

December 18, 2025

There was a Commissioners meeting at 2:00 PM in the Commissioners Conference Room at 700 Sawmill Road, Small Conference Room for the regularly scheduled Commissioners meeting. In attendance were Commissioners Brewer, Karschner, Kovach, Treasurer Creveling, Solicitor Marinos, David Witchey, Marcie Strachko, and Michelle Frey. Via Zoom were Jeremy Brown, Jenn Long, Jeannie Lapinski, and MJ Mahon.

Commissioner Brewer 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 Karschner, seconded by Kovach; all approved.

Commissioner Brewer then called for a report of the work session: The work session report is as follows, at 10:00 AM there was a work session held. In attendance were Commissioners Brewer, Karschner, Kovach, Treasurer Creveling, Solicitor Marinos, David Witchey, Marcie Strachko, Michelle Frey, Bobby Christianson, and Chris Anderson. Via Zoom were Jeannie Lapinski, April Miller, Tim Murphy, Thomas Frace, Denise LaBuda, Sheriff Chamberlain, and Jenn Long. Commissioner Brewer asked Bobby if he had any updates on the sewer project, he indicated that the potential issue with the eagles is no longer a problem and that they are now trying to determine if they will be installing new pipe or expanding the existing pipe. After then reviewing the remainder of the agenda, with Marcie reviewing personnel moves, both available cash and bills and were discussed after which the work session was adjourned.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Magistrates Reports – November Report:

	Cases	Collected
Berwick	215	\$5,881.65
Bloomsburg	346	\$12,731.63
Catawissa	221	\$7,821.72
Millville	302	\$9,690.33

District Attorney – 3rd Qtr 2025 Report:

June 5th Cases – 1,341
August 7th Cases – 1,388
3rd Qtr - 1,306

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Approve the opening of the bids for the County's 2026 TRAN in the amount of \$1,500,000

Motion by Kovach, seconded by Brewer; all approved.

B. Approve to accept the lowest bid submitted by Journey bank at 3.65%

Motion by Kovach, seconded by Brewer; all approved.

C. Approve the County's 2026 Budget which was presented on the Commissioners agenda on November 20th

Motion by Karschner, seconded by Brewer; all approved.

D. Approve the additional \$3,000.00 payment from the Hotel Tax funds for the additional days spent for the redesign for disc golf course.

Motion by Kovach, seconded by Brewer; all approved.

E. Approve the letter of support for the Ft. McClure Boulevard Project (ARC Application)

Motion by Karschner, seconded by Kovach; all approved.

F. Approve Chris Anderson as Columbia County's Designee for the Luzerne County Flood Protection Authority

Motion by Brewer; seconded by Karschner; all approved

G. Approve the exoneration of tax/cost/interest, parcels are lease hold trailers moved or razed with no permit

• 26-04-02400-037	\$1,233.90
• 26-04-02400-046	\$67.80
• 26-04-02400-048	\$687.43
• 15-09-00603-065	\$402.56

Motion by Kovach, seconded by Brewer; all approved

H. APPROVE THE FOLLOWING HIRES, STEP INCREASES, and PROMOTIONS:

- Tylar Coulter, Caseworker 1, CYS, 6 month step, 12/2/25 (on hold)

Motion by Karschner, seconded by Brewer; all approved.

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

- David Adams, Deputy, Prothonotary, 2 year step, 1/2/26

Motion by Kovach, seconded by Brewer; all approved.

J. APPROVE THE DATES OF THE FOLLOWING RESIGNATIONS, TERMINATIONS, AND RETIREMENTS:

- Christine Kupsky, Parent Educator, Family Center, Retirement, 12/18/25
- Jayden Snyder, Caseworker 1, CYS, Resignation, 12/8/25

Motion by Karschner, seconded by Kovach; all approved.

CORRESPONDANCE:

- The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection sent notification to the Commissioners regarding the Millville Transfer Station ID#101315 regarding deficiencies that relates to 2024 annual report had no tonnage reported for materials shipped, recycled, or marketed.
- Resource Environmental Management sent notification that Berwick Borough intends to submit application to PADEP for Act 14

BILLS:

Approve the bills dated 12/19/2025 in the amount of \$731,321.97

Motion by Commissioner Kovach; seconded by Commissioner Brewer; all approved

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

AJOURN:

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Karschner seconded by Commissioner Kovach. The motion passes

Attest: _____
David J. Witchey