

October 15, 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, Solicitor McDonald, David Witchey, Marcie Strachko, Treasurer Creveling, and Michelle Frye. Via Zoom: Don Coleman, 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 Brewer and seconded by Karschner; all approved

Commissioner Brewer called for a report of the work session: In attendance was Commissioners Brewer, Karschner, Solicitor McDonald, David Witchey, Marcie Strachko, Betsy Rubio, Beth Burke, JD Stanley, Don Coleman, Treasurer Creveling and Michelle Frye. Via Zoom: Kirsti Kritzer, Tom Frace, MJ Mahon, Jeremy Brown, Tim Murphy and Denise Labuda. The work session started with Betsy and Beth asking that their application for 2026 CDBG for \$252,335 be added to the agenda for removal of barriers (Town of Bloomsburg), Blight, and Fix the doors at Catawissa Firehouse.

There was a motion by Commissioner Brewer and seconded by Karschner to add the application to the 2PM agenda. All approved.

The Solicitor then asked to add the resolution to the agenda for the Children’s Museum for their LSA Grant that the Commissioners will be the applicant.

There was a motion by Commissioner Karschner and seconded by Brewer to add the resolution to the 2PM agenda. All approved.

Don Coleman and JD Stanley spoke about the Columbia County SWAT teams request for an annual \$5,000 from the County for operational expenses

The remaining part of the agenda was reviewed along with all the =personnel moves for the Commissioners, Courts and Elected officials; Jean then provided the Commissioners updates on both available cash and bills. After which the work session as adjourned.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Sheriff Revenue – September Report		
Interest:		\$ 3,722.02
Civil		\$ 3,664.00
Lic To Carry		\$ 3,876.00
Lic to Sell Firearms		\$ 57.00
Lic to Sell Precious Metals		\$ 0.00
Personal Prop		\$ 527.00
Real Estate		\$ 4,614.80
Transports		\$ 0.00
Warrant		\$ 1,667.25
Total		\$18,128.07

Register & Recorder – September Report:		
Total remitted to the County was \$31,081.83		
Total business all sources was \$910,138.60		
Number of Deeds recorded for September was 157		
Number of Mortgages recorded for December was 168		

Treasurer – September Report:		
County Commission		\$3,211.00

Magistrates Reports – September Report:		
	Cases	Collected
Berwick	189	\$6,616.48

Bloomsburg	300	\$10,081.77
Catawissa	203	\$7,325.72
Millville	199	\$6,737.94

Prothonotary:
 Clerk of Orphans Courts – August Report:
 Total remitted to the County was \$21,658.21
 Total business all sources was \$40,719.26

Clerk of Courts – August Report:
 Total remitted to the County was \$41,629.54
 Total business all sources was \$81,684.64

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Sheriff Screener – September Report:
 Courthouse:
 Visitors 5,872
 Alarms 3,065
 Weapons: Guns 1
 Knives 26
 Misc 16

 Annex:
 Visitors 4,355
 Alarms 2,289
 Weapons: Guns 1
 Knives 23
 Misc 6

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Approve the Columbia County Redevelopment Authority application for the 2026 CDBG Funds for the following projects:
 - Town of Bloomsburg removal of barriers at Town Hall
 - Blight
 - Catawissa Fire House to repair doors

Motion by Karschner and seconded by Brewer; all approved

- B. Approve the Resolution 10-2026 for the Children’s Museum letter of support for their state grant application for LSA

Motion by Brewer and seconded by Karschner; all approved

- C. Discussion with JD Stanley & Don Coleman regarding the Columbia County SWAT Team

- D. Approve the 2027 payroll dates

Motion by Brewer and seconded by Karschner; all approved

- E. Approve the 2027 budgetary dates

Motion by Brewer and seconded by Karschner; all approved

F. APPROVE THE FOLLOWING HIRES, STEP INCREASES, and PROMOTIONS:

- Lauryn Higgins, HR Asst, Jail, two (2) year step, 4/18/25
- Susan Farr, PT Medical, Jail, four (4) year step, 9/21/26
- Stephen Kirwin, CO, Jail, transfer, 10/11/26
- Austin McCormick, CO, Jail, six (6) year step, 10/25/26
- Evan Pinchak, CO, Jail, six (6) year step, 10/25/26
- Teresa Simon, Medical, Jail one (1) year step, 11/9/26
- James Dent, CO, Jail, eight (8) year step, 11/11/26
- Ryan Gajkowski, CO, Jail, ten (10) year step, 11/13/26
- Lottie Neiswender, Lead Medical, Jail, four (4) year step, 11/30/26
- Payton Aucker, CO, Jail, eight (8) year step, 12/2/26
- Matthew Horrax, CO, Jail, four (4) year step, 12/4/26
- Kristyn Stump, CO, Jail, eight (8) year step, 12/9/26
- Joselyn Matias-Sepulveda, CO, Jail, two (2) year step, 12/9/26
- Maverick Ferrara, CO, Jail, two (2) year step, 12/9/26

Motion by Karschner and seconded by Brewer; all approved

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

- Jonathan Broadt, Deputy, Sheriff, 4 year step, 4/13/26

Motion by Brewer and seconded by Karschner; all approved

H. APPROVE THE DATES OF THE FOLLOWING RESIGNATIONS, TERMINATIONS, AND RETIREMENT:

- None

CORRESPONDANCE:

- The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation notified the Commissioners that a Water Utility Project on Millville Road in Mount Pleasant was going to start on October 15th.
- The PAPUC notified the Commissioner that an application of Verizon Pennsylvania LLC was seeking approval to later the public crossing by replacement of the telephone pole where Catherine Street crosses SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority.
- Post Brands notified the Commissioner of their continued employee reduction at their plant of 28 employees.

BILLS:

- Approve the bills for 10/9/26 for \$517,043.81

Motion by Brewer and seconded by Karschner; all approved

- Approve the bills for 09/25/26 for \$957,843.13

Motion by Brewer and seconded by Karschner; all approved

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- None

AJOURN:

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

Attest: _____
David J. Witchey