

October 3, 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 McDonald, Treasurer Creveling, Michelle Frye, Marcie Strachko, Jean Lapinski, Dave Witchey, Don Coleman, and Mary Lutz, and Glenn Moyer. Via zoom were the following individuals Rachael Swartwood, Denise LaBuda, MJ Mahon, Jennifer Long, Octavia Geiger, Jeremy Brown, Alex Karpinski, 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 Karschner, seconded by Commissioner Kovach, all approved; motion passes.

Commissioner Brewer then called for a report of the work session: The report is as follows, at 10:00 there was a work session held. In attendance were Commissioners Brewer, Karschner and Kovach, Solicitor McDonald, Jeannie Lapinski, Michelle Frye, Treasurer Creveling, MJ Mahon, Betsy Rubio, Beth Burke, Marcie Strachko, Warden Ney, Jill Carlson, and Bobby Christiansen. Via zoom, Don Coleman, Jodi Cook, Jennifer Long, Rachael Swartwood, Tim Murphy, Wade Mays, Jeremy Brown, and Chris Anderson. Commissioner Brewer called the meeting to order and asked the Redevelopment Authority to start the meeting by discussing their agenda item B. Betsy explained that they are seeking to expand services to both the Berwick and Bloomsburg properties for the CDBG-DR program. Bob Christianson then provided a brief update on the water project indicating that it is almost completed, and that the sewer is continued to be worked on. Repasky added that the use of Babst Calland be added to the agenda due to a new lawsuit just filed. The rest of the agenda was reviewed and Marcie reviewed the hires/step increase and promotions for both the Commissioners and elected officials and courts. Jeannie then reviewed bills and available cash. After which the Jill Carlson wanted to understand items regarding the elections. I then reviewed the election security protocols, machines not hooked to the internet, our ballots are coded so they only work on our readers, equipment is password protected, both parties are represented at the polling location, and numerous other items are in place to insure a safe and secure election. After the discussion the work session was adjourned.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Register & Recorder – September Report:

Total remitted to the County was \$25,697.70  
Total business all sources was \$789,191.40

Number of Deeds recorded for September was 130  
Number of Mortgages recorded for September was 123

Sheriff Revenue – September Report

Interest:	\$1,230.78
Civil	\$2,594.00
Lic To Carry	\$2,736.00
Lic to Sell Firearms	\$ 57.00
Lic to Sell Precious Metals	\$ 0.00
Personal Prop	\$ 632.00
Real Estate	\$1,838.06
Transports	\$ 0.00
Warrant	\$1,589.75
Total	\$16,800.51

Treasurer – September Report:

County Commission \$1,553.00

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Approve the Proclamation by the Governor for Juvenile Justice Week for October 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup>

- B. Approve the request for a change of scope for the CDBG-DR program, scope of change will include the Town of Bloomsburg and Berwick Borough

Commissioner Kovach made a motion, Commissioner Brewer seconded; all approved

- C. Approve the new agreement with Union County regarding the housing of their inmates at a rate of \$75 per day

Commissioner Karschner made a motion, Commissioner Kovach seconded; all approved

- D. Approve the Consent Order and Agreement – Resolution 5-2024 which is between Columbia County and the Department of Environmental Protection for the Regional Municipal Waste Plan

Commissioner Kovach made a motion, Commissioner Brewer seconded; all approved

- E. Approve the exoneration of tax/cost/interest for a lease hold mobile home that was sold or razed pursuant to Act156 – Abandoned Mobile Home.

- Parcel 31-02-028-00,147 \$2,072.92

Commissioner Kovach made a motion, Commissioner Karschner seconded; all approved

- F. APPROVE THE FOLLOWING HIRES/STEP INCREASES/PROMOTIONS:

- Kelsey Allbeck, Tax Clerk, Tax, 6 month step inc, 9/25/24
- Kelsey Allbeck. Assessment Coordinator, 9N, Tax, Promotion, 10/1/24
- Christopher Anderson, Dep Dir/Resilency, EMA, Promotion, 9/9/24
- Jill Schoepflin, Admin Asst, Family Center, Re-hire, per diem, 10/2/24

Commissioner Kovach made a motion, Commissioner Brewer seconded; all approved

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

- Michelle Sweitzer, Secretary, Adult Prob, 2 yr step inc, 10/10/2024

Commissioner Kovach made a motion, Commissioner Karschner seconded; all approved

- H. APPROVE THE DATES OF THE FOLLOWING RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS/RETIREMENTS:

- Brent Harner, Prison, FT CO, Resignation, 10/10/2024

Commissioner Karschner made a motion, Commissioner Kovach seconded; all approved

CORRESPONDANCE:

- The Department of Transportation notified the Commissioners that a pipe replacement will be occurring on Green Creek Road in Orange Township, beginning October 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Robert Klinger notified the Commissioners of his request for Water Obstruction Permit to construct two agricultural crossings for cattle from one pasture to another

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Approve the bills dated 9/28/2024 in the amount of \$207,716.92.

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 Kovach seconded by Commissioner Brewer; motion passes.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Marcie Strachko