

December 21, 2017

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, Ridgway, Kovach (telephone), Solicitor McDonald, Chief Clerk Witchey, Treasurer Creveling, Register & Recorder Lupini, Prothonotary Silveti, Jean Lapinski, and Marcie Strachko.

A motion was made by Ridgway and seconded by Kovach to approve the minutes of the last meeting.

There was a work session 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, Ridgway, Kovach (telephone) Solicitor McDonald, Chief Clerk Witchey, Treasurer Creveling, Jean Lapinski, Fred Hunsinger, Tim Murphy, Marcie Strachko, Bob Aungst, April Miller, Anita Rose, and Jennifer Wakeman. Jennifer was in attendance to discuss the Commissioners approval of the updated Articles of Agreement for Drive. Bob Aungst discussed Bridge #79 and its current condition and the anticipated cost to repair the bridge and the monthly inspections cost if the Commissioners were to keep the bridge open. He also discussed the notification regarding the Commissioners 2018 liquid fuels grant. April Miller was in attendance for the appointment of Anita Rose to the C&Y Advisory Board and her personnel actions on the agenda. Jean informed the Commissioners that the 2017 TRAN was paid off and to provide a review of the 2018 budget which included a .75 mill tax increase, she also reviewed the current bills and available cash. David Good said he would provide an update in January to see the where Columbia County ranks in regards its tax rate in comparison to other class six counties. Marcie reviewed the remaining personnel actions. Wade provided an update of start dates for two projects with the first being the update of the prison fire alarm and the second being the installation of the water control valve in the Main Street Annex. Fred informed the Commissioners the new fiber line was run into the 911 center and that the project is slated to be completed by March of 2018. Tim Murphy provided an update to the Commissioners regarding Montour County's use of GIS services and that GIS will be primarily used for 911 support only.

#### DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Prothonotary Clerk of Orphans Courts – November Report:

Total remitted to the County was \$15,487.93

Total business all sources was \$24,072.83

Prothonotary Clerk of Courts – November Report:

Total remitted to the County was \$28,907.06

Total business all sources was \$71,285.58

#### OLD BUSINESS:

None

#### NEW BUSINESS:

A. Approve #79 Bridge closure on December 27<sup>th</sup> pending notification of all interested parties

Motion by Ridgway seconded by Kovach all approved

B. Approve the Articles of Agreement between the Columbia and Montour Counties for Drive

Motion by Kovach seconded by Young all approved

C. Approve the 2018 Budget

Motion by Kovach seconded by Ridgway all approved

D. Approval to explore the use of Hotel Tax funds to replace the existing billboard at Sawmill Road with an electronic billboard.

Motion by Ridgway seconded by Kovach all approved

E. Approve Bert Leiby as a Columbia County Traveling Library Board Member

Motion by Young seconded by Kovach all approved

F. Approve the advertising of the 2018 Commissioners Meeting Schedule

Motion by Ridgway seconded by Kovach all approved

G. Approve Appointment of Anita Rose, who is replacing Lisa Foster, to the Columbia County Children & Youth Advisory Board.

Motion by Young seconded by Kovach all approved

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

Peggy Strunk, Caseworker 2, CYS, 6 month step increase, 11/28/17  
Kerri Shaylor, Caseworker 2, CYS, 4 year step increase, 12/16/17  
Amy Diehl, Caseworker 2, CYS, 6 month step increase, 8/28/17  
Eric Pangelinan, Promotion to Apprentice Trades, Maintenance, 1/1/18  
Dorothea Schaeffer, Caseworker 2, CYS, Hire, 1/8/18  
Autumn Sikora, Caseworker 2, CYS, Hire, 1/8/18  
Eric Swab, Field Assessor II, Tax, 6 month step, 1/3/18

Motion by Kovach seconded by Ridgway all approved

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

Rosalie Antonello, Chief Deputy, Civil, 4 yr step, 1/13/18

Motion by Young seconded by Kovach all approved

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

Klapp, Brandon, PT CO, Prison, Resignation, 12/12/17  
Kadash, Gregory, PT CO, Prison, Resignation, 12/14/17

Motion by Ridgway seconded by Kovach all approved

CORRESPONDENCE:

Williams Co notified the Commissioners that Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Co, LLC has published a public notice regarding the submission of a Title V application to PA DEP. This allows for the construction and temporary operation of two natural gas fired turbines and a natural gas fired emergency generator.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Warrant requests for December 22<sup>nd</sup> totaling \$523,284.26

Motion by Ridgway seconded by Kovach all approved

ADJOURN:

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Kovach and seconded by Ridgway. Motion passed.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
David J. Withey, Chief Clerk