**Excerpts from Minutes of County Commissioners starting 1850** 

James Hughes of Bethel Twp Henry Sipes of Licking Creek Twp Frederick Dubbs of DublinTwp being the Commissioners.

William B. Sipes Clerk at salary of \$100.00 per annual

William P. Schell Attorney retained for \$50.00 annual

It seems they met more then 1 day, weather permitting

28 Nov 1852 ordered 14 tin plated stoves for Ct. House & Jail from North, Harrison & Chase of Philadelphia, Pa.

discussion regards ordering bell & clock, & I'm not sure this is the original "bell" more regards this later. Amos C. Fields was Commissioner 1879 -1881 – His obituary states the present bell in the cupola in the Ct. House was purchased & bears the names of the 3 Commissioners at the time, Further checking the "bell" was purchased from Neely & Kimberley of Troy, N.Y. in 1879

discussion establishing a meridian line for Surveyors which line was used from 1852 until 1916 to check Surveyors instrument for accuracy. Source: Surveyors Book located in Ct. House.

Further checking that true Meridian line was from a point in the middle window in the North end of the Ct. House to a post enclosing the Jail yard.

Mr. Reed to furnish chairs for Ct. House & I'm assuming by Census Records this to be John P. Reed of Dublin Twp.

Bk 1 pg 9-28 Collections of tax from various Townships

Note: names amounts & where the tax went, County, State, Milita & Watches & what the Watches meant I don't know.

17 Jun 1853 Draft for removing stones & clay between Ct. House & Jail

Coat of paint on large jail door & fix South Jail door

Mr. Stoner to fix floor above clock to shield clock from storm or weather, to use zinc metal.

Make check to Daniel Trostle for \$25.00 for lighting rods on Ct. House

Mr. Fite took oath of office on 26 Oct 1853

28 Oct 1853 James Cooper 10 cord of good hickory wood cost \$30.00

26 Nov 1853 cleaning of Jail & wood for Jail

3 Jan 1854 William McNulty appointed Clerk \$100.00 year & to wind the clock

12 Jan 1854 Jail in bad order & 1 lock out of order, S. Michaels to fix & by Census

Records this should be Samuel Michaels resident of McConnellsburg.

Jacob McDonald appointed as merchantile appraiser

26 Oct 1854 William McNulty appointed Clerk for 1 Year at \$112.00 per year

12 Jan 1855 David Linn to build maple benches for Ct. House hall price \$20.00,

13 of them, 1 of them 18 ft. -4 of them 13 ft. 4 of them 9 ft. 2 of them 10 ft. & 2 of them

6 ft. with backs. David Linn appears as resident of Ayr Twp. in 1870

12 Jun 1855 Ct. House to be rented out no less then \$3.00

26 May 1855 discussion regards laying pavement in front of Jail

Venetian blinds for Court Room & to put in all glass that is out & the shutters on.

Having curbing between Ct. House & Jail.

- 10 Aug 1855 grate of metal in front wall on the pavement.
- 10 Aug 1855 6 pair of window shutters for Ct. House upstairs on the West side.
- 25 Oct 1855 Fence around the Ct. House & between the Ct. House & Jail, similar to one around the Lutheran Church, \$3.62 each panel of 11 Ft., fence to be painted white & tops green with 3 coats of paint.
- 25 Oct 1855 consideration of a stable for use of County, Mr. Madden, cost of \$150.00 to be paid in 3 installments, 1 up front 1 when roof is on & final one when completed.
- 9 Jun 1856 proposal given Jacob Stoner of \$99.25 for fixing cupola in Ct. House using zinc or tin, which ever is more durable.
- 4 Jan 1858 Mr. Sipes appointed Auditor for 3 years.

William McNulty appointed Clerk for 1 year at \$100.00

William S. Everett Attorney at \$35.00 per year.

- 12 Feb 1858 Shade trees for public buildings, 14 silver maple by J.F. Bower, cost \$12.00
- 13 Feb 1858 boxes made to go around shade trees in front of Ct. House, along with good dirt, manure & clay.
- 15 Jun 1858 no longer need services of Attorney William S. Everett, as he is out of County & could not attend to business when needed.
- 8 Aug 1858 Ash house to be built. Assuming to store ashes from all stoves in Ct. Hse & Jail perhaps to be used in bad weather on ice & snow.

Fix big door in jail.

3 Jan 1859 appoint new Treasurer, Jeremiah W. Porter, salary \$190.00 per year.

Shows up as resident of McConnellsburg in 1860 Census Records

- 12 Jan 1859 George Whetstone to wind the Ct. House clock \$12.00 per year. Shows as resident of McConnellsburg 1860 Census Records
- 10 Jan 1861 George Whetstone to wind Ct. House clock \$12.00 per year.
- 6 Dec 1861 Bartemus Smith appointed Merchantile Appraiser. Resident of Belfast Twp. 1860
- 9 Jan 1862 Lock on Commissioners office & vault get new locks & 1 in place of Jury wheel.
- 15 Jan 1863 George Whetstone to continue to wind Ct. House clock.
- 15 Jan 1863 Contract with S. J. Work for quit rent on Ct. House lots for \$35.00, this is Samuel J. Work a Merchant of McConnellsburg
- 20 Oct 1863 George Snider 3 cords good hickory wood.

From the Fulton Republican 10 Aug 1865 edition: Without An Occupant, The jail of this county, lately occupied by the military forces of the United States, is now without human occupancy. Neither the Sheriff nor his Deputy reside therein, and no prisoner gazes through its barred windows on light and liberty beyond. Surely our County must fast becoming moralized.

From Fulton Republican 24 Aug 1865 edition: BROKE JAIL, Henry Leyburn Hill, wounded and taken prisoner at "The Battle of Timber Ridge" in this county last fall, since tried by Court Martial, at Harrisburg, Pa. and, we understand sentenced to five

years imprisonment at Albany, N.Y Penitentiary, broke jail about a week ago. At last accounts he has not been retaken.

From here to 16 Jan 1865 seems to be missing, I showed it to Bonnie Mellott Keefer & she was in full agreement with me.

Now we take up with 16 Jan 1865

Commissioners met at Sloan School House (no reason cited)

- 3 May 1865 Appointed J F. Davis as their Clerk
- 19 May 1865 Appointed David Dunlap as Treasuer
- 20 Jun 1865 Treasuer instructed to pay off State claim of 3452. 92 in order to stop interest
- 12 Aug 1865 George Hoke to make a door with 4 light sashes for in the cellar of the Jail & to take out the kitchen window near the door at northern end of Jail & wall up the space with brick & plaster over & make 4 slides for cell doors, get a padlock for Jail yard gate & to put a half moon window in northern gable of Jail make a new slide between Jail & Courthouse Instructed Clerk who was going to Harrisburg to purchase glass, padlock, paper cutter, blotting paper, 1 quart of Arnolds writing fluid (ink) & 1 bottle of mucilage (glue)
- 31 Aug 1865 Appointed Charles A. Phencie as Clerk in stead of Davis
- 24 Jan 1866 Stenographers sent by Treasury Department to upgrade the Tax Rolls Here again there is a gap
- 16 Apr 1868 discussed painting & repairing Ct. house
- 15 May 1868 ordered papering for Ct. Hall
- 30 Jun 1868 inspected papering of Ct. Hall & approved order to paint chairs
- 22 Oct 1868 H.H. Dietrich to sweep & keep clean Ct. Room & Ct. Hall, sweep stairway, keep in repair fence around Ct. Yard except the gate at Jail corner
- 21 Dec 1868 Abner Hess of Thompson Twp. Appointed merchantile appraiser
- 13 Jan 1869 Commissioners discussed to exempt those persons from Militia duty those who have filed an affidavit
- 4 Mar 1869 draft of \$82. 05 to Eastern Penitentiary for upkeep of County prisoners Same day paid Sheriff for conveying Charles Younker to Penitentiary
- 8 Apr 1869 agreement with David Hoke to gravel West side of Ct. House
- 6 Aug 1869 paid William Sterrett for cleaning Jail
- 21 Aug 1869 Commissioners borrowed money to pay Jurors
- 11 Jan 1870 B.N Sterrett to keep Ct. Hall & Jury room cleaned
- 23 May 1870 contracted with George A. Smith Esq. to have Jail & Ct. Hall doors painted for \$135.00
- Same day Commissioners insured with Home Insurance Co. of N.Y. City for 5 years Ct. House \$8000.00 & Jail \$2000.00
- 13 Jun 1870 Treasurers sale of unseated land for sale, several Eastern gentleman were present
- 11 Jul 1870 arrangements made for repairing roof of Ct. House, part of which was blown away by terrible storm of wind, rain & hail of yesterday
- 11 Dec 1871 Commissioners agreed for German Reformed Church to hold a festival & fair in Ct. Hall during coming week

