

May 7, 2026

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, Marcie Strachko, Michelle Frye, Ell Adams, Jeannie Lapinski, Treasurer Creveling, Andy Fox, and Mark Rusanowsky. Via Zoom: Denise LaBuda, Jeremy Brown, MJ Mahon, Angie Kemberling, Jessica Brittan, and Chris Anderson.

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 Kovach and seconded by Karschner; all approved

Commissioner Brewer then called for a report of the work session: In attendance was Commissioners Brewer, Karschner, Kovach, Marcie Strachko, Michelle Frye, Jeannie Lapinski, Treasurer Creveling, MJ Mahon David Witchey, Solicitor Marinos, Abby Frey and Gary Reinhimer. Via Zoom: Tim Murphy, Kirsti Kritzer, Jodi Cook, Thomas Frace, Jeremy Brown, Clint Sorber, Tom Lawson. The work session started with the Chairman asking Bob Stout from MARC to discuss the MOU with the Commissioners and how he is going to assist with the overuse of Hoffman Park and ways we can address the issue. The first item MARC addressed was that they cleaned up the invasive species so that the park is visible from all angles, after which he discussed ways to limit the amount of parking that is occurring on the adjacent homeowner's property. The time he went out to review how many cars were there he counted almost 100 vehicles at the park, and he feels that the park can only accommodate only 20 to 25 vehicles based upon its size otherwise it will infringe upon the adjacent property. To eliminate this issue he suggested using some kind of barrier either boulders or telephone poles to restrict parking. The Commissioners agreed and he will be making suggestions before the season begins. The Conservation district then discussed the proposed project on the County's Vera Richel property that has an easement. After discussing the proposed project with the individuals that review the easement the project will be allowed with the expected project start date to be 2028. After reviewing the agenda the Verdantas Representatives discussed the West End Floodwall and the engineering of that project. After which the remaining agenda items were reviewed and Marcie reviewed the personnel moves, and Jeannie providing updates on both available cash and bills. After which the work session was adjourned.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Sheriff Revenue – April Report

Interest:	\$ 4,699.06
Civil	\$ 3,778.00
Lic To Carry	\$ 3,648.00
Lic to Sell Firearms	\$ 0.00
Lic to Sell Precious Metals	\$ 0.00
Personal Prop	\$ 2,312.00
Real Estate	\$ 5,418.60
Transports	\$ 0.00
Warrant	\$ 1,355.00
Total	\$21,210.66

Register & Recorder – April Report:

Total remitted to the County was \$37,915.21
Total business all sources was \$1,529,217.59

Number of Deeds recorded for April was 147
Number of Mortgages recorded for April was 179

Treasurer – April Report:

County Commission \$1,181.00

Magistrates Reports – April Report:

	Cases	Collected
Berwick	267	\$ 6,359.14
Bloomsburg	465	\$10,537.66
Catawissa	446	\$12,164.67

Millville 542 \$ 6,947.74

Prothonotary:

Clerk of Orphans Courts – April Report:

Total remitted to the County was \$24,591.28

Total business all sources was \$27,602.48

Clerk of Courts – April Report:

Total remitted to the County was \$54,281.48

Total business all sources was \$94,036.33

Sheriff Screener – April Report:

Courthouse:

Visitors 6,375

Alarms 2,802

Weapons: Guns 5

 Knives 33

 Misc 14

Annex:

Visitors 5,873

Alarms 2,695

Weapons: Guns 5

 Knives 44

 Misc 47

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Proclamation for Community Action Month of May for Central Susquehanna Opportunities

B. Approve Hotel Tax to pay for the 2 different advertising for the America 250 Declaration of Independence in the amounts as follows \$1,398.38 and \$750.00

