January 16, 2025

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 Brewer, Karschner, Kovach, Chief Clerk Witchey, Solicitor Marinos, Marcie Strachko, and Michelle Frye.

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 Karschner; all approved.

Commissioner Brewer then called for a report of the work session: The report is as follows, at 10:00 there was a work session held. In attendance were Commissioners Brewer, Karschner, Kovach, Solicitor McDonald, Betsy Rubio, Beth Burke, Bobby Christianson, Maleick Flemming, Shannon Rossman, Ian Davis, Chad Davis, Bob Stout, Otto Kurecian, Michelle Frye, Marcie Strachko, Dave Witchey, Treasurer Creveling, and MJ Mahon. Commissioner Brewer asked that Shannon start the meeting. She stated that she was there to conduct the 10 year solid waste plan to the public. Shannon whet over the Plan in detail stating that the plan is on Lycoming County's website. Then Columbia County Redevelopment Authority asked permission to apply for a HOME and CHDO grants. The HOME grant is to build two houses for AMI indiviudals and the CHDO for the Bloomsburg Heights Project which is being handled by CSG. Next on the agenda was Ian Davis's Eagle scout Project that will be a line disposal stations which will be located at the Briar Creek Lake Park. Bobby Christianson then provided a brief update on the sewer project in South Centre and he indicated that all the residents have been contacted to determine where the sewer hookups will be located within the community. After that brief discussion the rest of the agenda was reviewed and Marcie reviewed the hires/step increase and promotions for both the Commissioners and Elected Officials and Courts. Dave Witchey then reviewed bills and available cash. After which the work session was adjourned.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Register & Recorder – December Report:

Total remitted to the County was $25,119.68
Total business all sources was $742,325.19

Number of Deeds recorded for December was 127
Number of Mortgages recorded for December was 116

Sheriff Revenue – December Report

Interest:	$ 1,462.84
Civil	$ 3,424.00
Lic To Carry	$ 2,698.00
Lic to Sell Firearms	$ 57.00
Lic to Sell Precious Metals	$ 0.00
Personal Prop	$ 1,318.00
Real Estate	$ 2,918.50
Transports	$ 0.00
Warrant	$ 496.50
Total	$12,374.84

Treasurer – December Report:

County Commission $3,126.00

Sheriff Screener – December Report:

Courthouse:		
Visitors		5,928
Alarms		3,191
Weapons:	Guns	2
	Knives	20
	Misc	17

Annex:

Visitors		4,338
Alarms		2,463
Weapons:	Guns	0
	Knives	16
	Misc	15

Prothonotary:

Clerk of Orphans Courts – December Report:

Total remitted to the County was $21,560.19

Total business all sources was $28,688.56

Clerk of Courts – December Report:

Total remitted to the County was $29,522.60

Total business all sources was $67,014.37

Magistrates' Reports – December Report:

	Cases	Collected
Berwick	183	$5,827.54
Bloomsburg	279	$11,163.38
Catawissa	123	$5,768.81
Millville	170	$5,208.94

District Attorney Quarterly Report:

Accelerated Rehab Disp	34	Arraignment	70
Bail Modification	19	Bench Warrant	76
Extradition	6	Guilty Plea	60
Criminal Contempt	3	Jury Trial	1
Juvinile Hearing	38	Motion	27
Parole Revocation	38	Premlim Hearing	325
Pretrial Confrence	105	Search Warrant	7
Sentencing	95	Summary Appeal	35
Treament Court	10		

Call of the list Oct 3rd	Call of the List Dec 5th
760 Cases Active	778 Cases Active
371 Cases Bench Warrant	353 Cases Bench Warrant
1 Cases Bench Warrant Pending	3 Cases Bench Warrant Pending
231 Awaiting Sentencing	225 Awaiting Sentencing
1,363 Open Cases	1,359 Open Cases

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Conduct the Public Hearing for Columbia County's Solid Waste Plan

B. Approve the Columbia County Redevelopment Authority to apply for the both the Home and CHDO Grants

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Karschner; all approved

C. Approve recommending Larson Design to PennDot as Columbia County's Bridge Engineer

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Brewer; all approved

D. Approve Ian Davis's Eagle Scout Project at the Briar Creek Lake Park of a line disposal stations

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Karschner; all approved

E. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Montour Area Recreation Commission

