

July 2, 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, Jean Lapinski, and Doyle Shadle. Via Zoom: Denise LaBuda and Kirsti Kritzer, and MJ Mahon.

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; abstain by Brewer, motion passes

Commissioner Brewer called for a report of the work session: In attendance was Commissioners Brewer, Karschner, Kovach, Solicitor McDonald, David Witchey, Marcie Strachko, Treasurer Creveling, Michelle Frye, MJ Mahon, and Jean Lapinski. Via Zoom: Tim Murphy, April Miller, Don Coleman, and Eric Boughner. The work session started with no discussion from the audience and immediately went to the agenda, which 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:

Register & Recorder – June Report:

Total remitted to the County was \$34,494.22

Total business all sources was \$1,439,261.22

Number of Deeds recorded for June was 175

Number of Mortgages recorded for June was 202

Treasurer – June Report:

County Commission \$2,415.00

Prothonotary:

Clerk of Orphans Courts – May Report:

Total remitted to the County was \$24,722.33

Total business all sources was \$32,806.72

Clerk of Courts – May Report:

Total remitted to the County was \$47,744.27

Total business all sources was \$81,538.36

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Proclamation for the amateur radio week

B. Approve terminating the lease agreement with the Children's Museum: lease was for 25-years and had a \$1.00 value due to the Commissioners as a condition for grant funds that were not utilized and then returned to the state by the museum

Motion by Brewer and seconded by Karschner; all approved

C. Approve the use of Opioid funds for the following:

- Columbia County Family Center \$75,000; Parenting and peer support services
- CMSU \$123,751.06; Warm hand off program

Motion by Karchner and seconded by Kovach; all approved

D. Approve the use of the county parking lot for the Bloom Early Music Workshop from 5pm Friday Sept 4th thru 2pm Sunday Sept 6th

Motion by Brewer and seconded by Kovach; all approved

- E. Approve Bell Tower invoice in the amount of \$15,200.00

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Karschner; all approved

- F. Approve the exoneration of tax/cost/interest for a lease hold trailer razed or moved with no permit:

- Parcel# 04A-01-065-00,025 \$2,868.99
- Parcel# 04D-02-055-00,042 \$ 363.23
- Parcel# 31-3C2-116-01,025 \$ 112.35

Motion by Karschner and seconded by Kovach; all approved

- G. APPROVE THE FOLLOWING HIRES, STEP INCREASES, and PROMOTIONS:

- Teresa Simon, Medical Staff, Jail, six (6) month step, 5/9/26
- Jenna Knorr, PT CO, Jail, six (6) month step, 7/5/26
- Andrew Wolfe, PT CO, Jail, six (6) month step, 7/5/26
- Darren Leffler, PT CO, Jail, six (6) month step, 7/5/26
- Brandy Walton, FT CO, Jail, ten (10) year step, 7/17/26
- Lilianna Valerio, FT CO, Jail six (6) month step, 7/18/26
- Tyrell Prutzman, FT CO, Jail, one (1) year step, 7/21/26
- Tyler Rice, FT CO, Jail, Jail, one (1) year step, 7/21/26
- Gavin Getz, FT CO, Jail, Jail, one (1) year step, 7/21/26
- April Marshall, FT CO, Jail, Jail, one (1) year step, 7/21/26
- Dominic Lytle, FT CO, Jail, Jail, one (1) year step, 7/21/26
- Gavin Doucette, Medical Staff, Jail, one (1) year step, 7/21/26
- Faye Creasy, FT CO, Jail, fifteen (15) year step, 8/7/26
- Janelle Ackerman, FT CO, Jail, fifteen (15) year step, 8/11/26
- Josef Venditti, FT CO, Jail, four (4) year step, 8/16/26
- Hayden Weaver, FT CO, Jail, two (2) year step, 8/18/26
- Samantha Bagon, Medical Staff, Jail, one (1) year step, 8/18/26
- Dillon Rankin, FT CO, Jail, Hire, 7/6/26
- Jacob Short, FT CO, Jail, Hire, 7/6/26
- Sean Bankes-Pineda, FT CO, Jail, Hire, 7/6/26
- Nathan Kuchka, FT CO, Jail, Hire, 7/6/26
- Nikolas Breisch, PT CO, Jail, Hire, 7/6/26
- Tori Honse, PT CO, Jail, Hire, 7/6/26
- Richard Eyer, Telecommunicator, ECEN, Hire, 7/19/26
- James Karhnak, PT Laborer, Parks, Hire, 7/7/26

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Brewer; all approved

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

- Kaitlyn Tryon, Secretary, DRO, Hire, 7/6/26

Motion by Brewer and seconded by Kovach; all approved

- I. APPROVE THE DATES OF THE FOLLOWING RESIGNATIONS, TERMINATIONS, AND RETIREMENT

- Carol Luschas, Clerk, Prothonotary, Resignation, 6/18/26
- Justice Potter, FT CO, Jail, Resignation, 7/11/26

Motion by Karchner and seconded by Brewer; all approved

CORRESPONDANCE:

- Lisa Dooley from the Town of Bloomsburg sent a thank you email to the Commissioners for their \$10,000 donation in support of the pickle ball courts

- The State notified the Commissioners that they are continuing their Black Fly suppression operation on June 30th on the North Branch Susquehanna River, Fishing Creek, and Tunkhannock Creek.
- DEP sent notification that Schell Building and Landscaping has sent a Bond Increment Approval on August 4, 2025 is in compliance and adequately represent the site operating conditions..

BILLS:

- Approve the bills for 7/3/26 totaling for \$1,022,519.91

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Karschner; all approved

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- None

AJOURN:

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

Attest: _____
David J. Witchey