Resignation, 12/4/19
- Matthew Chamberlain, FT CO, Resignation, 12/2/19
- Alex Cashner, PT CO, Prison, Resignation, 11/8/19
- Charlie Miller, Laborer, Parks, Seasonal layoff, 10/25/19
- Jerry Moyer, Laborer, Parks, Seasonal layoff, 10/25/19
- Joshua Bucheit, AP Officer, AP, Resignation, 11/29/19

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

CORRESPONDENCE:

- The Federal Energy Regulatory System notified the Commissioners the notice of the schedule for environmental review for the Leidy South Project.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Request to pay bills for November 22<sup>th</sup> totaling \$682,919.45 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. Witchey, Chief Clerk