

December 1, 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, and Michele Frye. Via zoom: Jen Long, Alex Karpinski, Don Coleman, and Eric Boughner.

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, Chief Clerk Witchey, Marcie Strachko, Michelle Frye, MJ Mahon, Jean Lapinski, Dave Kurecian, Shane Keefer, Eric Stahley, Paul Reichart, Bob Christianson, and Britt Bassett. Via Zoom were the following individuals: Jen Long, Jeremy Brown, Alex Karpinski, April Miller, Tim Murphy, Don Coleman, Wade Mays, Denise Labuda, and Don Jones. Commissioner Young called the work session to order and asked Paul Reichart to start the meeting and discuss his presentation. Paul provided a brief historical background of the Orangeville Train Station and presented the Commissioners a packet that detailed the groups goals, successful outcomes, plans, preliminary breakdown of costs, and yearly budget including revenues and expenses. Paul also detailed specific organizations he will be requesting funds from which included the Columbia Montour Tourism Hotel Tax dollars. The Columbia Montour Visitors Bureau then presented the second of two vendors that will provide the Visitors Bureau with data collection via tracking software. Don Jones highlighted Zartico and provided some background of the organizations and their mission, provide consistent standards, ability to benchmark and translating the data analytics. Their software also provides data regarding spending, and event information along with geolocation information. Bob Christenson provided an update on water, stating that the ordinance was adopted and that they provided the fire companies the hydrant information on the plan. He also provided an update on sewer. He stated that the expected January date to go in front of Penn Vest will not occur in January and that the next earliest date would be April. Bob stated that it feels as though the goal post is always being moved. He also stated that the price of the wetlands credits has increased to \$784,000 and that a Archeological study will have to be performed due to Federal Money being utilized by Penn Vest. He also stated that the Army Corp of Engineers is now involved in the process. Jean then reviewed bills and available cash. Marcie then discussed the hires/step/promotions, after which the Salary Board agenda was reviewed. Commissioner Young then asked if there was any public comment and none was asked. The meeting was then adjourned.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Discussion with the Columbia Montour Visitors Bureau
- B. Discussion regarding the Bloomsburg and Sullivan Railroad Orangeville Station
- C. Approve Eric Stahley to the Wyoming Valley County Mitigation Committee.

Motion by Young and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

- D. Approve the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Federal Fiscal Year 2022 State Homeland Security Grant Program (HSPG) Agreement for Columbia County as part of the North Central Terrorism Task Force.

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

- E. Approve the exoneration of tax/cost/interest of a lease hold mobile home that was razed or moved with no permit

- Parcel#07-09-072-00,220 \$420.82

Motion by Young and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

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

- Sharon Fedder, CO, Part-time, Jail, Hire, 12/6/22
- Rylee Sortman, CO, Part-time, Jail, Hire, 12/6/22
- Shianne Witmer, CO, Part-time, Jail, Hire, 12/6/22
- Gabriel Vandermark, CO, Part-time, Jail, Hire, 12/6/22
- Kevin Markowski, CO, Full-time, Jail, Hire, 12/4/22
- Matthew Horrax, CO, Jail, Promotion to FT, 12/4/22
- Thomas Miller, CO, Jail, Promotion to FT, 12/4/22
- Krystal Leitzel, CO, Jail, 1 yr step increase (FT), 12/4/22
- Evan Pinchank, CO, Jail, 2 yr step increase (FT), 10/27/22
- Jason Hewes, Sergeant, Jail, Promotion to permanent Sgt, 12/1/2022
- Payton Aucker, Sgt, Jail, 4 yr step increase, 12/2/22
- James Higgins, FT CO, Jail, 4 yr step increase, 12/2/22
- Kristyn Stump, FT CO, Jail, 4 yr step increase, 12/2/22
- Morgan Edwards-Lewis, Fiscal Coord, Comm, 6 month step ins, 12/1/22
- Amanda Reich, Caseworker 2, CYS, 4 yr step increase, 11/19/22
- Katelyn McGraw, Lead LPN, Jail, transfer back to LPN, 11/30/22
- Lottie Neiswender, LPN, Jail, Promotion to Lead LPN, 11/30/22

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

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

- Alyssa Wido, Intake Clerk, DRO, 4 yr step increase, 12/17/22

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

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

- Brandon Richendrfer, CO, Jail, Resignation, 11/23/22
- John Raub, CO (PT), Jail, Resignation, 11/21/22
- Heru Kirkland, JPO, JP, Resignation, 12/6/22
- Tyler Johnson, FT CO, Jail, Resignation, 12/3/22
- Ryan Boatman, Lieutenant, Jail, Resignation, 11/23/22

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway; all approved

CORRESPONDANCE: None

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

- Approve bills from 11/25/22 for \$1,340,847.26

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach; all approved

- Approve the American Paper bill from 11/25/22 for \$29.92

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

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. Witchey, Chief Clerk