

December 16, 2010

The Columbia County Commissioners met on the above date at 2:00 PM in the Commissioners' Conference Room at the First Street Annex for the transaction of routine business. In attendance were Commissioners Young, Soberick and Kovach, Chief Clerk Kipp, Solicitor McDonald, Treasurer Turner, David Witchey, Harry Martenas, students Jane Bichart and Marlee Drumheller of Danville School, and Michael Lester of the Press-Enterprise.

A motion was made by Soberick and seconded by Kovach to approve the minutes of the last meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

There was a work session held at 10:00 AM in the Commissioners' Conference Room at the First Street Annex for the transaction of routine business. In attendance were Commissioners Young, Soberick and Kovach, Chief Clerk Kipp, Solicitor McDonald, David Witchey, Maryruth Wagner, Scott Shearer of PFM, Maryellen Kohler, Ray Lowry and David Payne from PNC and Jim Hollister of BU. Scott presented a refinancing analysis for the 2006 bond issue. Currently the net savings is only \$43,000. PNC and PFM recommend refinancing only when minimally 2% of the issue is realized net which would be \$75,000. Scott presented a schedule to initiate the work needed to get prepared for when the market does improve and shelf ready for market. Ray Lowry indicated that Columbia County is in good financial shape with low debt liability. Maryruth came in to assist the County with the PEDDA grant that was obtained for the solar farm. Penn Wind has indicated that PPL will not allow them to use our meter for the project due to the low usage. The County is looking for other viable uses for those funds. The Commissioners questioned if it could be used for helping Sugarloaf Township with their embankment problem. Mary was going to contact PEDDA and get the relevant information so that the Commissioners can make an informed decision. After a review of the remainder of the agenda, the meeting was adjourned.

#### DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Treasurer Turner: General Fund Checking - \$100,617.73      General Fund Plgit - \$372,330.74  
General Fund Plgit Plus - \$2,192,738.81      \$3,113,669.32 disbursed in November

Screening Center: 8,129 individuals entered the courthouse in November with 56% setting the alarm off whereby 124 weapons temporarily confiscated. 66 deliveries were logged in November.

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS: A Proclamation was given to Joe, Paul and Tony Dalo for operating Dalo's Bakery for 100 years.

A. APPROVE THE 2011 BUDGET - There was minor changes made that did not change the bottom line of a \$20,355,610 which will use \$148,148 of surplus to balance the budget.

A motion was made by Soberick and seconded by Kovach to approve. Motion unanimously passed.

B. APPROVE A 2011 TRAN – Three proposals were received: First Columbia Bank at 1.20%, PNC Bank at 2.25% with a \$750 originating fee and FNB Bank at 3.29%. A motion was made by Soberick and seconded by Kovach to approve. Young abstained so motion carried with two votes.

C. APPROVE ADVERTISING THE 2011 REORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS- The first meeting in January will be on January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10 AM

A motion was made by Kovach and seconded by Soberick to approve advertising all meetings for 2011. The motion was unanimously passed.

D. APPROVE FOLLOWING EXONERATIONS:

Parcel #04B-04-032-00,000 – Sheriff Sales and only school interest

Parcel #07,09-072-00,161 – \$2,353.48 in 2001-2009 taxes/int/fees – trailer

A motion was made by Kovach and seconded by Soberick to approve. Motion unanimously passed.

E. DISCUSSION OF ORDINANCE FOR BLOOMSBURG AREA JOINT FLOOD AUTHORITY – document does not tie fund usage to federal dollars. Soberick motioned to table until support documents are drafted on the usage with Kovach seconding. Motion unanimously passed.

F. APPROVE THE SEDA-COG RPO REPRESENTATIVE – TERM TO 12/31/2013.

A motion was made by Kovach and seconded by Soberick to appoint Gail S. Kipp as Columbia County's representative. The motion was unanimously passed.

G. APPROVE POSTING FOR SALE FOUR VEHICLES – ALL WITH HIGH MILEAGE AND NEED OF REPAIRS

A motion was made by Kovach and seconded by Soberick to approve. Motion unanimously passed.

H. APPROVE BRIDGE ENCUMBRANCES – no need for encumbrances as expected balance of un-encumbered funds (\$317,898) does not exceed revenues (1,954,887) received for 2010.

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

Colby Slonaker, PT CO, hire effective 12/19/10

Robert Heckrote, PT CO, hire effective 12/19/10

Kristi Hanson, PT Medical Assistant, hire effective 12/17/10

Heather Andrews, CYS Caseworker II to Casework Supervisor, effective 12/20/10

Natalie Patterson, CYS Caseworker II, 6-month step increase effective 12/29/10

Louise Roberts, CYS Caseworker II, 6-month step increase effective 12/29/10

Louis Trapane, HS Van Driver, 2-year step increase effective November 6, 2010

Matthew Rogers, Land Use Planner, 2-year step increase effective December 21, 2010

A motion was made by Kovach and seconded by Soberick to approve. Motion unanimously passed.

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

Shelly Frost, DJBloom Secretary, resignation effective January 7, 2011

Timothy Bodman, PT CO, resignation effective December 10, 2010

Philip Rice, PT CO, resignation effective January 3, 2010

A motion was made by Soberick and seconded by Kovach to approve. Motion unanimously passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Rieter Automotive is applying to DEP for a permit to allow two #4 fuel oil boilers to be converted to burn natural gas as well as the #4 fuel oil. No air emission increase is expected.

DEP is renewing the permit for Gowen Coal Operation in Beaver Township with a bond review for 2009.

White Pines is applying for a DEP permit to increase the daily incoming drill cutting acceptance by 300 tons to meet the growing disposal needs for drill cutting waste.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Warrant requests for December 10<sup>th</sup> total \$97,958.09 with \$54.34 for Liquid Fuels

With no further business to discuss, the bills were approved and the meeting adjourned on a motion by Soberick and seconded by Kovach. The motion was unanimously passed.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gail S. Kipp, Chief Clerk