

**REGULAR ADJOURNED SESSION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF BROOKE COUNTY,
WEST VIRGINIA, HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2015**

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The County Commission of Brooke County, West Virginia met in regular adjourned session this 3rd day of March, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. at the Courthouse.

**Present: Tim Ennis, President
Jim Androozzi and Stacey Wise, Commissioners
Sylvia J. Benzo, County Clerk**

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The Commission held their preliminaries before the meeting including a prayer and pledge of allegiance.

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Commissioner Androozzi thanked Pat Ford and Marvin Six of the Business Development Corporation along with volunteer board members Bill D'Alessio and John Frankovitch who were present for all their hard work on the power plant project. He also introduced representatives of Energy Solutions, Matt Doran, John Black, Brian Helmick and Curtis Wilkerson along with Becky Uhly, Mayor of Beech Bottom. Brian Helmick with Spilman, Thomas & Battle stated that Energy Solutions looked at various sites in the area and found two sites in the Beech Bottom area they felt might be viable sites to locate two power plants. Two Memorandum of Understanding were presented between the County Commission and ESC Brooke County Power I and the other ESC Brooke County Power II who intend to develop and operate natural gas combined cycle power plants in Beech Bottom. Mr. Helmick felt by signing these documents they would start with a partnership which may lead to additional projects. Joe Barki, Prosecutor was also present and indicated that he worked with the group and reviewed the Memorandums and everything appeared to be in order. Mr. Helmick indicated that there is no financial obligation today they are just trying to set the ground work only. Stacey Wise made two separate motions, one that the commission approve the ESC Brooke County Power 1, LLC Memorandum of Understanding, as presented at the meeting, that the President of the Commission, on behalf of the County Commission, be authorized and directed to execute and deliver said Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), and that the President, Clerk and other appropriate officers and employees of the County Commission be authorized and directed to take all further actions necessary to assist in support of the MOU and to carry out the terms of the MOU. The same motion was made to approve the ESC Brooke County Power II, LLC Memorandum of Understanding with both motions being seconded by Commissioner Jim Androozzi and unanimously passed. Commissioner Androozzi stated that this is a big project for Brooke County and some of the things that Energy Solutions was attracted to were the fact that we were close to the Ohio River, have gas, oil and water. This can improve our infrastructure and bring back clean, green gas fuel to West Virginia. Marvin Six of the BDC stated that this would not displace anyone currently on the site. Also recognized was Hackman Capital for the money and backing for this project. Mayor Uhly stated she was proud of the BDC and the Commission for all their hard work on this project as this could be the beginning of a new era for the Village of Beech Bottom. Marvin Six felt this project shows what happens when your economic development works together and it takes all to make the project a success. Commissioner Ennis stated there use to be a place called Power and felt this would be the new Power and this is what happens when everyone works together. Walter Ferguson stated that he worked with the Bridge Committee over the past few years and they discussed having two lanes but he felt with this new project the DOH might have to have this concept revised for more lanes. Commissioner Androozzi stated that they will start this conversation immediately.

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A motion was made by Jim Androozzi, seconded by Stacey Wise and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2015 meeting.

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A copy of the following correspondence was given to each of the Commissioner's for their review:

A notice from the Extension Service that their meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 4, 2015 at noon with lunch being provided.

A notice from the Northern Panhandle Conservation District that they will hold a fruit tree and plant sale with orders being due March 13, 2015.

A copy of the certificate of the apportionment of values of public utility property within our County was received for our budget 2015-2016.

A copy of the Certificate of Valuations for 2015-2016 was received from the Brooke County Assessor.

A part-time contract was received from Darin Pizer as a part-time employee of the Ambulance Service which needs signed. Jim Andreozzi made a motion seconded by Stacey Wise and unanimously passed to authorize Commissioner Ennis to sign said contract.

A copy of the minutes of the Brooke County Public Service District for their meeting of January 28, 2015 was received.

A Memorandum was received from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development announcing availability of funds in supplemental disaster recovery and the State is applying for NATIONAL Disaster Resilience Competition (NDRRC) Funds Phase I with public comments accepted through March 17, 2015.

A request was received from the Brooke County Planning Commission for their 2015-2016 budget in the amount of \$2,400.

A copy of the minutes of the November 15, 2015 Museum meeting were received.

A copy of the minutes of the Brooke County Board of Health meeting of November 24, 2014 was received.

A letter was received from the WV Division of Labor asking the Commission if they want to opt in for coverage of our workplaces under the WV Occupational Safety and Health Act.

The above correspondence was ordered filed in the County Clerk's Office.

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A motion was made by Jim Andreozzi, seconded by Stacey wise and unanimously passed to authorize Commissioner Tim Ennis to sign for the Pipeline Agreement for the Pioneer Trail with Sunoco Logistics.

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The Commission tabled their decision on the closing of the Alley on Archer Heights as requested at a public hearing last week by Attorney Cuomo. Commissioner Andreozzi will contact Attorney Cuomo to see if he is doing a deed.

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Norman Schwertfeger, Extension Agent let the Commission know that the Volunteer Recognition Forms are on their website; he also has garden calendars available and announced the tree and plant sale orders are due by March 13, 2015.

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Donna DeJaro, Animal Shelter Director was present and updated the commission on the number of animals at the shelter. Commissioner Andreozzi discussed the guarantee of animals and indicated they will get together and discuss this further.

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Jeff Neely with the Labor Union was present and congratulated the Commission on their work concerning the power plants in Beech Bottom. He indicated that this will not only create the eighty or so jobs in the workforce it will also create jobs for the construction.

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Karen McClain wanted to remind the Commission that employees are offered a variety of services through the Health Department for preventive care.

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Jonette Lazasz of the Schwendeman Insurance Agency was present and thanked the Commission for coming to the recent meeting in St. Clairsville concerning health care issues. Files were made up for the Commissioners. Jim Andreozzi asked her to supply additional vendors. Ms. Lazasz indicated there is an easy application form which each individual employee needs to update their insurance. She will contact other agencies to obtain quotes.

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Commissioner Ennis stated that the Commission is working on the Levy Rates to try and roll them back but prior to doing this they have to make sure they do it in a fiscally responsible manner. He stated that Brooke County has one of the highest levy rates and the Commission is working to come up with a plan but the amount has yet to be determined. Commissioner Andreozzi indicated that they are looking at our revenue stream and are trying to manage the county responsibly. The roll back might not generate a whole lot of a decrease but the Commission felt this would be a start. Discussion on the reduction was two-fold because Brooke County has a high levy rate and the commission wanted to cut some of the burden on the taxpayers. This matter will be discussed further.

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Amy Nickerson from the Attorney General Patrick Morrissey's Office will be at the courthouse today March 3, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. as it is National Consumer Protection Week.

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Invoices and vouchers were approved and the following checks were ordered written:

General County Fund – Check Nos. 14814 through 14841 for \$31,216.33
Payroll Withholding – Check Nos. 14801 through 14813 for \$44,946.11
(Includes Three ACHS)
Payroll Vouchers – 90001 through 980053 for \$110,458.39
E-911 Communications – Check Nos. 1448 through 1454 for \$42,296.14
Ambulance Fund – Check Nos. 2293 through 2302 for \$9,812.36
Ambulance Fund II – Check Nos. 976 through 978 for \$758.59

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No further business to come before the Commission a motion was made by Stacey Wise seconded by Jim Andreozzi and unanimously passed to adjourn.

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Timothy R. Ennis, President

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Sylvia J. Benzo, County Clerk