

September 3, 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 (via zoom), Solicitor McDonald, David Witchey, Eric Boughner, Jean Lapinski, Marcie Strachko, Deputy Treasurer Boston, MJ Mahon, Angie Kemberling, Leigh Ann Hoffman Hunter, Bill Albertson, Bill Lutz, Mary Sult, Brian Brodt, and Cindy Rider. Via Zoom: Kirsti Kritzer, Jeremy Reese, and Justin Hummel.

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 and seconded by Kovach; all approved

Commissioner Brewer called for a report of the work session: In attendance was Commissioners Brewer, Karschner, Kovach (via teleconference), Solicitor McDonald, David Witchey, Marcie Strachko, Eric Boughner, MJ Mahon, Jean Lapinski, Deputy Treasurer Boston, Shila Ulrich, Zack Zook, Nelle Stinson, Betsy Rubio, Beth Burke, Matt Repasky, Doyle Shadle, and Rich Kisner. Via Zoom: Denise LaBuda, Kirsti Kritzer, Don Coleman, Jodi Cook, Shelly Crawford, Stacey Knoebel, and Tim Murphy. The work session started with the Proclamation for Hunger Action Month and the Central PA Food Bank, Shila one representative from the organization spoke about the program and their relationships with the farms that provide the food. Betsy and Beth then spoke about their items that were on the agenda which were the grants being sought and for the reallocation of Act 137 funds. With the latter requiring a motion to add the item to the agenda required a motion, the motion was made by Commissioner Brewer seconded by Commissioner Karschner; all approved. Matthew then provided a brief update for the upcoming election. He stated that there are 3029 mail in ballots currently requested and there are no contested items for the ballot which will mean the ballots should be complete by either the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> week of September. Once logic and accuracy is complete, the ballots can be mailed out. The remaining part of the 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 – August Report

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| Interest:                   | \$ 1,317.49 |
| Civil                       | \$ 4,106.00 |
| Lic To Carry                | \$ 2,793.00 |
| Lic to Sell Firearms        | \$ 57.00    |
| Lic to Sell Precious Metals | \$ 50.00    |
| Personal Prop               | \$ 1,249.00 |
| Real Estate                 | \$10,257.48 |
| Transports                  | \$ 0.00     |
| Warrant                     | \$ 1,400.50 |
| Total                       | \$21,230.47 |

Register & Recorder – August Report:

Total remitted to the County was \$31,390.19  
Total business all sources was \$1,158,184.57

Number of Deeds recorded for July was 163  
Number of Mortgages recorded for July was 158

Treasurer – August Report:

County Commission \$2,176.00

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Proclamation for Hunger Action Month

B. Approve the recommendation for award for the Columbia County Flood Project appraisal review services to Appraisal Review Services for \$2,600 per report

Motion by Karschner and seconded by Kovach; all approved

C. Approve the professional services agreement with Appraisal Review Services

Motion by Brewer and seconded by Karschner; all approved

D. Approve the Geisinger Health Plan Renewal for 2027 which is a 4.4% increase from 2026

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Brewer; all approved

E. Approve the Planned Service Agreement with Johnson Controls for the Prison's Fire Alarm Service Agreement which includes the inspection and maintenance /repair of the system for \$49,780 per year from 12/1/26 thru 11/30/29

Motion by Brewer and seconded by Karschner; all approved

F. Approve the professional services payment to SEDA-COG that date from 10-20-2025 to 8-24-2026 in the amount of \$20,000

Motion by Karschner and seconded by Kovach; all approved

G. Approve the Columbia County Redevelopment Authority submission for grants as follows: \$750,000 owner occupied; \$422,269 for CHODO; \$2,092,760 New Construction; \$430244 LaSalle Rental Project

Motion by Karschner and seconded by Kovach; all approved

H. Approve the reallocation of Act 137 funds for the Columbia County Redevelopment Authority as follows:

- From: \$100,056 from Briar Creek Apartments
- To: \$50,056 Duplex Project on LaSalle
- To: \$50,000 Ironwood 8 unit Duplex

Motion by Karschner and seconded by Kovach; all approved

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

- Lauren Lenoci, Certified Telecommunicator, ECEN, four (4) year step, 9/1/26
- Seth Moyer, IT Support Specialist, IT six (6) month step, 8/17/26
- Jacob Schreck, Promotion to Maint Tech 11, Maintenance, 9/8/26
- Tim Lutz, Maint Tech, Maintenance, two (2) year step, 9/2/26
- Alyssa Farver, promoted to FT Med Staff, Jail, 9/27/26
- Bonnie Kerstetter, Clerk, CYS, six (6) month step, 8/9/26

Motion by Brewer and seconded by Karschner; all approved

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

- James Dodge, Deputy, Sheriff, Promotion for Certification, 8/24/26

Motion by Karschner and seconded by Brewer; all approved

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

- Jessica Tloczynski, Parent Educator, Family Center, Resignation, 9/17/26
- Kimberly O'Brien, FT CO, Jail, Resignation, 9/15/26

Motion by Brewer and seconded by Karschner; all approved

CORRESPONDANCE:

- Kawneer notified the Commissioners that they are submitting to PADEP Environmental Protection's Air Quality to request the sources limitation be raised to 4.3 tons of volatile organic compounds emitted in 12 months.
- Montour Township submitted application to renew its existing NPDES Permit for the Montour Township Wastewater Treatment Facility.
- Entech Engineering informed the Commissioners that Wise Foods Inc is upgrading their wastewater treatment plant that requires the facility to provide notice.
- Rettew provided notification to the Commissioners that the Bloomsburg Municipal Airport is proposing to construct a new airplane hangar and taxiway.
- PRO Realty Services contacted the Commissioners about the Vera Grove Property the County owns that has that they would like to purchase, due to the property being in a conservancy the County cannot sell.
- The PAPUC notified the Commissioners that PPL Utilities is submitting application for approval to alter crossing in South Centre Township Columbia County
- Cedar Run Environmental Services Inc notified the Commissioners that a resident is going to install a stream crossing along Green Creek Road in Greenwood Township
- The Commissioners notification of a water obstruction permit at Lake Glory Campground Streambank Stabilization

BILLS:

- Approve the bills for 8/28/26 totaling for \$720,720.12

Motion by Karschner and seconded by Kovach; all approved

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Leigh Ann Hoffman Hunter, Bill Albertson, Bill Lutz, Mary Sult, Brian Broadt and Cindy Rider were at the Commissioners meeting and then spoke about their concerns and the issues that they have about Hoffman Park. They wanted to know what solutions have the Commissioners come up with to remedy the situation. The Commissioners stated that they are not willing to spend large amounts of County Funds to police the park and that if closing the park on the weekends is the fix the County will sell the property. The conversation covered many suggestions with the Town of Bloomsburg's Mayor Hummel eventually joining the conversation also. In the end there was no closing of the park for the weekend and that discussions would continue to try to resolve the continuing problems at the park.

AJOURN:

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

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
David J. Withey