

February 1, 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, Marcie Strachko, Jean Lapinski, Wade Mays, Jessica Shoup, Jen Long, Peggy Seward and Mark Seward.

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

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, Solicitor McDonald, Chief Clerk Witchey, Marcie Strachko, Wade Mays, Tim Murphy, Bob Aungst, April Miller, Eric Stahley, Heather Alverz, Jeff Chaplin, Mary Wagner, Jean Lapinski, Treasurer Creveling, Register & Recorder Lupini, Jen Long, Jennifer Whisner, Sheri Schaich, Denise Clouser, and Sara Schrader. Heather Alverz discussed the grant that USGS had received from DCED for baseline water testing within Columbia County. She then turned it over to Jeff Chaplin and he presented the details of the project. In 2011 they started testing domestic supply wells in the Northeast Region of the state. He reviewed how they determine which wells they select and the process the homeowner will experience if they allow them to test their well. The results are provided to the homeowner and explains all potential issues with their well. The timeline for the project is that letters will go to prospective homeowners. Samples will be taken in 2019 and the results will be provided in early 2020. Wade discussed the roof project on the Annex building and we are going to have Carlisle Roof Representative meet with the Commissioners to determine what bid specifications they want for the roof. Marcie reviewed all the Hires/steps /promotions. Cindy discussed the ongoing issue with the one hotel owner that had estimated his hotel tax. Jean reviewed bills and available cash. Register & Recorder Lupini reviewed her yearly report and discussed a House Bill that would change the amounts the R&R office could charge to customers. Bob Aungst discussed a letter received from a Lori Swank regarding a road in Cleveland Township he will call and discuss the issue with her. Jen Long was there to discuss the certifications for both Peggy Seward and Jennifer Haney.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Register & Recorder – Yearly Report:

\$300,100.46 was collected in commissions and fees for 2017
\$21,960.00 was collected in Recorder Improvement Funds in 2017
\$14,640.00 was collected in County Improvement Funds in 2017
\$83,878.10 was collected in Affordable Housing Funds in 2017
\$17,456.87 was collected in Remote Access Fees in 2017

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Recognize Peggy Seward and Jennifer Haney both EOC Volunteers on acquiring their Basic Certification Certificates

B. Approve the resignation of Dale Hendricks from the LEPC board.

Motion by Young and seconded by Kovach all approved

C. Approve the resolution to approve the USGS Baseline Water Quality Data Program grant for up to \$250,000 for private water supplies

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Young all approved

D. Approve Resolution 02-2018 to name Richard Ridgway to SEDA-COG Metropolitan Planning Organization

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

E. Approve the resignation of Bill Yanchick from the CCIDA board effective 1-24-2018.

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach all approved

- F. Approve the appointment of Kelly McHenry and Brad Johnson to the Traveling Library Board of Directors

Motion by Young and seconded by Kovach all approved

- G. Approve the Bloomsburg Renaissance Jamboree use of the parking lots behind the Courthouse and Annex on April 28, 2018.

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway all approved

- H. Approve the Women's Center use of Courtroom #1 on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at 6:00 PM to host a mock rape trial. The Women's Center has already garnered the support of this event from Judge Norton, DA Leipold, and Sheriff Chamberlain.

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway all approved

- I. APPROVE THE FOLLOWING HIRES/STEP INCREASES/PROMOTIONS:

Kathleen Shadle, Caseworker 2, CYS, 6 month step, 1/5/18
Katelyn Matthews, Caseworker 2, CYS, Promotion, 1/23/18
Doris Traulsen, Clerk Typist, CYS, 10 yr Step, 1/2/18
Jared Rush, PT CO, Prison, Hire, 2/11/18
Sarah Freeman, PT CO, Prison, Hire, 2/11/18
Brandon Luzier, PT CO, Prison, Hire, 2/11/18
Kevin Wesolowski, PT CO, Prison, Hire, 2/11/18
Jeremiah Olivio, PT CO, Prison, Hire, 2/11/18
Sarah Getchey, PT CO, Prison, Hire, 2/11/18
Boyd Welch, Promotion from CPL to SGT, Prison, 2/11/18
Shawn McCabe, Promotion from CPL to SGT, Prison, 2/11/18

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway all approved

- J. APPROVE THE DATES OF THE FOLLOWING RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS/RETIREMENTS:
Peggy Strunk, Caseworker 2, CYS, Resignation, 2/2/18

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Young all approved

CORRESPONDENCE:

Columbia Property Managers notified the Commissioners that they are applying for a renewal of a NPDES Permit with DEP for Madison Estates.

HRG notified the Commissioners of permit coverage from Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for a water obstruction and encroachment permit for UGI Gas Main installation. The installation of a four (4)-inch HDPE gas main via trenchless method crossing Kinney Run to Susquehanna River along Walnut Street in the town of Bloomsburg.

Larson Design Group sent Act 14 Notification to the Commissioners regarding the Water Quality Management Permit at the Southern Area School Wastewater Treatment plant for improvements.

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection sent notification that UAE Coal Corp Associates was approved to conduct exploration activities limited to the plans given in the Coal Exploration Increment No 19881301-01EX.

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission notified the Commissioners that an application of SUEZ Water for approval to offer, render, furnish or supply water service to the public in an additional portion of Montour Township, Columbia County and in a portion of Cooper Township, Montour County.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Warrant requests for December 29th totaling \$1,267,260.85 with the exception of American Paper and Supply

Motion by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach all approved

Warrant requests to pay American Paper Supply \$2,026.88

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

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

Attest: _____
David J. Withey, Chief Clerk