30 Apr 1873 Ct. Hall measured & B. E. Barton to procure carpet for Ct. Hall Same day discussed iron fence around Ct. House

30 May 1873 Commissioners felt carpet to light for Ct. Hall & directed Mr. Barton to see if Mr. Hoover would take it back

19 Jun 1873 Commissioners directed Clerk to write Mr. McEldowney they would accept his offer to put up iron fence

19 Jul 1873 Mr. Hoover agreed to take carpet back

Same day Commissioners selected matting for Ct. Hall from Mr. Seiver from samples at .85 cents a square yd.

8 Nov 1872 Commissioners visited prisoners in Jail (no reason cited)

Discussed iron fence in front of Ct. House & decided to consult several masons to build a stone wall to set iron fence on

30 Apr 1873 contracted for iron fence

2 Feb 1874 12inches of snow in Belfast Twp. & all the County having unpleasant weather

19 Mar 1874 Silver Cornet Band of St. Thomas, Franklin Co. request permission to for use of Ct. House to hold a concert – permission granted

5 Oct 1874 Sheriff & Mr. Barton to convey Salkeld brothers to Western Penitentiary for horse stealing – given 3 years

11 Jul 1875 commissioners had to borrow \$150.00 to pay Petit Jurors

Commissioners approved not to let 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Court room for any entertainment Nathan Barnett of Taylor Twp. & John Everts of Belfast Twp. Tried to raise disturbance in regards Jurors pay

On Saturday John Everts acted very badly & was threatened with prosecution before he became manageable

12 Apr 1875 unusually large number attended to trail of D.B. Mellott for murder of his children (Daniel B. Mellott & wife of Belfast Twp. went to church & left 3 small children at home unattended. The house caught fire & the 3 children die in the fire. He was acquitted.

John J. Morton appointed Janitor for coming year at \$40.00 & to wind the clock for \$20.00 for the coming year

Monday night 12 inches of snow

11 Jun 1875 permission Presbyterian church to hold festival in Ct. House hall

10 Jan 1876 Dr. N. B. Shade appointed Physician to the Jail

10 Apr 1876 J. Strasbaugh to Western Penitentiary For rape 3 years

5 Aug 1876 prisoner Stewart attempted to break Jail making it necessary to make repairs to wall & a new iron door from one of the cells - N.B. Seylar ordered to furnish the door

2 Oct 1876 George Stewart & Hezekiah Stewart & Simon Chaney 1 year in Western Penitentiary For 1 year

"Bell" on Ct. House during week became cracked for unknown reason & now peals out very doleful sound

William B. Seylar directed to see if sawing of crack would correct this or help it 27 Dec 1876 terrible snow storm all day Saturday & drifted terribly

11 Jun 1877 S. E. Reisner employed to repair Town clock price \$35.00 & he also undertook to saw crack in Bell 7 if successful to be reasonable compensated & if not there would be no charge

1 Oct 1877 all prisoners committed to Jail for be discharged upon payment or giving their note for security

8 Apr 1878 Margaret Lape of Buck Valley, Union Twp. for concealing death of Bastard child not guilty

10 Dec 1878 W.S. Alexander requested to hold festival & fair for benefit of poor in the area – granted on payment of \$5.00

19 Feb 1879 Mr. Stoner directed to put spouting on Ct. House Commissioners bought 2 stoves from J.J.Dunlap

11 Apr 1879 James Steach appointed Janitor for coming year \$24.00

James Swope to Penitentiary for horse stealing

5 Sep 1879 Janitor ordered to clean Ct. House & to repair Jail wall

6 Oct 1879 Irwin Glunt to Jail 5 months for larceny

William Gulden/Golden 30 days for assault & battery

5 Nov 1879 sealed bids to build privy – John Linn low bidder at \$75.00

2 Feb 1880 deepest snow of season – fell so deep it was impossible to travel with buggy & Commissioners had to hire a sleigh – weather bad thru – out County persons could not ford streams

23 Feb 1880 2 prisoners in Jail, Dishong & Edwards making it necessary to purchase bed clothing

23 May 1880 fire insurance renewed \$8,000.00 Ct. House & \$2,000.00 Jail rate 1/1/2 per cent

14 Jun 1880 Circus in Town

The following obituary appeared in the Fulton Republican:

Death of Mr. James Lynch.- as we go to press we learn of the death of Mr. James Lynch of Ayr Twp., which occurred on the morning of the 29<sup>th</sup> Jan 1879 after an illness of several weeks. He was about 74 years 11 months & 11 days of age & a highly esteemed citizen. He removed to this vicinity about the time the Court House was erected & assisted in laying the brick for the Court House & Jail & remained here up to the time of his death.

10 Feb 1879 edition of Fulton Republican: William & Charles Keebaugh, brothers & David Stevens remained to Jail – charges burglary

20 Feb 1879 edition of Fulton Republican: Levi Lowery & Frank Fisher lodged in jail for theft of hams & sausage from Benjamin Woolett of Dublin Twp.

From here on - will only record items other then normal business procedures

4 Oct 1880 W. F. Truax removed as Janitor, Samuel Kelley appointed in his place

2 Jan 1881 S. M. Robinson appointed as Clerk at salary of 125.00 per year

18 Jul 1881 Court House Cupola painted by D.avid Hoke & Samuel F. Dively

- 13 Aug 1881 Purchased Lot that was formerly McConnellsburg School House 225.00
- 9 Nov 1881 Discussion of Bridge at Gregory's Ford
- 30 Jan 1882 White Wash, cleaning & general repairing of entire Jail by James Vores
- 10 May 1882 Cleaning off & filling up Lot of old School House Lot recently purchased
- 9 Jan 1883 Stage passed through Town this was the means of public transportation from McConnellsburg & points East & West
- 12 Jun 1883 Friendship Fire Company granted permission to use Court House for 3 nights at no charge
- 21 Dec 1883 Contract let for Bridge over Licking Creek
- 7 Mar 1884 discharged 5 Vagrants from Jail , any other Vagrants coming in will be put to breaking stone
- 3 May 1884 Fencing in of Lot of old School House by J. Rummell 80.00
- 4 Mar 1885 Commissioner William H.Charlton absent due to fact he is attending inauguration of President Grover Cleveland in Washington D. C. (Man will he have some stories to tell for a long time)
- Dr. N. B. Shore to as Jail Physician not to charge over 50 cents for medicine for prisoners per visit
- 9 Jun 1885 Jacob Black of Wells Twp. court House in front & Jail in the dwelling part
- 4 Nov 1885 Miles Mellott employed to move Jail stable
- 3 Mar 1886 Commissioners traveled to all the Townships during the week
- 3 May 1887 M. M. Bender to re-shingle the Jail roof
- 9 Aug 1887 Masonary work completed on Tonoloway Bridge
- 4 Nov 1887 Commissioners met Gergory's Ford to take estimates & measurements to come up with a figure to build bridge there, while there a large number of citizens were urging pressing action on a bridge
- 31 Dec 1887 Discussion on building a bridge over Licking Creek in Thompson's Twp.
- 27 Apr 1888 Commissioners to meet at Mason Dixon line (no reason cited)
- 11 Jun 1888 Joseph Dunlap to wind Town clock & keep in repair
- 1 Oct 1888 Dr. John Duffield has died & Dr. Trout appointed Physician to Jail in his place
- 7 Jan 1889 County in debt, borrowed 4550.00
- 15 Feb 1889 Discussion of a covered wooden bridge at Gregory's Ford, Commissioner Fields favored iron bridge, Commissioners favored a wooden bridge, decision deferred till next meeting.
- 20 Feb 1889 Commissioners decided & approved to pay election boards 1.50 per day & all school boards & owners of houses were election were held 1.50

