

June 4, 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 Marinos, David Witchey, Michelle Frye, Deputy Treasurer Boston, Jean Lapinski, Don Coleman, and Steve Beattie. Via Zoom: Doyle Shadle, MJ Mahon, Kirsti Kritzer, Carly Scranton, and Stacey Knobel.

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, Solicitor Marinos, David Witchey, Michelle Frye, Deputy Treasurer Boston, MJ Mahon, Jo Conner, Lucas Fetterman, Jean Lapinski, and Beth Goldman. Via Zoom: Tim Murphy, Don Coleman, Tom Frace, Carly Scranton, Karla Alexander, Rachael Swartwood and Allen Mausteller. The work session started with Agape explaining their 2026/2027 budget and some of the changes they have made from the prior year. They eliminated the Meals on Wheels program due to the lack of clients responding or that they have become deceased. They are going to utilize the funding from that program and spread the funds across other programs that they are continuing for 2026/2027. The remaining agenda was reviewed along with all personnel moves, Jean then provided the Commissioners updates on both available cash and bills. After which the work session as adjourned.

#### DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

##### Sheriff Revenue – May Report

Interest:	\$ 1,002.87
Civil	\$ 4,629.00
Lic To Carry	\$ 2,831.00
Lic to Sell Firearms	\$ 0.00
Lic to Sell Precious Metals	\$ 0.00
Personal Prop	\$ 391.00
Real Estate	\$ 4,258.50
Transports	\$ 0.00
Warrant	\$ 1,799.00
Total	\$14,911.37

##### Register & Recorder – May Report:

Total remitted to the County was \$33,601.73  
Total business all sources was \$1,528,991.10

Number of Deeds recorded for May was 143  
Number of Mortgages recorded for May was 178

##### Treasurer – May Report:

County Commission \$1,800.00

OLD BUSINESS: None

#### NEW BUSINESS:

A. Approve Agape's Human Services grant expenditures for the 2026-27 proposed budget

Motion by Karchner and seconded by Kovach; all approved

B. Approve Revize website proposal for Columbia County's website to make it ADA compliant and then keep it the site updated for 5 years for the amount of \$20,800

Motion by Brewer and seconded by Kovach; all approved

C. Approve the Design change for the Courthouse Clock and access improvements in the amount of \$9,400

Motion by Brewer and seconded by Karschner; all approved

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

- Parcel# 05-03-155-00,000 \$614.25
- Parcel# 15-02-008-00,025 \$7,541.67

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Brewer; all approved

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

- Dawn Hess, Legal Secretary, PD, six (6) month step, 5/17/26
- Jessica Tineo, Admin Asst, PD, six (6) month step, 5/17/26

Motion by Brewer and seconded by Karschner; all approved

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

- Haley Plyler, Clerk, Victim Witness/DA, two (2) year step, 6/24/26

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Brewer; all approved

G. APPROVE THE DATES OF THE FOLLOWING RESIGNATIONS, TERMINATIONS, AND RETIREMENT

- Kayleigh Bellido, Probation Officer, JP, Resignation, 6/17/26

Motion by Karchner and seconded by Kovach; all approved

H. 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

CORRESPONDANCE:

- The Commissioners received notification of request for Water Obstruction Permit for the purpose Fish Habitat Enhancement Structures at the Briar Creek Lake Park.

BILLS:

- Approve the bills for 6/5/26 totaling for \$1,271,769.34

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Karschner; all approved

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Randy Karschner mentioned that June is Dairy Month and take time to thank a farmer
- Steve Beattie from the Joint Rail Authority came in and wanted to discuss the future plans for capital investments to the JRA he reviewed their plan and wanted to keep the Commissioners in the loop for these upcoming projects

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AJOURN:

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

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
David J. Witchey