

October 1, 2026

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, David Witchey, Marcie Strachko, Eric Swab, and Michelle Frye. Via Zoom: Don Coleman, Ell Adams, MJ Mahon, and G. Maler.

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 Kovach and seconded by Karschner; all approved

Commissioner Brewer called for a report of the work session: In attendance was Commissioners Brewer, Karschner, Kovach, Solicitor McDonald, David Witchey, Marcie Strachko, and Michelle Frye. Via Zoom: Kirsti Kritzer, and Don Coleman. The work session started with no public comment or discussion regarding any items on the agenda so the agenda was reviewed along with all personnel moves; after which the work session as adjourned.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Approve the use of Hotel Tax Funds to advertise for the November 14th rededication of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument

Motion by Brewer and seconded by Kovach; all approved

- B. Approve the lease extension between the County and Sorber Development, LLC for the Catawissa Magistrate Office located at 400 Fisher Avenue, Catawissa, PA for \$2,912.00

Motion by Karschner and seconded by Kovach; all approved

- C. Approve the 2027 Holiday Schedule

Motion by Brewer and seconded by Kovach; all approved

- D. APPROVE THE FOLLOWING HIRES, STEP INCREASES, and PROMOTIONS:

- Kerry Shaylor, CYS Supervisor, CYS, seven (7) year step, 9/16/26
- Ashley Pelton, Case Aide, CYS, six (6) month step, 9/23/26
- Richard Eyer Jr, Telecommunicator, ECEN, Promotion to two (2) year, 9/27/26

Motion by Karschner and seconded by Kovach; all approved

- E. APPROVE THE DATES OF THE FOLLOWING ELECTED OFFICIALS and COURT EMPLOYEE HIRES, STEP INCREASES, and PROMOTIONS:

- Terri Lawton, Secretary, AP, six (6) month step, 10/20/26
- Michelle Sweitzer, Secretary, AP, four (4) year step, 10/10/26

Motion by Kovach and seconded by Brewer; all approved

- F. APPROVE THE DATES OF THE FOLLOWING RESIGNATIONS, TERMINATIONS, AND RETIREMENT

- Juwan Petties-Jackson, FT CO, Jail, Resignation, 9/18/26
- Dominic Lytle, FT CO, Jail, Resignation, 9/16/26
- Blake Delia, Sergeant, Jail, Resignation, 9/26/26
- Daren Leffler, FT CO, Jail Resignation, 9/29/26
- Rachel Ray, Medical Staff, Jail, Resignation, 10/16/26

CORRESPONDANCE:

- Barry Isett & Associates sent notification to the Commissioners regarding a water Obstruction Permit that was submitted by the Berwick Borough regarding the Test Track Park swale Reconstruction Project that is to improve drainage and continuous grade and positive flow to the Susquehanna River.
- RT Environmental Services Inc sent notification to regarding a general permit for Tristate Corporate Recycling LLC located at 201 South Chestnut Street in Berwick
- Springbrook Family Campground submitted a NPDES Permit Reissue for a minor sewage facility located at Route 42 South in Catawissa
- DEP Sent notification that Keystone Anthracite Co application for permit to allow construction has been approved for a 5 year period
- Mid-Penn Engineering sent notification that a new water Supply Permit has been submitted to add 4-LOG disinfection to a well with an exceedance in E.Coli at 1832 PA 487 Orangeville Pa
- Benton Foundry submitted notice of their intent to submit a WMGR019 (beneficial reuse of Foundry sand) at 5297 State Route 487 Benton Pa.
- Peters Consultants notified the Commissioners that The Berwick Area Joint Sewer Authority is applying for WQM permit amendment for equipment modification to decommission a centrifuge unit and install a new BDP belt filter press system.
- Woodland Design Associates submitted on behalf of PPL Electirc Utilities Corporation a NPDES Permit for stormwater associated with contruction in Montour, Columbia and Luzerne Counties a line rebuild project
- Post Brands notified the Commissioner of their continued reduction at their plant of 2 employees.

BILLS:

- None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- None

AJOURN:

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned with a motion by Kovach and seconded by Karschner.

Attest: _____
David J. Witchey