July 17, 2025

There was a Commissioners meeting at 2:00 PM in the Commissioners Conference Room at 700 Sawmill Road, Small Conference Room for the regularly scheduled Commissioners meeting. In attendance were Commissioners Brewer, Karschner, Kovach, Solicitor Marinos, Marcie Strachko, Treasurer Creveling, David Witchey, Jean Lapinski and Michelle Frey. Via Zoom were Don Coleman, Doyle Shadle, Matt Repasky, and Jenn Long.

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 Karschner, seconded by Kovach; all approved.

Commissioner Brewer then called for a report of the work session: The work session report is as follows, at 10:00 AM there was a work session held. In attendance were Commissioners Brewer, Karschner, Kovach, Marcie Strachko, Solicitor Marinos, Treasurer Creveling, Betsy Rubio, Beth Burke, Michelle Frye, Otto Kurecian, Cindy Shultz, Isabella Bridy, Jared Whitford Jean Lapinski, Jen Long, and Paul Reichart. Via zoom were Don Coleman, Tom Frace, Steve Braud, April Miller, Doyle Shadle, Diane Cizewski, and Matt Repasky. Jen Long started the conversation discussing the role of the Columbia County EMA in regards to flooding, and that there are notifications through CodeRED, weather channel warnings, and local officials when there is a threat of flooding within the county. BTE then discussed the request of funds from Hotel Tax Funds for their 2025-2026 Event Series. Paul Reichart then discussed his request from the Tourism funds for the painting of the Train Station located in Orangeville. He highlighted all the progress they have made over the years plus the addition of the caboose. After reviewing the remaining agenda, and Marcie's review of the hires steps and increases, Jena then reviewed available cash and bills. After which the work session was adjourned.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Sheriff Screener – June Report:

Courthouse:

Visitors		6,353
Alarms		2,795
Weapons:	Guns	3
	Knives	25
	Misc	12

Annex:

Visitors		4,666
Alarms		1,744
Weapons:	Guns	1
	Knives	19
	Misc	7

Sheriff Revenue – June Report

Interest:	$ 1,875.29
Civil	$ 5,413.00
Lic To Carry	$ 2,014.00
Lic to Sell Firearms	$ 0.00
Lic to Sell Precious Metals	$ 0.00
Personal Prop	$ 932.08
Real Estate	$ 4,871.00
Transports	$ 0.00
Warrant	$ 1,635.18
Total	$16,740.55

Prothonotary:

Clerk of Orphans Courts – June Report:

Total remitted to the County was $22,600.25

Total business all sources was $27,839.15

Clerk of Courts – June Report:

Total remitted to the County was $41,585.00

Total business all sources was $81,598.62

District Attorney:

Active Cases	759
Bench Warrant	356
Bench Warrant Pending	0
Awaiting Sentencing	226
TOTAL	1,341

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Approve the use of $15,000 of Hotel Tax Funds to support BTE's 2025/2026 Event Series

Motion by Commissioner Karschner; seconded by Commissioner Brewer; Opposed by Kovach; motion passes

B. Discuss the use of $15,000 of Hotel Tax Funds to support the painting of the Historic Train Station located in Orangeville.

Motion by Commissioner Karschner; seconded by Commissioner Brewer; all approved

C. Approve Larson Design the County's Engineer to handle the road repair engineering and bidding process for the County's Dry Dam access road due to the flooding damage that occurred during July 14th storms.

Motion by Commissioner Brewer; seconded by Commissioner Kovach; all approved

D. Approve Larson Design to handle the bidding process for debris removal around and under the County Bridges due to the July 14th storms.

Motion by Commissioner Kovach; seconded by Commissioner Brewer; all approved

E. Approve the internal advertisement for the sale of the prison; 8 Sig Sauer P320 9MM which includes 3 magazines and 1 level 2 Blackhawk holster

Motion by Commissioner Karschner; seconded by Commissioner Brewer; all approved

F. Approve the use of the County Parking Lots from August 29th thru the 31st for the Bloom Early Music program at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church

Motion by Commissioner Brewer; seconded by Commissioner Kovach; all approved

G. Exoneration of tax, cost and interest for a lease hold mobile home or camper that moved or was razed without a permit
   - Parcel # 04C-05-139-00,025 299.66

Motion by Commissioner Karschner; seconded by Commissioner Kovach; all approved

H. APPROVE THE FOLLOWING HIRES, STEP INCREASES, and PROMOTIONS:
   - Michael Levan, Sergeant, Jail, 25 year step, 7/12/25
   - Jordyn Arnold, Caseworker II, CYS, six (6) month step, 6/11/25
   - Don Hilkert, Maintenance, two (2) year step, 7/24/25
   - Jadyn Snyder, Caseworker 1, CYS, hire, 9/2/25
   - Serena Adams, EMT, Jail, six (6) month step inc, 7/20/25
   - Domenic Garufi, FT CO, Jail, Hire, 7/21/25
   - Stephanie Nearhoof, EMT, Jail, Hire, 7/21/25
   - Gavin Doucette, EMT, Jail, Hire, 7/21/25
   - Rylee Sortman, PT CO, Jail, ReHire, 7/21/25
   - Tyler Rice, FT CO, Jail, Hire, 7/21/25
   - Terrell Prutzman, FT CO, Jail, Hire, 7/21/25

- April Marshall, FT CO, Jail, Hire, 7/21/25
- Dominic Lytle, FT CO, Jail, Hire, 7/21/25
- Gavin Getz, FT CO, Jail Hire, 7/21/25
- Christopher McGeehan, FT CO, Jail, Hire, 7/21/25
- Blake Delia, Sgt, Jail, four (4) year step inc, 7/4/25
- Blake Keefer, FT CO, Jail, four (4) year step inc, 7/4/25
- Joseph Myers, FT CO, Jail, four (4) year step inc, 7/4/25
- Carlos Speedwell, FT CO, Jail, four (4) year step inc, 7/4/25
- Carmine Napoli, FT CO, Jail, six (6) month step inc, 7/20/25
- Kalista Wojciechowski, FT CO, Jail, six (6) month step inc, 7/20/25

Motion by Commissioner Karschner; seconded by Commissioner Brewer; all approved

I. APPROVE THE DATES OF THE FOLLOWING ELECTED OFFICIALS and COURT EMPLOYEE HIRES, STEP INCREASES, and PROMOTIONS:
   - None

J. APPROVE THE DATES OF THE FOLLOWING RESIGNATIONS, TERMINATIONS, AND RETIREMENTS:
   - Xiomaris Fontanez, Corrections Officer, Jail, Resignation, 6/30/2025
   - Matthew Ohlandt, Corrections Officer, Jail, Resignation, 6/17/2025

Motion by Commissioner Kovach; seconded by Commissioner Brewer; all approved

CORRESPONDANCE:

- Design Group notified the Commissioners that they are anticipating closing multiple locations within and outside of the County affecting 380 individuals.
- Lanny Fetterman notified the Commissioners of an Act 14 project that is a small flow treatment facility in Roaring Creek Township, in Columbia County.

BILLS:

Approve the bills dated 7/19/2025 in the amount of $1,072,493.16 except a reimbursement to Doug Brewer

Motion by Commissioner Kovach; seconded by Commissioner Brewer; all approved

Approve the reimbursement to Doug Brewer in the amount of $60.00.

Motion by Commissioner Karschner; seconded by Commissioner Kovach; abstain by Brewer; motion passes

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

AJOURN:

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

Attest: _____
David J. Witchey