Motion by Karchner and seconded by Kovach; all approved

C. Approve a letter for the SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvement Grant

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Brewer; all approved

D. Approve the Conservation District's project at the Vera Richel property

Motion by Karchner and seconded by Kovach; all approved

E. Approve the recommendation of Verdantas as the engineer for the West End Flood Wall Project

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Brewer; all approved

F. Approve Bloomsburg American Legion Auxiliary use of the front of the Courthouse Plaza from 9AM to 2PM for National Poppy Day on May 22nd

Motion by Karchner and seconded by Kovach; all approved

G. Approve the parking agreement with Bloomsburg Schoolhouse for the continued use of the 17 parking spots leased by the County, fee is \$360.00 per spot/year

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Brewer; all approved

H. Approve the exoneration of tax/cost/interest for the following parcels:

Parcel # 15-02-008-00,025 \$7,541.67

Parcel # 31-02-028-00,193	\$24.34
Parcel # 15-02-008-00,025	\$1,244.77
Parcel # 15-02-008-00,025	\$176.93

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Brewer; all approved

I. APPROVE THE FOLLOWING HIRES, STEP INCREASES, and PROMOTIONS:

- Ethan Whitmire, Sgt, Jail, ten (10) year step, 5/15/26
- Tom Moyer, FT CO, Jail, ten (10) year step, 4/24/26
- Brenndan Weaver, FT CO, Jail, six (6) year step, 5/10/26
- Patrick Rooney, FT CO, Jail, four (4) year step, 4/17/26
- Elyse Goodbred, FT CO, Jail, two (2) year step, 4/15/26
- Todd Burke, PT CO, Jail, two (2) year step, 4/15/26
- Lexis Rhoads, Promotion to Caseworker II, CYS, 3/31/26
- Heidi Knorr, Transfer to Tax Clerk, Tax, 5/7/26
- Sidney Springer, EMS, Ops/Train/Risk Officer, Hire, 5/14/26

Motion by Karchner and seconded by Brewer; all approved

J. APPROVE THE DATES OF THE FOLLOWING ELECTED OFFICIALS and COURT EMPLOYEE HIRES, STEP INCREASES, and PROMOTIONS:

- None

K. APPROVE THE DATES OF THE FOLLOWING RESIGNATIONS, TERMINATIONS, AND RETIREMENTS:

- Lynn Reed, FT CO, Jail, Retirement, 6/5/26
- Michelle Frey, FT CO, Jail, Retirement, 6/5/26
- Emme McDonough, Clerk, Tax, Resignation, 5/7/26
- Stephanie Nearhoof, Medical Staff, Jail, Resignation, 5/9/26
- Kevin Pedersen, FT CO, Jail, Resignation, 4/23/26

Motion by Karchner and seconded by Kovach; all approved

L. Approve the annual Chamber of Commerce membership in the amount of \$315.00
CORRESPONDANCE:

- The Commissioners received notification from Post Consumer regarding the organization shutting down their wet food production at their plant located at 6670 Low Street in Bloomsburg Pa. They provided the list of the number of employees and their job titles that are going to be affected and the number of employees is over 100.
- SEDA-COG notified the Commissioners that the Town of Bloomsburg is announcing their 2026 CDBG program along with the Plan Preparation Schedule along with the amount that they are scheduled to receive which is \$205,662
- Penn Dot sent notification to the Commissioners that there will be a detour on State Route 1020 located in Fishing Creek Township starting on May 18th for a bridge rehabilitation project.
- HRG filed for a General Permit for a First Street Gas Main Replacement on behalf of UGI Utilities located in the Town of Bloomsburg between 1st Street and Ridge Street along with their intersecting roadways.
- The Department of Environmental Protection notified the Commissioners of Act 537 Sewage Planning in the Town of Bloomsburg. The request entails the construction of two separate 2-unit apartment buildings on tax parcel #05W06-03200.

BILLS:

- Approve the bills for 4/24/26 for \$1,037,017.48 and the approval of bills for 5-8 for \$1,127,013.73

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Brewer; all approved

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

AJOURN:

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

Attest: _____
Marcie Strachko