- 18 Mar 1889 Commissioners directed a head stone be purchased for Jeremiah Spriggs Masonry work at Gregory's Ford awarded to H. K. Mellott at 2.75 a cubic yard & a contract to Graton Iron Bridge Co. of Graton, N. Y. to do the iron work
- 13 May 1889 H. K. Mellott could not furnish bond for his part & L. Green a firm from Huntingdon, Pa. to do the masonry work
- 12 Jun 1889 contracted with Frank A. Bloyer of Chambersburg to put a "peach bottom slate" roof on Ct. House at 8.65 per square
- 22 Jul 1889 Repairing bridge at Warfordsburg 50.00
- 27 Aug 1889 Mr. Bloyer failed to appear, decided to paint Ct. House Dauney & Dively to do the work
- 9 Jun 1890 Paid Fulton County Bank 3500.00 of money borrowed
- 4 Apr 1891 Commissioners borrowed money to pay outstanding bills
- 17 Oct 1891 Met at Gregory's iron bridge & approved to put in 30 new stringers & 1,000 ft of new plank, contracted to G. N. Garland at 60.00
- 17 May 1892 Met at Gregory's Bridge bridge in good condition & work done as per agreement
- 24 Jun 1892 elections in Union Twp. to be held at George Schrievers house
- 16 Jul 1892 Clerk told to arrange with someone to haul election furniture from R.R. Station to McConnellsburg
- 1 Sep 1892 approved to rent 1 of cells in Jail to Boro of McConnellsburg at 3.00 per year
- 23 Jan 1893 Commissioners met to examine Jail & to notify Poor Directors of Franklin Co. to take charge of Henry Smith in Jail on charges of vagrancy
- 19 Apr 1893 discussed what repairs need to be done to Ct. House

Renewed fire insurance policy on Ct. House & Jail

- 26 Apr 1893 Commissioners took trip to Huntingdon, Pa. & Chambersburg, Pa. to examine their Court Room
- 12 May 1893 after visiting above Court Rooms & decided to make repairs to Court Room
- 17 May 1893 employed N.B. Henry to make repairs at 1.75 per day
- 26 Jun 1893 N.B. Henry giving instructions as to what repairs are to be done
- 15 Jul 1893 Henry J. Duke of Harrisburg to do fracas work in Ct. House in oil
- 25 Jul 1893 Snyder J. Doyle to do painting of Ct. House at 1.25 a day & County to furnish paint
- 26 Aug 1893 William Snyder to do carpenter work in Ct. Room
- 9 Sep 1893 Mr. Duke to do all painting & graining in Ct. Room, Library Room, 2 Jury Rooms & both halls up & down & to furnish paints & oils for 260.00
- 26 Oct 1893 need to borrow money again
- 21 Feb 1894 Commissioners give clear instructions to measure wood brought in for Ct. House & Jail Janitor to get 4.00 extra for sawing & stacking wood
- 27 Mar 1894 Commissioners met at Aughwick fording near Ft. Littleton to consider building a bridge at that place
- 10 Apr 1894 Francis Doyle to wind clock for coming year at 12.50
- Agreed to rent a certain room in Jail upstairs known as "dabblers room" to the Boro.

16 Apr 1894 in agreement a bridge was needed at Aughwick in Dublin Twp. & the Twp. should bear part of the expense, but in the record it should be recorded as a County bridge

27 Apr 1894 M.M. Bender to make hat rack in Ct. House Library & make files for vault in Clerk of Court office cost 10.00

Commissioners all in agreement to a iron bridge over Aughwick Creek at Ft. Littleton -8 or 9 bridge builders notified to give bids - contract to Nelson & Buchanan of Chambersburg given contract, bridge to be 12 ft x 64 ft - cost 600.00 not to included masonry work & be completed by 20 Jul 1894

4 May 1894 allowed G. A. R. to use Ct. House on Memorial Day

Masonry work at Aughwick Creek contracted to D.C. Fleck at 250.00 & to include tearing down old bridge

5 Jun 1894 no one to use Ct. House on 4 Jul 1894

10 Aug 1894 J.K. Johnston to furnish siding for Ct. House cupola

Charles B. Steach to paint & paper County Supervisor room in Ct. House cost 3.00

7 Sep 1894 Doyle & Snyder to paint Ct. House Cupola

7 Jan 1895 there was a dog tax on the books at this time

9 Mar 1895 discussion what kind of bridge to be built in Taylor Twp.

13 Apr 1895 Francis Doyle to wind clock for coming year at 12.50

27 Apr 1895 discussion regards to build bridge over Sideling Hill Creek in Taylor Twp. near Waterfall & to get bids for masonry work & superstructure

17 May 1895 William Alloway to do masonry work at Waterfall at 250.00 & have done by 1 Aug 1895

Nelson & Buchanan of Chambersburg to do superstructure & have done by 15 Aug 1895

23 May 1895 Commissioners to view Mason Dixon line again (note for historians it would be good to review these 2 pages)

They went to the Southwest corner of Fulton Co. adjacent to the Bedford Co. line, the corner is marked (on top of Town Hill) by a mound of earth on which there is growing a Hickory tree of about 75 years of age, this is designated # 16 - # 15 a mound of dirt but no marker # 14 should have been West of Sideling Hill Creek, but no marker found # 13 should have been East of the Creek, but no marker is known to have ever existed # 12 which marked by a mound of earth South of a house occupied by Mr. Hoopengardner in Union Township # 11 is also unmarked so far as could be found but should have been East of "Bucklin Run" & against the West side of Sideling Hill The next place marked # 10 is on top of Sideling Hill consisting of a pile of stones near a Birch tree, It however does to seem to locate the position of a mile stone – The next marker is found on the East side of Sideling

Hill in an old field a little southwest of a house occupied by Nancy Norris consisting of an P & M stone somewhat chipped & leaning to the East at a angle of about 40 degrees, going East the next stone like the one above was found on the East side of a very steep hill in the woods near a Black Oak, said hill being west of a pine thicket, this is a P & M stone & is in good condition. The next stone was found to be what is known a "Crown Stone" it has a Crown on the Md. side & a figure on the Pa. side

representing no one seems to know what. It is in a fence corner with woods on the North & cleared on the South. The stone is broken in five pieces said to have been done by a tree having fallen on it some 30 or 40 years ago. The next stone is found West of the public road leading South from John Brooks's (also in a fence corner) it is in fair condition & is a P &M Stone The next stone being a P & M stone was found along a fence on farm of George Ranck about ½ mile Southwest of his house. It is somewhat chipped & leaning to the Southeast at an angle of 15 degrees. The carving is almost invisible. In addition to the P & M letters it is marked on the West "NE". The next stone should be on the farm of George W. Chesnut about 2 miles East of the public highway

