

September 19, 2024

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, Treasurer Creveling, Prothonotary Stroup, Michelle Frye, Marcie Strachko, Jean Lapinski, Dave Witchey, and Josh Nespoli. Via zoom were the following individuals Kelly O’Brien, Phil Yoder, MJ Mahon, Jennifer Long, Don Coleman, Jodi Cook, and Chris Anderson.

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 Commissioner Kovach, seconded by Commissioner Karschner; all approved; motion passes.

Commissioner Brewer then called for a report of the work session: There was a 10:00 work session held. In attendance were Commissioners Brewer, Karschner and Kovach, Solicitor Marinos, Jeannie Lapinski, Michelle Frye, Treasurer Creveling, MJ Mahon, Bobby Christenson, Marcie Strachko, and Ethan Howard. Via zoom, Denise LaBuda, Geralee Zeigler, Don Coleman, Jodi Cook, Matt Repasky, Phil Yoder, Jennifer Long, Alex Karpinski, and Tim Murphy. Commissioner Brewer called the meeting to order and asked the Ethan Howard from Penn State to start the meeting, Ethan then provided an update of what is currently going on at Penn State and the programs they run. Including 4-H, Master Gardners, Animal Systems and Agronomy. Bob Christianson then provided a brief update of the water project indicating it will be completed in the next two to three weeks. Matthew Repasky added that the use of Babst Calland be added to the agenda due to a new lawsuit just filed.

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

There was a second item to be added which was for CSG asking the Commissioners to approve them to seek a new HUD grant for housing.

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

Geralee Zeigler then asked due to Eric Stahley’s departure to have Chris Anderson to the FEMA Pre-Disaster Program, which is item D. on the agenda. No one else had anything for the agenda so the remaining agenda was reviewed, Marcie then reviewed the hires steps and promotions for both the Commissioners and Elected Officials, then reviewed the resignation, retirements and terminations. Jean then reviewed available cash and bills after which the work session was adjourned.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Sheriff Screener – August Report

Courthouse:		
Visitors		7,189
Alarms		4,287
Weapons:	Guns	6
	Knives	32
	Misc	17
Annex:		
Visitors		5,226
Alarms		2,073
Weapons:	Guns	1
	Knives	22
	Misc	20

Prothonotary:

Clerk of Orphans Courts – August Report:	
Total remitted to the County was	\$19,593.53
Total business all sources was	\$27,530.28
Clerk of Courts – July Report:	
Total remitted to the County was	\$39,245.35
Total business all sources was	\$93,697.78273

Magistrates' Reports – July

	Cases	Collected
Berwick	273	\$6,692.66
Bloomsburg	408	\$8,636.70
Catawissa	243	\$5,548.65
Millville	264	\$6,000.71

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Proclamation for Dillion Floral celebrating 150 Years of being in business

B. Approve pursuing a study for the jointure of the East Central Emergency Network 911 Center with Northumberland County

Kovach made a motion, Karschner seconded; all approved

C. Approve the Resolution 3-2024 for the appointment of David Witchey to the SEDA-COG Metropolitan Planning Organization to serve until term ending December 31, 2025

Karschner made a motion, Kovach seconded; all approved

D. Approve the Resolution 4-2024 for the appointment of Christopher Anderson to the FEMA Pre-Disaster Program

Brewer made a motion to approve; Kovach seconded; all approved.

E. Approve the Hazardous Material Response Fund Grant Agreement between the County and PEMA for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 in the amount of \$4,759.00

Kovach made a motion, Brewer seconded; all approved

F. Approve the Radiological Emergency Response Fund Grant Agreement between the County and PEMA for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 in the amount of \$24,265.00

Karschner made a motion, Kovach seconded; all approved

G. Approve contracting with Babst Callahan regarding the latest lawsuit which is an Application for the Exercise of King's Bench Power, the matter is regarding the dates on the mail in ballots

Kovach made a motion, Brewer seconded; all approved

H. Approve CSG to pursue the grant for HUD pathways to remove obstacles for housing

Kovach made a motion, Brewer seconded; all approved

I. Approve the exoneration of tax/cost/interest for a lease hold mobile home that was moved or razed with no permit.

- Parcel 04A-03-115-00,042 \$691.72

Karschner made a motion, Kovach seconded; all approved

J. APPROVE THE FOLLOWING HIRES/STEP INCREASES/PROMOTIONS:

- Mike Vezendy, Prison, PT CO, 09/23/2024
- Rebecca Cosper, Caseworker I, CYS, Hire, 9/23/2024
- Megan Woolcook, CW II, CYS, 4 year step inc, 08/125/2024

Kovach made a motion, Brewer seconded; all approved

K. APPROVE THE DATES OF THE FOLLOWING ELECTED OFFICIALS/COURT
EMPLOYEE/ HIRES/STEP INCREASES/PROMOTIONS:

- David James, Asst PT DA, DA, Hire, 09/28/2024
- Skylar Truchon, AP Officer, AP, 2 yr step, 08/15/2024
- Morgan Rupp, Clerk, Prothonotary, 6 month step inc, 10/1/2024

Karschner made a motion, Kovach seconded; all approved

L. APPROVE THE DATES OF THE FOLLOWING
RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS/RETIREMENTS:

- Alex Karpinski, ECEN/9-1-1, Deputy Director, Resignation, 10/04/2024
- Mike Vezendy, Prison, FT CO, Retirement, 09/21/2024
- Isaac Anderson, Prison, FT CO, Resignation, 09/11/2024
- Nicholas Allison, Prison, FT CO, Resignation, 09/29/2024
- Megan McNeill, CWI, CYS, Resignation, 10/11/2024

Kovach made a motion, Brewer seconded; all approved

CORRESPONDANCE:
None

APPROVAL OF BILLS:
Approve the bills dated 8/30/2024 in the amount of \$513,630.13.

Motion by Commissioner Karschner and seconded by Commissioner Kovach; 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; motion passes.

Attest: _____
Marcie Strachko