

January 19, 2012

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 and Kovach, Solicitor McDonald, David Witchey, Treasurer Turner, Prothonotary Kline and Register/Recorder Lupini.

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

A work session was held 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 and Kovach, Solicitor McDonald, David Witchey, Fred Gaffney, April Miller and Denise Labuda. Fred updated the Commissioners on the industrial park development in Scott Township. There was 90 days of bad weather so the completion date should be the end of May. He discussed the United Water issue and hope to turn over the water lines sometime in February. They are finalizing the land owner association. April and Denise discussed concerns on payments to their housing centers. The agenda was reviewed and the meeting adjourned.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Treasurer Turner: The Treasurer gave a report on totals collected for the year 2011
General Fund Receipts - \$28,267,051.48 General Fund Disbursements - \$26,807,751.69
Dog License Sales - \$59,027.35; Fishing Licenses - \$5,026.90; Hunting - \$89,202.70
Hotel Tax – 326,726.15

Prothonotary Kline: \$15,220.76 was collected in civil costs in December and \$28,519.62 in criminal

Register/Recorder Lupini: \$26,486.89 was collected commissions and fees in December
\$2,412.00 was collected in Recorder Improvement Funds in December
\$1,608.00 was collected in County Improvement Funds in December
\$8,828.91 was collected in Affordable Housing Fund in December

District Magistrates:	26-2-01	26-03-01	26-03-02	26-03-03
Paid to County	\$11,756.12	\$7,534.85	\$7,011.84	\$8,527.68
Paid to Sheriff	\$ 0.00	\$ 317.00	\$2,111.00	\$ 0.00
Cases YTD	6,179	3,324	4,051	5,030

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. APPROVE REAPPOINTMENT OF ROBERT GAGE TO THE COLUMBIA COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BOARD. Term to end December, 2016. This was the former Hospital Authority.
A motion was made by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway to approve. Motion unanimously passed.
- B. APPROVE THE DUI/DRUG COURT SUBGRANTEE AGREEMENT WITH MONTOUR COUNTY TO PROVIDE CLERICAL AND PROBATION SERVICES FOR \$9,000.
A motion was made by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway to approve. Motion unanimously passed.
- C. APPROVE THE UTILIZATION OF THE BLOOMSBURG FLOOD AUTHORITY LINE OF CREDIT FOR THE CORP'S NEW COST ESTIMATES AND H&H STUDIES WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT ANY FUNDS USED ARE CONSIDERED CREDIT TOWARDS MATCHES OF LATER FEDERAL FUNDS.
A motion was made by Kovach and seconded by Young to approve. Motion passed with Ridgway opposing.
- D. APPROVE THE FOLLOWING HIRES/STEP INCREASES/PROMOTIONS:

Heather Brennan, CYS Caseworker I, six-month step increase effective 1/11
Danielle Miller, CYS Caseworker II, six-month step increase effective 1/6
Heather Getkin, CYS Caseworker II, 2-year step increase effective 1/26
Doris Traulsen, CYS Clerk, 4-year step increase effective 1/2

A motion was made by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway to approve. Motion unanimously passed.

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

Valerie Mensch, Reg/Rec. Clerk, hire effective 1/30

Stephanie Kipp, DRO Intake Clerk, 2-year step increase effective 1/5

Lindsey Fish, DRO Intake Officer, 2-year step increase effective 1/5

Sharon Kressler, Treasurer Clerk, 4-year step increase effective 1/1

Laura Naus, Treasurer Deputy Chief Clerk, 4-year increase effective 1/1

A motion was made by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway to approve. Motion unanimously passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

DEP has approved the bonding level for Mid-Valley Coal Sales Inc. in Conyngham Township as adequate.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Warrant requests for 1/20 total \$136,188.49 with \$3,726.35 Liquid Fuels. There is \$1,470,693.87 worth of bills being held – most CYS waiting on State Reimbursements.

With no further business to discuss, the bills were approved and the meeting adjourned on a motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway. The motions passed except for Ridgway's abstention on American Paper and Supply bills.

Attest: _____
Gail S. Kipp, Chief Clerk