But it is missing, no trace could be found it having ever existed. The next stone a "P & M "was found in a hollow in a thicket of an old field. It is in fair condition & leans a little to the North. The next stone is a "Crown Stone" on the top of a hill East of Tonoloway Creek, It is in a fence corner & it is erect & in good condition. After crossing four deep hollows the next stone, badly chipped but upright is found in a fence corner & is a P & M stone. The last stone "preceding from the West" was found in a fence corner of Dennis Morgret's about ½ mile Southeast of his house. It is a "P &M" stone & leaning to the South. It is about ½ mile West of the Franklin Co. line. In addition to the "P &M" it has on the top M.N.& three stars. The Standard Oil Company has their pipe line close to the Mason & Dixon line, but on the Pa. side. It being from 16 to 60 feet from the Mason & Dixon line. It rained all day Monday & Tuesday making it unpleasant to travel. 25 Oct 1895 to allow Farmers Institute to use Ct. House

6 Jan 1896 Joseph Runyan furnishing plank & doing work over iron bridge at Warfordsburg

Note: compensation to several sheep owners listed at this time, probably killed by dogs

14 Jan 1896 A.L. Greathead to fix Jail & put iron door connecting Jail Hall To Jail Kitchen

James W. Rummell Court Crier & ---- Tip Staff

George Regi provided 5 3/4 cords of oak wood for Ct. House & Jail at 11.50 29 Jan 1896 W. S. Dickson provided merchandise for Ct. House & Jail 4.74 7 Feb 1896 borrowed 1 000 00 dollars from George W. Cooper of the Boro of

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James W. Rummell paid 85 cents for making a chaff tick for Jail & 1.00 for scrubbing Jail

Frank Mason, Sheriff paid 3.95 for washing for prisoners & 2.50 for boarding vagrants

30 Mar 1896 John Hoopengardner released from Jail by giving his note & having such security as approved by Commissioners

Sheriff Frank Mason conveyed Paul Sowers & James Kelly to Penitentiary 27 Apr 1896 Sheriff Frank Mason was paid 8.45 for pair of handcuffs (note these were in all probability used on Sowers & Kelly – Frank Mason succeeded his brother Jere

Mason as Sheriff

They were sons of Ezra Mason & Rachel Divelbiss & were orphaned at an early age 25 May 1896 Emma Spriggs scrubbing Ct. House & Jail 7.00

S. J. Miller repairs to Ct. House fence 1.25

24 Jul 1896 several persons paid for sheep damage Note: names were given & this occurred several times – (they must have been paid out of dog tax fund).

Sheriff Frank Mason paid extra for boarding prisoners (vagrants)

30 Oct 1896 paid J. W. Mellott for wood for Ct. House & Jail

19 Nov 1896 paid S.A. Nesbit 11.50 for 5 3/4 cords of wood

8 Dec 1896 Treasurer to pay Mrs. Elizabeth Pittman \$1,000.00 of money borrowed

7 Jan 1897 employed S. J. Miller to clean pipes & flues

29 Jan 1897 paid J. K. Johnston for 5 cords of wood at 2.00 per cord

19 Feb 1897 paid Mrs. Elizabeth Pittman \$1,500.00 of money borrowed at 5%

18 Mar 1897 paid 36.00 interest to Myra Cline on money borrowed

Paid Mrs. L.H. Wible \$564.00 & 64.50 interest

Paid Sheriff Frank Mason for expense for arrest & return of B. M. Dawney from Chicago

Paid August Rexroth \$500.00 of money borrowed

15 Apr 1897 paid John Suders 2.73 for repairs to Jail

17 Jul 1897 paid Albert Stoner 5.00 for repairing spouting to Ct. House

14 Aug 1897 paid Sheriff Frank Mason extra for boarding (vagrants) this occurs regularly so will not record any more of this

28 Oct 1897 proposed bridge over Tonoloway Creek at Deneen's Gap not to exceed 1,500.00 – too much expense for Union Twp. so County will build it

3 Nov 1897 Nelson & Buchanan of Pittsburgh Iron Bridge to build it

12 Jan 1898 paid Mrs. Elizabeth Pittman 1,000.00 & 67.70 interest on money borrowed

3 May 1898 trees planted in public lot west of Ct. House

15 Jun 1898 William Bumgardner paid 12.00 for scrubbing & cleaning Ct. House

25 Oct 1898 water closet (privy- outhouse) moved to another foundation

23 Feb 1899 paid Matilda Stunkard & Anna Plessinger 500.00 each on money borrowed

3 May 1899 reward offered for arrest & safe delivery to Jail of Clem Pennell

10 Nov 1899 Commissioners viewed site over Tonoloway Creek for County bridge near William Weaver's in Thompson Twp. not to cost over \$2,000.00

Viewed site in Brush Creek Twp. near Crystal Springs

25 Nov 1899 bridge at Weaver's in Thompson Twp. awarded - W. S. Beard the abutment & Nelson & Buchanan the Pittsburgh Iron Works the bridge

8 Jan 1900 E. P. Cohill of Hancock, Md. does some work at bridge site near Crystal Springs

 $22\ Mar\ 1900\ borrowed\ 350.00\ from\ L.\ C.\ Kelly\ \&\ 300.00\ from\ Mrs.\ Dimmick$ 

3 Aug 1900 Reuben Mellott of Bethel Twp. appointed "Detective" to find out who is setting forest fires

9 Nov 1900 A. T. Weaver to fill grade to abutments at Weaver's bridge  $-\,27$  ft. from bridge & 2 ft. high  $\,\cos 40.00$ 

- 16 May 1901 appoint Aaron Morgret of Big Cove Tannery & Clark Barton of Crystal Springs as Detectives to find out who set fires in timberland in Townships
- 4 Jun 1901 Jacob Crouse of Ayr Twp 17.30 for extinguishing fires in Ayr Twp on 2 May & 22 May 1901
- 1 Aug 1901 received letter from Anna Plessinger allowing them to keep borrowed money at 5% interest
- 6 May 1902 Paid Emanuel Keefer Constable of Thompson Twp. 43.53 for extinguishing forest fires on Apr 23-26-27 (who in turn paid those who helped)
- Paid C.C. Crouse Constable of Ayr Twp. 55.06 for extinguishing forest fires on Apr 23-24-25-26-27 (who in turn paid those who helped)
- 10 Jun 1902 Commissioners met at Charltons Fording in Bethel Twp., Maxwells Fording in Thompson Twp. & Taylor Twp & Todd Twp. to view sites for bridges
- 11 Jul 1902 Treasurer to pay bills to State for County persons in Lunatic Ward
- 6 Aug 1902 Commissioners approved to build Bridge at Maxwells Fording in
- Thompson Twp. bids came in at 2,175.00 for Abutments & Superstructure a decision to be made later who gets the contract
- 7 Apr 1903 Bridge at Charltons Ford to be 100 ft. long
- 1 May 1903 wooden picket fence at Ct. House partially falling down & Commissioners voted to take it all the way down. The remaining post, railings & pickets sold for 2.20 to S. B. Woolet
- 26 May Dr. Alvin D. Dalby appointed Physician to Jail
- 9 Jun 1903 Doyle & Shimer to paint the dome of Ct. House
- Charlton Ford Bridge not to cost over 3,500.00
- $10\ Jul\ 1903\ Nelson\ \&\ Buchanan\ low\ bidder\ on\ Charlton\ Bridge\ 1,150.00\ for\ abutments\ \&\ 2,100.00\ for\ superstructure$
- 3 Sep 1903 discussion regards a bridge at Knobsville
- 19 Sep 1903 Lem Kirk Sr. & Lem Kirk Jr. to do the approaches to Charlton Ford bridge
- 14 Dec 1903 Commissioners set valuation on cows at 18.00 & Horses at 29.00
- Dog tax set at 35 cents for males & spayed female & 70cents for females not spayed
- 15 Apr 1904 discussed bridge over Licking Creek near the old bridge leading from Ft.
- Littleton to McConnellsburg near Knobsville in Todd Twp. not to exceed 1,800.00
- 3 May 1904 Warrant issued to Thomas Marshall to kill all dogs of Louisa & Mary Spriggs for killing sheep
- 13 Jun 1904 George B. Daniels paid Commissioners 2.00 for privilege of pasturing his cow in lot belonging to County
- Bridge at Knobsvile given to David Gress for masonry work at 750.00 & Nelson & Buchanan the superstructure at 720.00
- 22 Aug 1904 Jacob Mellott to furnish lumber for bridge at Knobsvile #1 white oak at 20.00 per thousand ft.
- 3 Oct 1904 inspected lumber of Jacob Mellott at Knobsville & had to discard 1/3 of it because it didn't meet specifications
- 9 Nov 1904 Jacob Mellott's  $2^{nd}$  load of lumber for bridge was of better quality than  $1^{st}$  but still not all  $1^{st}$  class lumber

