

May 21, 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, Solicitor McDonald, David Witchey, Marcie Strachko, Michelle Frye, Treasurer Creveling, and Sandra Hare. Via Zoom: Denise LaBuda, MJ Mahon, Ell Adams, and Don Coleman.

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 Brewer; all approved

Commissioner Brewer then called for a report of the work session: In attendance was Commissioners Brewer, Karschner, Kovach, Solicitor McDonald, David Witchey, Marcie Strachko, Michelle Frye, Treasurer Creveling, MJ Mahon, Laura Rompolski, and Thomas Derby III. Via Zoom: Tim Murphy, Kirsti Kritzer, Jeremy Brown, Denise LaBuda, Don Coleman, and Sheriff Chamberlain. The work session started with the Chairman asking Commissioner Kovach to give the Proclamation to the Representatives that came to accept it. After which the rest of the agenda was reviewed and Marcie reviewed the personnel moves, and then the Commissioners received updates on both available cash and bills. After which the work session as adjourned.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

District Attorney Report

Dec 4, 2025	Feb 5, 2026
725 Cases – Active	742 Cases - Active
392 Cases – Bench Warrant	383 Cases - Bench Warrant
251 Cases - Awaiting Sentencing	230 Cases – Awaiting Sentencing

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Proclamation for EMS Week for May 17th to May 23rd
- B. Proclamation for National Poppy Day which is May 22nd, 2026
- C. Approve the use of Hotel Tax Funds to be a Silver Sponsor for Catawissa America 250

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Brewer; all approved

- D. Approve the Geisinger Tax Assessment Appeals for the following tax parcels:

- Parcel# 25-02A-008-17,000 New Assessment \$834,795
- Parcel# 31-01-030-00,000 New Assessment \$263,995

Motion by Karchner and seconded by Brewer; all approved

- E. Approve the Resolution letter for Flood Mitigation Program Grant of \$500,000 with the Commonwealth Financing Authority for the West End Flood Wall Project

Motion by Karchner and seconded by Kovach; all approved

- F. Approve a letter of support to the Growing Greener Grant for the Columbia County Conservation District for the County Rishel Grove wetland restoration project

Motion by Brewer and seconded by Karschner; all approved

- G. Approve the Resolution for the Subdivision and Land Development Fee Schedule for the Planning

Motion by Brewer and seconded by Kovach; all approved

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

Parcel # 06-01-017-00,061	\$672.73
Parcel # 06-01-017-00,060	\$1,090.23
Parcel # 06-01-017-00,063	\$4,704.10
Parcel # 15-02-008-00,025	\$176.93

Motion by Karchner and seconded by Kovach; all approved

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

- Jennifer Maurer, CW I, CYS, Hire, 6/1/26
- Elizabeth John, CW I, CYS, Hire, 6/1/26
- Morgan Klose, Acct I, CYS, 4 year step, 5/31/26

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:

- Jill Remaley, Court Recorder, Courts, 2 year step, 5/28/26
- Trey Wallace, Probation Officer, AD, Hire, 6/1/26

Motion by Brewer and seconded by Karschner; all approved

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

- Brenndan Weaver, FT CO, Jail, Resignation, 5/23/26
- Gabe Klembara, CW I, CYS, Resignation, 5/21/26
- Montana Henrie, Secretary, DRO, Resignation, 5/15/26

Motion by Karchner and seconded by Kovach; all approved

CORRESPONDANCE:

- The Commissioners received notification from Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy that the Vera Grove Rishel easement was in compliance at the time of the monitoring and no violations were observed during the visit on 5-14-26.
- The PUC received an application from PPL to alter the subject public highway-rail crossing at Iron Street in the Town of Bloomsburg.
- Berkshire Hathaway notified the Commissioners if they were interested in solar development at their 61 County Home Road.

BILLS:

- Approve the bills for 5/1/26 to 5/22 totaling for \$6,545,042.59

Motion by Kovach and seconded by 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. Withey