Motion by Karschner and seconded by Kovach; all approved

F. Approve the use of Hotel Tax Funds to pay MARC for outstanding balance owed to them and for the continued maintenance of North Branch Canal Trail

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Brewer; all approved

G. Approve Children & Youth's advisory board members for 2025, they are as follows:
Faith Rierson
Ashley Mensch
Jami Marks
Kevin Lally
Tanya Gallagher
Audry Hess
Emily Corbin

Motion by Karschner and seconded by Kovach; all approved

H. Approve MCM Consulting Proposal for the North Central 911 System for 2025

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Brewer; all approved

I. Approve the Columbia County Emergency Operations Plan for 2025 & 2026 as required by their EMPG Grant

Motion by Karschner and seconded by Kovach; all approved

J. Approve the reappointment of John Barton and David Marsiglio to the Columbia County Water Mitigation Authority Board

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

- Parcel# 31-03-01200043 $90.66
- Parcel# 31-02-02800147 $240.57

Approve the exoneration of County cost & penalty due to the Clean &Green rollout tax bill was never sent out by the tax collector

- Parcel# 24-01-00100000 $35.00

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Karschner; all approved

L. APPROVE THE FOLLOWING HIRES/STEP INCREASES/PROMOTIONS:
- Brittany Gensel, Parent Educator FC, Promotion, 1/16/2025
- Corrinia Williams, Caseworker 1, CYS, Hire, 1/21/2025
- Anthony Dressler, Caseworker 1, CYS, Hire, 1/27/2025
- Liliana Valerio, FT CO, Jail, Hire, 1/19/2025
- Carmine Napoli, FT CO, Jail, Hire, 1/19/2025
- Keyonna Cuttino, FT CO, Jail, Hire, 1/19/2025
- Owen Rice, FT CO, Jail, Hire, 1/19/2025
- Kalista Wojciechowski, FT CO, Jail, Hire, 1/19/2025
- Tammy Rhodes, transfer from FT to PT, CEMT, Jail, 1/19/2025
- Gabriel Vandermark, FT CO, Jail, 2 year step, 1/26/2025
- Justice Potter, FT CO, Jail, 6 month step, 2/5/2025
- Kimberly O'Brien, FT CO, Jail, 4 year step, 2/8/2025
- Hayden Weaver, FT CO, Jail, 6 month step, 2/18/2025
- Jaznick Hoover, FT CO, Jail, 1 year step, 2/18/2025
- Seth Moyer, FT CO, Jail, 1 year step, 2/18/2025
- Kaiden Whitenight, FT CO, Jail, 4 year step, 2/21/2025
- Serena Adams, CCMA, Jail, Hire, 1/20/2025

Motion by Karschner and seconded by Kovach; all approved

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

- Jose Joga, Officer, AP, Step Increase, 1/1/2025
- Ben Burnett. Officer, AP, Step Increase, 1/1/2025
- Caitlin Letteer, Officer, AP, Step Increase, 1/1/2025
- Gary O'Neal, Officer, JP, Step Increase, 1/1/2025
- Kendyl Wright, Clerk, Treasurer, Hire, 1/17/2025

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Brewer; all approved

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

- Nolan Miller, FT CO, Jail, Resignation, 1/3/2025
- Trevor Mohr, FT CO, Jail, Termination, 1/10/2025
- Tammy Rhodes, Resigning FT transfer to PT, Jail, 1/17/2025
- Gavin Pardoe, FT CO, Jail, Resignation, 1/28/2025

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Brewer; all approved

CORRESPONDANCE:

- The Franklin Township Supervisors notified the Commissioners that J&D Campground Treatment Plant that they were intending to make application to DEP for their Renewal of Water Quality Management Permit for the discharge of water which meets Department Requirements.
- The Commissioners were notified that Scott Davies has provided written notice to DEP that he intends to make application for a Renewal of Water Quality Management Permit for discharge of water in a manner which meets the Departments requirements.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:
Approve the bills dated 1/3/2025 in the amount of $655,663.65.

Motion by Commissioner Kovach and seconded by Commissioner Karschner; all approved

- PUBLIC COMMENT:
  None

AJOURN:

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Kovach and seconded by Brewer. The motion passed.

Attest: _____
David J. Witchey, Chief Clerk