29 Dec 1904 estimated expense for County for coming year of 1905 set at 10,000.00 dollars

3 Feb 1905 John W. Nelson repairs to Ct. Hse. windows

George B. Mellott 5.00 2 cords of hickory firewood Thomas McClure, H. W. Mellot & David Nelson paid for firewood

16 Feb 1905 sealed bids to Pa. Dept. of Highways for 11,000 feet of road from Huntingdon Co. line in Wells twp.

3 Mar 1905 inspected bridge at Knobsville

24 Mar 1905 Frank Carmack given 15 months in Penitentiary for larceny Commissioners refused Sheriff Alexander 10.00 reward for capture of Carmack, he was captured at Green Village in Franklin Co. by Constable Bridle

21 Apr 1905 Nelson & Buchanan given contract for bridge at Knobsville John W. Nelson paid 22.00 for repairs to Jail

Sheriff Alexander paid 54.00 expense for conveying Frank Carmack to Penitentiary 1 May 1905 Commissioners agreed to rent room to John P. Sipes leading from Ct. Hse. leading to cellar for 25.00 per year – room to be put in good repair & proper condition Ira Kerlin paid for putting out forest fire

Jacob Mellott paid 45.00 for plank for bridge at Knobsville

27 Jun 1905 Sheriff paid 3.00 for repairing plaster at Jail – note: Jail inmates provided with tobacco free of charge

2 cases of paying bounty for killing wild cats

21 Jul 1905 citizens of north end of County petitioned for bridge at Bart Stevens Fording

25 Aug 1905 Mary Belle Hixson to be taken to mental hospital & to take her the way it would cost the County the least

2 Oct 1905 more forest fires

1 Jan 1906 William Baumgardner appointed Janitor for 1906 at 75.00

2 Feb 1906 Sheridan Fesler paid for killing wild cats

James Walker to Jail

19 Mar 1906 Albert Plessinger appeared before Commissioners in regards to interest for Anna Plessinger on money of 700.00 loaned in 1898 & 500.00 loaned in 1899 & was paid interest of 7.66

28 Apr 1906 George Walker employed to give jail a good cleaning at 9.00 & county to furnish all materials such as brooms, soap & rags

William Lockard to Jail

14 May 1906 bridge at Pecks Fording in need of repairs, need new plank –

Commissioners met at Gem, Needmore & other places to take bids, Lake Garland low bidder at 85.00 & to furnish  $1^{st}$  class white oak

14 Jun 1906 Lumber (planks) work approved at Pecks Fording & Lake Garland paid S. A. Nesbit instructed to have well at Ct. Hse cleaned at once or as soon as possible Sheriff paid 131.25 for conveying James Walker to feeble minded school at Polk, Pa. 5 Jul 1906 Robert Drewet hired to clean well, but would not go down in it, Harry Ramsey to do it & replace planks around well opening, 3.00 for well covering 6 Sep 1906 State Highway approved 9,356.54 for 5,000 ft. of new road in Ayr Twp.

Nelson Buchanan to furnish 1 barrel of graphite paint to paint bridges in southern part of County

8 Feb 1907 Phillip Everts firewood 11.25 George Regi firewood 9.25 Silas Mellott firewood 5.00

13 May 1907 2 barrels of Hascolls carbon paint at 35 cents a gallon to paint County bridges

24 Jun 1907 bounty paid on Weasels to several person named at 1.00 each

James Russell paid 2.90 for cleaning up Ct. Hse. lot

Interest of 9.00 paid to George Rexroth on loan interest was 4 %

31 Jan 1908 paid Martin Bender 2.00 for repairs to Jail door

18 May 1908 County bridge at Gregorys Ford in need of repairs

8 Jun 1908 County bridge at Stigers Ford in Bethel Twp. – Abutments ruined by heavy rains

12 Jan 1909 W.R. Ranck paid 9.50 for repairs to County bridge at Charltons Ford 17 May 1909 Road Master (Twp. supervisor) advises bridge at Crystal Springs in need of repairs

15 Jun 1909 Mr. Clevenger contracted to build porch on front of Jail cost 85.00

M. M. Barton paid 6.25 for repairs to bridge at Crystal Springs in Brush Creek Twp.

14 Aug 1909 discussion regards a bridge over Tonoloway Creek near Needmore Decision as to a steel bridge with trusses & concrete floor or steel trusses with plank

floor Buchanan got contract at 2080.00

30 Oct 1909 Peter Martz & John Wertz conveyed to Penitentiary

A Sample of concrete to be used in bridge at Needmore brought in & rejected because stones not of right size & does not meet specs.

30 Dec 1909 W. S. Clevenger contracted to build water closet (privy – outside toilet) plus repairs to Jail 18.00

12 Feb 1910 several County bridges damaged due to high water & ice & pushing walls Bridge at Gregorys Ford needs entire new abutments – needs emergency attention 5 Nov 1910 Hiram K. Markley claims 300.00 for damage to property at Warfordsburg

from building of State road – rejected County not liable

5 Dec 1911 D.D. Gress paid 8.05 for repairs to jail

1 Jan 1911 William Reed given a contract as Janitor for the Ct. House at 52. 98 for the year

9 Jan 1912 Sheriff paid 20cents a day for boarding vagrants

15 Jan 1912 Commissioners deciding what to do with prisoners cage ordered by previous Commissioners. It was too dangerous to occupy room over kitchen due to its weigh & it was decided to remove as much of the wall as necessary between the large room over the kitchen & adjoining cell. William Nesbit done the work at 31.20 which included putting all rubbish & brick in a pile.

20 Jan 1912 discussed improvements to Ct. House Vault & introduction of water closets & wash basins in Ct. House.

Paid Fulton County Bank 1500.00 of money borrowed

7 Mar 1912 released Jefferson Harris from Jail his term had expired

18 Mar 1912 Ralph Reed paid 5.50 for cement work in Jail

Harry Hamil paid 25.90 for boarding jurors

2 May 1912 Ralph Reed contracted to pave along the lawn on the South side of Ct.

House, to be 4 ft. wide made of sand, crushed stone & cement

James Harris repairing papering in Jail,

James Woodall making garden fence for Jail

4 Apr 1912 Commissioners met at Franklin Mills Fording to consider building a bridge 57 ft. long & 12 ft. wide

11 Jun 1912 Horsehead Construction awarded contract to build Franklin Mills bridge More discussion regards water closets & basins in Ct. House

Paid Thomas Hamil 3.65 for flags

20 Jun 1912 discussion regards water closets & basins in Jail

27 Jun 1912 Henry Helman to paint cupola of Ct. House with 2 coats of good paint for 23.00

Greathead Bros. to furnish water closets, basins & spigots for 287.50

**Sheriff James Harris conveved Lerov Mvers to Lunatic Asylum** 

20 Jul 1912 William Baumgardner paid 9.02 for excavating in cellar

3 Aug 1912 examined water put in Ct. House & decided old well to be used as cesspool for water pipes to enter

14 Sep 1912 Charles Golden to fill wing walls at Franklin Mills at 50.00

Bought galvanized iron sheet stove 18.45

6 Jan 1913 repairs to bridge at Knobsvile

Sue Peightel to clean Jail for 1913

14 Jan 1913 arranged with McConnellsburg Water Company to furnish water at 35.00 per year

Traction engines to be taxed – notify all Twps.

