

April 6, 2017

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, Kovach, Solicitor McDonald, Chief Clerk Witchey, Marcie Strachko, Jean Lapinski, Treasurer Creveling, and Jessica Shoup.

A motion was made by Young 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, Kovach, Solicitor McDonald, Chief Clerk Witchey, Jen Long, Bob Aungst, Marcie Strachko, Jean Lapinski, Cindy Creveling, Jessica Shoup, Tim Murphy, Eric Stahley, Oren Helbok, Rich Kisner and Lori Gordner. The work session began with Rich Kisner and Lori Gordner discussing the 5.4 acres that they acquired from Matt Zopetti and are requesting \$3.5 million grant from DCED for a 64 unit 1 to 2 bedrooms rental units that will consist of mixed income tenants. Oren then spoke about the results from Destination Blues, 90 musicians had 36 different performances at 18 different venues. Hotel rooms in the area were 17% more occupied than the prior year, and they had a 20% increase in people coming from different zip codes from the prior year. Oren also spoke about sponsors and that they need a large sponsor in the 10K to 20K range. Also informed the Commissioners that Destination Blues is just not a weekend event and then discussed the Blues In Schools the Listening Room and the Backstage Pass programs that they also run. Bob Aungst spoke having interns and that he would need to enter an agreement with BU. He also spoke about the Happy Valley Bridge and Cleveland Township calling about what is next. Bob then gave the Commissioners an update about the Penn Dot/Larson Design meeting discussing the Columbia County Bridges. Eric Stahley provided a quick update on the anticipated river crest which was to occur on Saturday and crest at 17.3 feet. Jean Lapinski reviewed the bills. The agenda was reviewed and meeting adjourned.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Register & Recorder – March Report:

\$25,619.66 was collected in commissions and fees for March
\$ 1,845.00 was collected in Recorder Improvement Funds in March
\$ 1,230.00 was collected in County Improvement Funds in March
\$ 6,518.53 was collected in Affordable Housing Funds in March
\$ 1,469.78 was collected in Remote Access Fees in March

Treasurer – March Report:

\$3,168.00 was collected in commissions and fees for March

Sheriff – March Report:

Courthouse:

Total Visitors: 7,718

Total Alarms: 4,641

Confiscated Weapons:

Knives 73

Scissors 0

Utility 10

Razor 2

Mace 14

Guns 17

Misc 4

Annex:

Total Visitors: 5,717

Total Alarms: 4,790

Confiscated Weapons:

Knives 94

Scissors 3

Utility 4

Razor 1

Mace 4

Guns 0

Misc 8

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Approve re-budgeting of \$6,900 of 2012 CDBG-DR from Benton borough/park street stream stabilization project to Hollow Road, Orangeville Borough, and Sugarloaf Township stream stabilization project. Funds are required due to the extra costs

Motion by Young seconded by Kovach motion approved

- B. Approve Doris Hines to serve as board member on the Columbia County Housing Authority

Motion by Young seconded by Kovach motion approved

- C. Approve to allow the Columbia County Housing Corporation application for and administer a CDBG-DR grant in the amount of 3.5 million dollars with Columbia County being the applicant

Motion by Kovach seconded by Young motion approved

- D. Approve the advertisement of the RFP for the Regional Emergency Services Internet Protocol-Based Network (ESInet) via fiber connectivity

Motion by Young seconded by Kovach motion approved

- E. Approval of the exoneration of taxes /interest/cost trailers moved/razed without permit

parcel #	11-06-006-03, 300	\$45.00
parcel #	11-06-006-03, 356	\$123.59
parcel #	12-03-009-07, 116	\$115.64
parcel #	17-13-001-00, 043	\$973.15
parcel #	12-03-009-07, 362	\$1,096.88
parcel #	12-03-009-07, 370	\$205.03

Motion by Kovach seconded by Young motion approved

- F. Approval of the exoneration of taxes /interest/cost

parcel#	27-05-008-03, 000	\$154.92
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Motion by Kovach seconded by Young motion approved

- G. Approve Ace Hardware a girls major division softball team use of the Briar Creek Lake Park top field Tuesday through Friday 6:00 to 7:30 starting immediately to June 30th

Motion by Young seconded by Kovach motion approved

- H. Approval of the exoneration of taxes /interest/cost trailer sold pursuant to act 156 – abandoned mobile home

parcel#	21-18-006-14, 064	\$79.20
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Motion by Young seconded by Kovach motion approved

- I. Approve the following hires/step increases/promotions:

Michael Powell, co, prison, promotion from PT co to FT co, 4/19/17

Kim Probst, Tele-communicator, 911, promotion to SR. Tele-communicator, 4/23/17

Andrew Hill, PT co <30, prison, 6 month step, 3/7/17

Gregory Kadesh, co, promotion, PT <30 to PT >30, 4/9/17

Motion by Young seconded by Kovach motion approved

- J. Approve the dates of the following elected officials/court employee hires/step increases/promotions:

Evelyn Moore, Clerk II, JP, hire, 4/10/17

Motion by Young seconded by Kovach motion approved

K. Approve the dates of the following resignations/terminations/retirements:

David Yeagley, SR. Tele-communicator, 911, resignation, 4/16/17

Andrea Galbraith, PT nurse, prison, resignation, 1/30/17

Joseph Devaney, PT deputy sheriff, sheriff, retirement, 3/21/17

Melanie Sankus, PT co, prison, termination, 3/20/17

Motion by Kovach seconded by Young motion approved

CORRESPONDENCE:

Bassett Engineering Inc. notified the Commissioners that South Centre Township is intending to update the Township's Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan to satisfy DEP's requirements.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Warrant requests for March 24th totaling \$363,462.79

Motion by Kovach seconded by Young motion approved

ADJOURN:

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

Attest: _____

David J. Withey, Chief Clerk