September 4, 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, Solicitor Marinos, Marcie Strachko, Treasurer Creveling, David Witchey, Jeannie Lapinski, Kurt Brungard, and Michelle Frey. Via Zoom were Don Coleman, Jenn Long, MJ Mahon, and Jeremy Brown.

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, David Witchey, Treasurer Creveling, Michelle Frye, MJ Mahon, Chris Anderson, and Kurt Brungard. Via zoom was Tom Frace, Denise LaBuda, Don Coleman, Jeremy Brown April Miller, and Kelly Obrien. Chairman Brewer asked Kurt Brungard the County Bridge Engineer to start the meeting. He provided an update regarding the easement needed for bridge 57. The Solicitor will be contacting the owner of the property to determine what the next step is so that the project can move forward. After he spoke the rest of the agenda was reviewed, Marcie reviewed the hires steps and increases, then Jean reviewed available cash and bills was also reviewed. After which the work session was adjourned.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Sheriff Revenue –August Report

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| Interest: | $ 1,763.56 |
| Civil | $ 3,351.00 |
| Lic To Carry | $ 2,793.00 |
| Lic to Sell Firearms | $ 114.00 |
| Lic to Sell Precious Metals | $ 50.00 |
| Personal Prop | $ 960.00 |
| Real Estate | $ 5,442.29 |
| Transports | $ 0.00 |
| Warrant | $ 1,200.75 |
| Total | $15,560.60 |

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 151
Number of Mortgages recorded for July was 143

Treasurer – July Report:

County Commission $2,132.00

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Approve the opening of the prison concrete bids for the county

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

B. Approve Hepco Construction Inc. lowest bid of $129,990.00 pending review of the County's engineer and solicitor

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

C. Approve the SEIU Prison contract for 2026-2028

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

D. Approve the Teamsters Professional contract for 2026-2028

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

E. Approve the Columbia County Conservation District use of Briar Creek Lake Park on Wednesday September 10th, 2025 for their 8th annual Water Education Day.

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

F. Approve the extension agreement for Ester Furnace Covered Bridge

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

G. Approve sending a letter to the Governor's office regarding the budget impasse

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

H. APPROVE THE FOLLOWING HIRES, STEP INCREASES, and PROMOTIONS:
- Jacob Schreck, Maintenance Technician, Maintenance, Hire, 9/8/25
- Liliana Valerio, PT CO, Jail, six (6) month step, 7/20/25
- Kalista Wojciechowski, FT CO, Jail, six (6) month step, 7/20/25
- Carmine Napoli, FT CO, Jail, six (6) month step, 7/20/25
- Justice Potter, FT CO, Jail one (1) year step increase, 8/5/25
- Tayler Kile, FT CO, Jail, six (6) month step increase, 8/17/25
- Kaitlin Mathias, FT CO, Jail, six (6) month step increase, 8/17/25
- Joseph Miller, FT CO, Jail, six (6) month step increase, 8/17/25
- Hayden Weaver, FT CO, Jail, one (1) year step increase, 8/18/25
- Lisa Collett, FT LPN, Jail, six (6) year step increase, 9/8/25
- Lukas Reynolds, Certified Telecommunicator, ECEN, Promotion, 8/10/25
- Amanda Bogert, Certified Telecommunicator, ECEN, two (2) year step increase, 9/1/25

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:
- Alysa Young, Admin Asst, Public Defender, Termination, 8/29/25

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

CORRESPONDANCE:
- Design Group sent 4 notifications regarding their bankruptcy
- Received Rite Aid bankruptcy notification
- Received Lion Ribbon bankruptcy notification

BILLS:

Approve the bills dated 9/5/2025 in the amount of $951,581.08

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

AJOURN:

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

Attest: _____
David J. Witchey