

December 20, 2018

The Columbia County Commissioners met on the above date at 2:00 PM 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, Treasurer Creveling, Register & Recorder Lupini, Prothonotary Silvetti, Marcie Strachko, Jean Lapinski, Matt Repasky, Jen Long, Phil Yoder, Eric Stahley, Brian Pufnak, and Jason Ramsey.

A motion was made by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach to approve the minutes of the last meeting.

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, Chief Clerk Witchey, Treasurer Creveling, Marcie Strachko, Rachael Swartwood, Jean Lapinski, Wade Mays, Jen Long, Phil Yoder, Matt Repasky, Brian Pufnak, Eric Stahley, Renae Newhart, Eric Miller, Mike Spagnuolo, and John Stryker. Eric Miller was asking the Commissioners to dismiss the interest and penalty that was assessed to the church for paying taxes late. Apparently there was some confusion from the church regarding the taxes which caused them to pay late. Since the confusion was from the taxpayer the Commissioners had to deny the appeal. Matt Repasky was there to discuss the moving of a polling location from Montour Fire Co. to the Bloomsburg Christian Church. Marcie reviewed all the personnel changes. Jean reviewed the current bills and available cash. Eric Stahley discussed appointing as Columbia County's representative to PEMA's Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance and also to Luzerne County's Flood Protection Authority. He also discussed the fact that the County's Act 44 and 89 had no reporting for 2016 and 2017, Eric will be working on completing this prior to the audit. Wade informed the Commissioners that DEP had scheduled a meeting at the County Farm to review the County's landfill. The agenda was then reviewed and the 10:00 work session was adjourned.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Prothonotary Clerk of Orphans Courts – November Report:

Total remitted to the County was \$15,823.60
Total business all sources was \$23,788.12

Prothonotary Clerk of Courts – November Report:

Total remitted to the County was \$36,872.81
Total business all sources was \$72,577.05

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Approve the 2019 Budget

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway all approved

B. Approve the 2019 Holiday Dates

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway all approved

C. Approve the signing of the Memorandum of Agreement with the East Central Regional Counter Terrorism Task Force and Private Industry Council of the Central Corridor

Motion by Young and seconded by Kovach all approved

D. Approve the re-budgeting of CDBG funds:

- Decreasing \$7,182.50 from the West Street Church Apartments Project
- Deleting \$1,357.00 from the Hemlock Twp Street Project
- Adding \$8,539.50 to the Benton Borough Park Lighting Project

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway all approved

E. Approve the use of Act 137 funds to repay \$9,750 that was deemed ineligible due to no contract being signed between the Greenwood Township and Minnick's Electric

Motion by Young and seconded by Kovach objection by Ridgway motion passes

F. Approve moving the Montour Fire Co polling location to the Bloomsburg Christian Church

Motion by Kovach to table meeting until the second Commissioners meeting in January seconded by Ridgway all approved

G. Approve the Columbia County becoming a Member of the Farm Bureau, yearly cost is \$75

Motion by Young and seconded by Kovach all approved

H. Approve the resolution that designates Eric Stahley as Columbia County's representative for Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance for PEMA

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach all approved

I. Approve the resolution that designates Eric Stahley as Columbia County's representative on the Luzerne County Flood Protection Authority

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway all approved

J. Approve the exoneration of the tax/cost/interest, campers were moved out of the campground with no permit

• Parcel 03-12-006-00,057	\$117.55
• Parcel 21-19-009-02,146	\$112.25
• Parcel 19-06-002-00,048	\$515.00
• Parcel 19-06-002-00,058	\$629.03
• Parcel 19-06-002-00,083	\$596.75
• Parcel 19-06-002-00,104	\$382.73
• Parcel 19-06-002-00,113	\$110.25
• Parcel 19-06-002-00,116	\$110.25
• Parcel 19-06-002-00,121	\$111.25

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach all approved

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

Stefon Brown, PT to FT Corrections Officer, Prison, Promotion, 12/30/18

Kim O'Brien, PT > 30, Prison, Promotion, 12/30/18

Samantha West, PT>30, Prison, Promotion, 12/23/18

Ismael Castillo, PT>30, Prison, Promotion, 12/23/18

Emily Mowery, PT, Prison, Hire, 12/29/18

Ryan Potopsky, PT, Prison, Hire, 12/29/18

Lauryn Dalrymple, PT, Prison, Hire, 12/29/18

Nathan Mott, PT, Prison, Hire, 12/29/18

Cody Fronk, PT Telecommunicator, ECEN, Hire, 1/7/19

George Nye, Deputy Warden, Prison, Hire, 1/7/19

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway all approved

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

Laura Eckenrode, Secretary, DM Bloom, Promotion to FT, 1/2/19

Motion by Young and seconded by Kovach all approved

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

Jace Parcell, FT CO, Prison, Resignation, 12/19/18

Eric Swab, Field Assessor II, Tax, Resignation, 12/28/18

Melanie Sankus, PT CO, Prison, Resignation, 12/22/18

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway all approved

CORRESPONDENCE:

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Human Services performed their Title-IV audit of the Columbia County Children & Youth Agency and informed the Commissioners that the three areas audited that C&Y had 100% compliance.

Slusser Law Firm notified the Commissioners that the Pamela Gladding Inc. is moving forward with its Dissolution of its business.

RK&K notified the Commissioners of the Beaver Township SR 339-015 Bridge Replacement Project over Beaver Run.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Warrant requests for December 14th for \$402,796.62

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach all approved

Warrant requests for December 14th for American Paper \$2,019.76

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

ADJOURN:

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