17 Mar 1913 Strickler Mertz & ------ Lockard sent to Western Penitentiary Paid back Fulton County Back 1500.00

19 Apr 1913 Replaced plank at Knobsville bridge

19 Jun 1913 still buying wood –  $4\frac{1}{2}$  cords at 12.37

30 Jun 1913 Ralph Reed made repairs to Jail

19 Jul 1913 Mrs. Minnie Barton to prepare a building she owns in Warfordsburg for an election house – putting 2 windows in opposite ends & taken out stairways & moving stove back to make ample room – to be paid 5.00 each election

4 Sep 1913 C. S. Layton & George McKee to furnish lumber for bridge at Charlton's Ford at 41.83

17 Sep 1913 to furnish 3337 ft. of lumber at Charlton's Ford at 54.00

31 Oct 1913 Weasel, Hawks, Minks, Great Horned Owls, & Grey Fox bounty paid on them Weasel 1.00 Hawks .50 Mink 1.00 Grey Fox 1.00 too numerous notices so will not record any more

4 Nov 1913 borrowed 500.00 at 4%

18 Nov 1913 notice sent to Lewis Helfrick, doors to Vault window not satisfactory – can not pay him & he is to come & remove them

5 Jan 1914 Sue Peightel washing bed clothes & cleaning Jail 25.00

13 Jan 1914 borrowed 1500.00

13 Feb 1914 paid 565.43 to Western Penitentiary for boarding 5 inmates during 1913 Janitor James Davis to prevent trespassing or pasturing live stock because of foot paths across Ct. House Park

16 Mar 1914 Thomas Mellott & wife paid 55.00 for guarding Mrs. Cora Gallagher

29 Apr 1914 Paid Bell Telephone 2.55 for March services

Mrs. Cora Gallagher to Harrisburg Mental Hospital

9 Jun 1914 Mary Helman washing towels from Jan to Jun 6.00

Ross E. Doyle 2.75 for working on yard between Ct. House & Jail

16 Jun 1914 paid B. R. Simpson 2.20 for filling approaches to Gregorys Ford Bridge

Thomas Hamil 6.11 for flags for veterans graves on Declaration Day

2 Sep 1914 Vault wall to be repaired

Bell Telephone paid 5.15 for services up to October

20 Oct 1914 arrangements made with Daniel Grissinger for use of his house in Todd Twp. for upcoming election

30 Dec 1914 Bell Telephone paid 3.60 for contract & toll calls

7 Jan 1915 George Suders low bidder for Janitor for year 1915 at 96.00

14 Apr 1915 paid back 800.00 dollars borrowed from Fulton County Bank

15 Jun 1915 10 gallons of Dixon's graphite paint 14.00

19 Jul 1915 George Lynch to clean, wire brush & paint bridge at Crystal Springs at 18.00

Harry Lear to paint Knobsville & Waterfall bridges combined for total 30.00

24 Aug 1915 Joint meeting Huntingdon & Fulton Co. Commissioners to discuss a bridge at Dublin Mills, each County to share  $\frac{1}{2}$  expense with the adjoining Twps. to share expense or labor to fill approaches

3 Sep 1915 Alva Gordon paid 15.00 for painting County bridge

4 Oct 1915 Gilbert J. Mellott repairs to Stigers bridge 19.20

4 Nov 1915 Harry Lear paid 40.00 extra for scraping, wire brushing & painting bridges at Knobsville & Waterfall

Abner Weaver repairing bridge at Weavers Ford 15.16

Harvey Cooper paid 39.60 for lumber & repairs to Knobsville bridge

1 Dec 1915 47.20 interest paid on money borrowed

R.J. Funkhouser paid 29.46 for plank repairs for Weavers Bridge

1 Jan 1916 Paid George Suders 6.50 for repairs to door between Vault & Clerk of Court's office

11 Jan 1916 contracted wit George Suders to build small porch on side of Jail at kitchen door to be 5ft x 9ft 18.75 with 2 coats of paint & County to furnish all materials

19 Feb 1916 Bell telephone bill 3.60

20 Mar 1916

Charles Weaver to plank on Weaver's bridge 8.00

H. Batdorff 5 ¼ cords of wood 15.75

W. M. Laidig Plank, Labor & spikes at Waterfall bridge 3.39

Scott Gordon labor & hauling plank Gregory's bridge 14.00

L. Helfrick shutters on Vault 5.00

Paid James C. Davis 1000.00 on money borrowed

26 Apr 1916 Taylor Twp. applied for assistance for bridge at Gladfelters fording County bridge at Daniels Mill in Bethel Twp

Paint outside wood work on Ct. House as well as dome on Ct. House

Ordered Bell Telephone to take phone out of Ct. Hse no later then 1st May 1916

17 May 1916 paid Thomas Hamil 6.64 for flags

J. L. Garland paid 187.40 for taking Barnharts to Western Penitentiary

31 May 1916 Huntingdon & Fulton Counties met at Dublin Mills regards joint bridge & opened bids, they ran from 3700. 00 to 4564.00 plus extra for excavation. All bids were rejected.

15 Jul 1916 Removed 2 Maple trees from back of Ct. House that were obstructing the window in John P. Sipes office.

Paid George Suders 9.96 for carpenter work

McConnellsburg Water Co. bill for Jun 1916 - 22.00

29 Jul 1916 contracted with George Mock of Todd Twp for election room for a period of 10 years

22 Aug 1916 Opened bids for joint bridge at Dublin Mills, 6 bidders R.R. Myers of Lewistown low bidder at 3496.00 plus excavation

7 Sep 1916 Ruled Commissioners office to be closed & locked from now on & no records to go out of office

Shore & Stevens paid 24.30 for painting on Ct. Hse. county to furnish paint

George Reisner 99.95 for painting & materials Ct. House & Jail

2 Oct 1916 Scott Gordon paid 6.42 for lumber & labor at Gregory's bridge

8 Nov 1916 advertised for bids for Sealer of Weights & Measure

18 Nov 1916 Peter Knepper of Huntingdon & William Grissinger of Dublin to fill wing walls at joint bridge at Dublin Mills at 175.00 each

24 Nov 1916 opened bids for sealer of weights & measure, awarded to Emory Diehl

29 Dec 1916 Paid Anna Plessinger 46.80 interest on money borrowed – Fulton County Bank 167.08 interest on money borrowed

Paid George Comerer 76.72 for wood & coal

Paid William Johnston 38.48 for stationary

Estimated of expense for County for 1917 1200.00

1 Jan 1917 George Suders appointed Janitor for 1917 90. 00

Sue Peightal cleaning Jail 26.50

James Davis paid 7.00 interest

M. A. Grissinger paid 50.00 for filing approaches to bridge

William Miller paid 50.00 for filing approaches to bridge

Paid Western Penitentiary 603.62 for upkeep of County prisoners

8 Jan 1917 Commissioners met at Dublin Mills to examine filling of approaches to bridge & approved

20 Jan 1917 paid Elmer Carbaugh 40.00 for hauling coal for Ct. House

Paid Samuel Mellott 51.40 for lumber for Gregorys bridge

Paid W. & L. E. Gurley 253.00 for Weights & Measure equipment

Paid A. K. Nesbit 98.30 for coal

19 Mar 1917 borrowed 2,000.00 from Fulton Co. Bank

Township Constables authorized to kill any unlicensed dogs

12 Jun 1917 advertised for bids for bridge at Daniels Fording in Bethel Twp.

Paid George A. Comerer 33.52 for lumber

Commissioners paid numerous Constables for killing dogs

Received letter from Dept. of Interior Bureau of Weights & Measure regards equipment (letter enclosed in book)

