November 7, 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, Michelle Frye, Marcie Strachko, Jean Lapinski, Dave Witchey, Treasurer Creveling, and Eric Swab. Via zoom were the following individuals MJ Mahon, Jennifer Long, Denise Labuda, Jeremy Reese, 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 Commissioner Kovach, seconded by Commissioner Karschner, 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, Kovach, Solicitor McDonald, Michelle Frye, Marcie Strachko, Jean Lapinski, Dave Witchey, register & Recorder Lupini, Treasurer Creveling, Brian Morris and Betsy Rubio. Commissioner Brewer called the meeting to order and asked Brian Morris who is the Director of the American Legion Riders and coordinates Wreaths Across America for the Legion. Brain reviewed the history of the program and also gave an update on this year's timing and amount of wreaths they lay in Columbia County at Elan Cemetery and in Mifflinville and Millville. The Chairman then called for the Redevelopment Authority to provide an update of their agenda item which is a budget modification to the 2021 CDBG program which now will include providing Scott Township $43,542.37 for automatic doors which will make their facility ADA compliant. After this 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 work session was adjourned.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Register & Recorder – October Report:

Total remitted to the County was $26,585.28
Total business all sources was $797,155.36

Number of Deeds recorded for October was 131
Number of Mortgages recorded for October was 156

Sheriff Revenue – October Report

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| Interest: | $ 975.93 |
| Civil | $ 3,850.00 |
| Lic To Carry | $ 2,679.00 |
| Lic to Sell Firearms | $ 57.00 |
| Lic to Sell Precious Metals | $ 50.00 |
| Personal Prop | $ 617.00 |
| Real Estate | $ 277.05 |
| Transports | $ 0.00 |
| Warrant | $ 3,251.80 |
| Total | $11,757.78 |

Treasurer – October Report:

County Commission $1,340.00

District Attorney 3rd Quarter Report:

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| Active Cases | 805 |
| Bench Warrant | 308 |
| Bench Warrant Pending | 31 |
| Awaiting Sentencing | 213 |
| TOTAL OPEN CASES | 1,357 |

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Approve a County Wide Burn Ban

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

B. Approve the Budget Modification for CDBG 2021, adding Scott Township to the program year in the amount of $43,542.37

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

C. Approve DEP to perform for the 2025 Black Fly Suppression for $31,000 a $1,000 increase from 2024

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

D. Approve the letter of support for Community Strategies Group application to DCED for a $1,000,000 grant for the Coblentz Corner Project

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

E. Approve the following reappointments to the CMSU Behavioral Health Advisory Board:
- Barbara Warunek
- Chris Keller
- Louise Grove
- Leo Sokoloski

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

F. Approve Emily Corbin to the CYS Advisory Board

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

G. Approve the 2025 Holiday Calendar

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

H. Approve the 2025 Budgetary and Payroll Calendar

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

I. Approve the denial of appeal for Montour Township building at 195 Rupert Drive

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

J. APPROVE THE FOLLOWING HIRES/STEP INCREASES/PROMOTIONS:
- Alexis Pyzia, CW1, CYS, Hire, 11/12/2024
- Angel Figueroa- Vazquez, SGT, Prison, Promotion, 11/10/2024
- Nolan Coombe, FT CO, Prison, Promotion, 11/10/2024
- Justin Mease, FT CO, Prison, Promotion, 11/10/2024
- Alexander Smith, Cert Tele, ECEN/911, Step Increase, 10/20/2024

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

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

None

L. APPROVE THE DATES OF THE FOLLOWING RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS/RETIREMENTS:
- Kiera Woodruff, Adv. EMT, Prison, Resignation, 11/08/2024

- Justin Meaders, Sgt., Prison, Prison, Resignation, 10/18/2024

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

CORRESPONDANCE:

- DCNR sent notification that they are announcing that they are prohibiting campfires on state park and forest lands.
- Scott Township is having a public hearing on November 12th regarding conditional use application of Solar Renewable Energy Development LLC
- John Brown sent notification to the Commissioners that he is applying for a water obstruction permit. This is for an installation of a culvert pipe across an unnamed tributary of West hemlock Creek.
- Larson Design Group notified the Commissioners that Catawissa Borough is performing a Blower Replacement Project.
- Mining Environmental Engineers notified the Commissioners Burnrite Coal Company that they have applied to PA DEP BMR for a completion report.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Approve the bills dated 11/8/2024 in the amount of $591,634.90

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 Karschner; motion passes.

Attest: _____
Marcie Strachko