7 Jul 1917 bids opened for Daniels Bridge & contract awarded to S. S. Strait of Waterfall

Paid Emory Diehl 114.00 on salary as Weights & Measure official

28 Jul 1917 inspected bridges in lower end of County as Law directed

Note: paid for the hiring of automobile

Paid S. B. Woolet 16.89 for grave marker for Civil War solider

1 Oct 1917 Water Co. had water cut off for at least one month, paid Harvey Hamil to haul water for use of Ct. House toilet & water closets

W. H. Greathead paid 13.51 for pluming supplies & work

Paid Lillian Wolf 20.00 as stenographer for Oct 1917 term of Court Borrowed 1,000.00

13 Oct 1917 Waynesboro, Greencastle & McConnellsburg Turnpike not being kept up in Fulton Co. request by citizens for Pa. Highway Dept. to take over Turnpike Simon Layton conveyed to State Hospital cost 89.22

7 Nov 1917 paid William Mann Co. 40.17 for stationary

Purchased Waynesboro Greencastle & McConnellsburg Turnpike from owners for the 3.32 miles in Fulton Co. for 1328.00

24 Nov 1917 coal for Ct. House 44.84

Borrowed 1,500.00 at 4 per cent

21 Dec 1917 paid State Hospital for Insane 65.00

1918 expense estimate for County at 14,000.00

7 Jan 1918 George Suders low bidder as Janitor for 83.00

15 Jan 1918 Sue Peightel paid 25.00 for cleaning Jail & washing bed clothes for Jail

Paid Fulton Co. Bank 2,000.00 of money borrowed

Paid Western Penitentiary 752.42 upkeep of County prisoners

5 Mar 1918 Mr. A. K. Nesbit to inspect bridges in lower of County

Emory Diehl paid 129.00 as Sealer of Weights & Measure

18 Mar 1918 paid Mrs. Annie Plessinger 52.03 interest on money borrowed

Paid C.H. E. Plummer 8.50 for registering Births & Deaths

Paid R.S. Fleming 6.00 for material for repairs to Jail

Paid George Suders for repairs to Jail 11.25

4 May 1918 paid Atena Insurance 13.00 for compensation insurance

 $6\,Jul\,\,1918\,Typewriter\,purchased\,from\,Henderson\,\&\,Mong\,of\,Chambersburg\,for\,use\,of\,Commissioners\,office-cost\,75.00$ 

Paid J. K. Johnston 10.00 for 2 comforters & 1 blanket for Jail

17 Jul 1918 Retained Concrete Engineer to inspect bridge at Daniels Fording – abutments not satisfactory

5 Sep 1918 conveying Harry Bishop to Polk Hospital – cost 218.95

D. A. Black paid 123.75 for repairs to bridge at Waterfall

Paid Emory Diehl 100.00 as Sealer of Weights & Measures

25 Sep 1918 Amos Plessinger contracted to fill wing walls at Daniels Fording at 140.00 he being low bidder

8 Oct 1918 paid Henderson & Mong Stationary store of Chambersburg 3.00 for books Paid James McKee 17.83 for repairs to bridge at Crystal Springs

6 Nov 1918 clothing for Walker, Mort & Bishop at Polk 16.00

Borrowed 2,000.00 from Fulton Co. Bank at 4%

Purchased Mortgage book from William Mann & Co. 33.80 includes postage

30 Nov 1918 Emory Diehl resigns as Sealer of Weights & Measures

A. D. Peightel to furnish 2 cent postal cards printed for tax notices, ordered 3500 at cost of 22.00 per thousand

13 Dec 1918 bad weather – A. K. Nesbit only one present

20 Dec 1918 paid Fulton Co. Bank 2,000.00 of money borrowed

30 Dec 1918 George Suders low bidder as Janitor for 1919 at 79.00

6 Jan 1919 Sue Peightel paid 25.25 for cleaning Jail & washing bed clothes

10 Jan 1919 Soldiers names to be temporarily on columns of Ct. House

13 Jan 1919 paid M. F. Doyle 15.00 for winding clock up to 1 Oct 1918

10 Feb 1919 Election Houses for place of appeals Brush Creek at Emmaville – Beattys Store in Union Twp., Crist Store at Warfordsburg for Bethel Twp., Douglas Store at Plum Run, Metzlers Hotel in Licking Creek, James Cutchalls in Taylor Twp., Ft.

Littleton for Dublin Twp., Hamils Store at Knobsville for Todd Twp., Crouse Store at Websters Mill for Ayr Twp & Commissioners office for McConnellsburg

14 Jan 1919 Bids for transporting Commissioners to Board of Revisons

Dick Fisher 125 00 roads good or bad – S. A. Nesbit 100.00 by auto 125.00 by horse –

Charles Nesbit if roads are good – C. B. Weller 130.00 no conditions attached

15 Feb 1919 Emory resigned as Sealer of Weights & Measure – taking bids for job – 14 bidders & W. G. Wink low bidder

17 Mar 1919 appeals for military enrollment

Paid Annie Plessinger 52.00 interest on money borrowed up to 1 Dec 1918

21 Mar 1919 Emory Diehl to bring Weights & Measure equipment to McConnellsburg by 1 Apr 1919

19 Apr 1919 D. W. Cromerer paid 3.00 for putting up railing at Ft. Littleton bridge Typewriter for County Supervisor office 45.00

29 Apr 1919 Commissioners met at Saluvia to get releases from property owners for concrete road to be built in near future from Harrisonville to Saluvia Solders discharge book purchased cost 16.00

10 Jun 1919 Gilbert Fischer of Union Twp. paid 27.00 for sheep damage

26 Jan 1919 George Suders instructed to trim trees about Ct. House

Optometry book purchased cost 12.50

12 Jul 1919 approved Memorial Committee to use Ct. House park for erection of Soldiers Memorial

7 Aug 1919 Ranard Mellott to repair railing on Gem Brige

M. H. Roetteger paid 33.58 for material for installing fountain

Amos Plessinger paid for repairs to Daniels bridge

20 Aug 1919 approved McConnellsburg primary & intermediate classes to use Ct.

House park for playground – must be kept clean

Ordered 6 ton of coal

4 Sep 1919 H. B. Hill paid 5.00 for repairs to Weavers bridge

Dale Garland paid 18.00 for 3 cords wood

Blanche Hollenshead paid 4.00 for 1 day clerking for Jury Committee

Borrowed 2,000.00 from Fulton Co. Bank

5 Dec 1919 Commissioners met at Johnsons Mill to look over proposed site f0r County bridge & recommended it be left to incoming Commissioners to decide.

Contracted with R. M. Cline of Dublin Twp. for election house for 2 years

Paid Thomas Metzler 6.00 rent for election house

Paid G. A. Buterbaugh 7.00 for meals for Juries for Oct term

30 Dec 1919 Commissioners discovered autos were not taxable & notified Twps. to refund any monies collected as such to be refunded

Commissioners hired auto & driver to inspect Johnsons Mill fording

Paid A. K. Nesbit 28.00 for 2 trips to Chambersburg & 1 trip to Johnsons Mill

Borrowed 1,000.00 from Fulton Co. Bank

5 Jan 1920 George Suders reappointed as Janitor for year 1920

Conveying Walter Barnhart to Western Penitentiary for 130 days cost 94.09

Paid Sue Peightel for cleaning Jail & washing bed clothes

31 Jan 1920 paid for Nicholas Roettger for repairs on water system

1 May 1920 accepting bids for repairs on Maxwells bridge – bids too high & rejected all

19 May 1920 paid 15.22 for angle irons for repairs to Maxwells bridge

18 Jun 1920 paid 87.00 for repairs to Maxwells bridge

23 Jul 1920 F. M. Taylor sent to Johnsons bridge for surveys of site for Water Commision

14 Aug 1920 Commissioners to visit all bridges & hired Lloyd Ray with his Car 10.00

16 Aug 1920 all bridges in good order except a few planks – paid Lloyd Ray 24.40 for hire of his auto

24 Sep 1920 paid Fulton Co. Bank 246.11 interest

Paid Lloyd Mellott 29.62 for hauling coal

Paid George B. Mock 8.50 rent for election house

Paid John W. Suders 32.15 for poultry

4 Dec 1920 J. Frank Lewis paid for repairs at Franklin Mills bridge

Paid H. B. Unger for helping to paint Ct. House pillars

Approved 5% interest for Fulton Co. Bank after 21 Aug 1920

30 Dec 1920 Paid M. R. Shaffer 348.00 for work on Law Library

Paid John Gress 7.20 for painting Ct. House pillars

Paid George A. Comerer 31.19 for flags

Paid Fulton Co. Bank 3,000.00 of money borrowed

3 Jan 1921 paid State Hospital for feeble minded 12.50 for clothing for Bishop & Walker

3 Feb 1921 Proposed bridge in Dublin Twp. over Licking Creek near Knobsville recommended by viewers – Commissioners approved

20 Feb 1921 opened bids for new bridge at Johnsons ford in Thompson Twp. also Hersheys ford in Licking Ford near Knobsville, bids ran from 7,700.00 to 14,490.00 all bids rejected

18 Mar 1921 Ferro Concrete Co. of Harrisburg gets contract at Johnsons Mill for 10,578.00 plus 30.00 extra per cubic yard excavation

F.M. Taylor gets Licking Creek bridge at 2874.00 plus 30.00 a yard for extra excavation

16 Apr 1921 paid James Johnston 9.70 for lumber at Dickeys Mt. bridge

Paid Lloyd Ray 15.00 for auto hire (used him often)

16 Jul 1921 paid George Suders for labor & sharpening lawn mower

30 Jul 1921 no trespassing signs to be put on Ct. House lawn

Thomas Stevens paid 92.57 for painting & papering offices

Charles Stenger paid 92.12 for carpenter work in Clerk of Courts office

Paid P.P. Shives 12.80 for work on Jail

30 Oct 1921 paid Thomas Stevens 6.45 for papering work on Jail

Paid F. R. Seville for meals at restaurant for Jury 5.86

George Suders doubles as Tipstaff for Court

19 Dec 1921 proposed to borrow 10,000.00 from 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank to reduce loan at Fulton Co. Bank

Starting 1922 I will only insert important items other then normal business

A draft (check) to Mercersburg Elevator Co. 40.28 for coal

10,000.00 borrowed of 1st National Bank due & no funds to pay it.

24 Jun 1822 Contract to A. B. Gordon to build 2 bridges 1 in Ayr & 1 in Taylor Twps. at cost of 6100.00 plus extra for excavation

28 Aug 1922 Rent 2 rooms to School Board in Ct. House for 35.00 a month

16 Dec 1922 purchased a mimeograph machine from Prof. H. M. Griffith for 110.00

23 Dec 1922 Expenses for year 18,000.00

28 Apr 1923 County to take over bridge at New Grenada & make it a County bridge

21 Jul 1923 Sheriff A. D. Hohman to take some of the liquor from 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank that was stored for safe keeping to Harrisburg to have tested for "proof"

29 Dec 1923 County to pay  $\frac{1}{4}$  of cost of new road from Waterfall to New Grenada, it being a State Road

Expenses estimated for 1924 at 17,000.00

7 Jan 1924 an adding machine purchased for 10.00

9 Feb 1924 Ct. House to be wired for electric, wiring & fixtures to cost 194.25

17 Mar 1924 Commissioners report Jail in very poor condition & repairs to be made not to exceed  $5,\!000.00$ 

10 May 1924 Plans & specs. For alterations of Jail proposal to be taken to Chambersburg & blueprints to be drawn up

31 Mar 1924 Ruled no more vagrants to be admitted to Jail after 1 Jun 1924

28 Jun 1924 Commissioner Gress to take plans for alterations to Jail to Harrisburg to get approval from State

24 Jul 1924 Mr. Beatty would not approve more then 15.00 for repairs to Ct. House clock

Bids advertised for alterations to Jail to be opened 26 Aug 1924 & only 1 bid came in – decision to wait until 30 Aug 1924 for more bids. *Inmates* to be moved to Franklin Co. Jail & 17 blankets purchased for them

Repairs for alteration to Jail came in at 7,891.00 to include heating plant

29 Dec 1924 Expenses for 1925 estimated at 20,000.00

7 Feb 1925 All roads drifted shut, Commissioners not able to get to Townships to do trianial appeals

28 Feb 1925 Ordered 36 chairs for Ct. House room

16 Mar 1925 Accepting bids for painting upper & lower Ct. House halls, wood work & toilets. C.S. Shore of McConnellsburg got contract at 260.95

28 Mar 1925 Paid Luther Black 71.87 for lumber & labor for repairs at Ct. House Draft to Fulton Electric Light & Power 18.02

Charles Stenger states radiators too high to place under windows as plans called for in Jail, suggest placing them between windows & was approved

Install 8 new windows at 5.00 each & one at front entrance to Jail dwelling at 35.00 in addition to contract

Approved Lutheran Church of McConnellsburg to use Ct. House room while their Church is being repairing, they are to pay light, fuel & Janitor expenses

16 May 1925 Boro of McConnellsburg objects to building a porch on N side of Jail as wide as plans called for which as it would extend out over alley, contractor Stenger to erect a vestibule entrance at addition cost of 60.00

Paid Franklin Co Jail 87.46 for support of County prisoners for month of April 29 May 1925 Met in Licking Creek Twp. to place a value on land of Bert Bard & Richard Schooley's land taken to relocate Lincoln Highway

13 Jun 1925 Contractor to install 2 windows on W side of Jail

Hauling dirt from cesspool on Ct. House grounds

Paid Stoners variety store 9.35 for merchandise

11 Jul 1925 paid Mr. Beatty, local jeweler for repairs on Tower clock

Support of County prisoners in Franklin Co. Jail 75.30

25 Jul 1925 Approved stove for Ct. House like one in Commissioners office, to be purchased from W. H. Nesbit

15 Aug 1925 Contractor Stenger authorized to replaster & refloor room that was recently made a part of the resident of the Jail at extra cost of 70.00

Charles Connelly paid 11.50 for cleaning & hauling rubbish from Jail cellar

12 Sep 1925 Contractor Stenger given the contract to make the following changes & repairs at the Jail in addition to the general contract for 185.00, #1 remove lime plaster from Jail corridor walls & ceiling & replace with cement plaster #2 install one 40 gal.

tank with coil in furnace for the purpose of furnishing hot water for the Jail & Jail dwelling #3 apply wood lathe over steel lathe on ceiling of second floor before plastering #4 install rough door & frame between furnace room & Jail celllar#5 install  $4\frac{1}{2}$  or 5 ft. bathtub & lavatory in Jail residence, also hot water line to be installed from furnace to bathroom.

26 Sep 1925 W. G. Shoemaker to make liquor analysis

Paid George A. Comerer 30.00 for flags for decoration day

31 Oct 1925 Paid Maurice Suders 3.50 for hauling water

Paid C.K. Shore 8.55 for painting at Jail

Paid W. G. Shoemaker 60.00 for making liquor analysis

26 Dec 1925 authorized contractor Stenger to excavate a cellar underneath the front porch of the Jail at the southern end to a size approximate 6 x 12 ft & a depth like under the present cellar floor & to wall said cellar with concrete block 8 inches thick, to provide a doorway from said cellar to furnace room, to provide a trapdoor in porch floor & a hopper for receiving fuel, to provide an outside on south side of Jail where window now is, with concrete retaining walls & steps & white pine doors to cover said retaining walls & steps & a door at the foot of the steps containing 6 small window lights for which the Commissioners agree to pay 291.00