

**REGULAR ADJOURNED SESSION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF BROOKE COUNTY,
WEST VIRGINIA, HELD TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2015**

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The County Commission of Brooke County, West Virginia met in regular adjourned session this 21st day of April, 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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A public hearing was held concerning the Commercial Dog Breeder operations which information was previously provided to the commission regarding West Virginia Code 19-20-26. Commissioner Androozzi had talked to some individuals in the community who expressed concerns about changing the language for animal control to indicate a warning must be provided to the owner. He felt we have this already in the law and nothing further is needed and we have to use common sense if we enter someone's home concerning animals. Wayne Buxton of the BCAA was present and indicated that he felt there would be no problem with our current dog warden. At about 10:25 a.m. the public hearing was adjourned.

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

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A motion was made by Jim Androozzi, seconded by Stacey Wise and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the meeting held on April 7, 2015.

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

A copy was received of the minutes of the WV Route 2/Interstate 68 Authority meeting of April 3, 2015.

A request was received from the St. Baldrick's Foundation for a donation to their non-profit organization that fights against childhood cancer.

A letter was received from the Route 2/Interstate Authority asking the Commission to consider adopting a Resolution in support of the expansion of Route 2 from a two lane to a four lane highway. Duane Heck of the Route 2 Board was present and let the Commission know that the board has a new web site address: www.route2i68.com. The Resolution was read by the Clerk and a motion was made by Jim Androozzi, seconded by Tim Ennis and unanimously passed to approve the signing of the resolution.

An invitation was received from the Business Development Corporation to attend the Brooke Glass Pickers Event on April 25, 2015 from 12 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Brooke Glass site, 130 6th Street, Wellsburg.

A letter was received from Joan E. Simonetti, 808 Gilbert Avenue, Follansbee tendering her resignation to the Brooke County Historical Museum & Cultural Center Board. The Commission will wait two weeks to allow those that may be interested in serving on this board a chance to submit their letter of interest.

A letter was received from Jim Shaffer updating the Commission on the improvements he has made to the sewage plant located at the Animal shelter site. A copy will be mailed to the DEP. Commissioner Androozzi stated that the new panel board has been installed and a new sludge pump has been ordered.

A letter from Joan M. Wilson, 401 Rockdale Road, Follansbee requesting that the estate of her husband, Lawrence J. Wilson be reopened as a check came in his name that needs cashed. A motion was made by Jim Androozzi seconded by Stacey Wise and unanimously passed to approve the request.

A copy of the City of Weirton Single Audit for the year ending June 30, 2014 was received. This will be put on file for review.

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 set the Levy Rates for 2015-2016.

GENERAL COUNTY FUND – Class I – 13.90
Class II – 27.80
Class III- 55.60
Class IV – 55.60

AMBULANCE/EXCESS - Class I – 2.97
Class II – 5.94
Class III – 11.88
Class IV - 11.88

FIRE LEVY - Class I - 1.38
Class II - 2.76
Class III - 5.52
Class IV - 5.52

ANIMAL SHELTER - Class I - 1.20
Class II - 2.40
Class III - 4.80
Class IV - 4.80

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The Commission was informed that the Water Tie-In Project bids are due by May 19, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. and will be opened at the Commission meeting at 10:30 a.m. on the same day. Commissioner Ennis stated that it has been about five years on this project.

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Commissioner Andreozzi indicated that with the help of the BDC a new store will be opened which is a Dominoes Theatre Restaurant in Weirton. The grand opening will be at their location 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, Weirton on Friday, April 24, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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A motion was made by Stacey Wise, seconded by Jim Andreozzi and unanimously passed to approve sending to the West Virginia Development Office a grant for the Brooke County Museum in the amount of \$7,000.

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A motion was made by Jim Andreozzi, seconded by Stacey Wise and unanimously passed to approve the drawdown request for the Animal Shelter for \$823.46 and for \$1,294.77 as part of their \$10,000 grant.

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A motion was made by Jim Andreozzi, seconded by Stacey Wise and unanimously passed to approve a Proclamation proclaiming April, 2015 as Child Abuse Awareness Month in Brooke County.

Rhonda Stubbs was present and updated the Commission on their yard sale held recently on behalf of CASA. She also got in touch with the Foster Parent Association and they came and took a lot of stuff from the old museum building where the CASA items are stored. CASA will be sponsoring a Safe Sleep Program & Baby Shower on May 15th and she asked permission to keep some of their items at the old museum property until they have this event. The Commission did not have a problem with her request. Also CASA is sponsoring 135 youth in Brooke County, they have also participated in Blue Awareness Month.

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The Commissioners reviewed the Dog Breeder Ordinance and a motion was made by Jim Andreozzi, seconded by Stacey Wise and unanimously passed to approve the Ordinance as written as provided by Steve Tennant. Mr. Tennant was present and stated that the law requires the Commission to set fees. He felt the fees should be set at the maximum. Mr. Andreozzi stated that the Commission will talk with the Assessor and make this decision later. Steve Tennant indicated that we are about the tenth county in the State to adopt this program and was grateful to the commission that no puppy mills will be in our county.

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Mike Bolen of the Health Department presented an informational sheet on tips for safety for those that are helping clean up litter in our community. This is also available on their website.

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Ruby Greathouse was present and let the Commission know that there were ninety-one (91) items on display at the Museum which were brought by the Brooke High School Students and Alumni. The show was a success.

She also confirmed that the grant application being submitted will be used to fix the air-conditioning at the Museum not only for workers, visitors but also for the exhibits.

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Richard Ferguson was present thanked all those that are helping pick up litter. Commissioner Andreozzi also thanked Shelly Ewusiak who cleaned Woodcrest, also Dave Secrist and his Committee along with George Brindley. At some point the Commission would like to formally recognize these volunteers.

Ruby Greathouse reminded those present that the SWA will be holding their annual pick-up of tires, etc. on May 2, 2015.

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Joel Sizemore of Project Lifesaver was present to update the Commission on this project. They will be holding a meeting tomorrow as a refresher course as they are gearing up for the May 1st event. They have clients ready to participate in this program. The program is for people that may Alzheimer's or other diseases that sets up individuals with a device that they wear which can track them if they get lost. The only cost to the participate is installation and upkeep of batteries for the device. They will be having an open house at the library on May 2nd and invited the Commission. They will be sending about 3200 brochures out through our local schools to take this information home.

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Margaret Ferrari was present and reminded the commission that the Veterans Memorial Dinner Banquet will be April 25, 2015. Commissioner Ennis stated that this is quite an event and invited those that have not participated to do so.

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Commissioner Wise thanked all the volunteers in our county and all the recent updates that have been given.

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

General County Fund – Check Nos. 15067 through 15097 for \$43,605.64
Excess Levies – Check Nos. 15065 through 15066 for \$142.41
Ambulance Fund – Check Nos. 2356 through 2366 for \$77,023.90
Ambulance Fund II – Check Nos. 993 for \$137.89
SCGB – Check Nos. 110 through 113 for \$5,529.82
E-911 Communications – Check Nos. 1471 through 1472 for \$245.00
Dog Fund – Check Nos. 1050 Void – Check 1054 for \$897.74

The Commission met recently with the Sheriff and his Tax Deputy along with the County Clerk and her bookkeeper to discuss numerous outstanding checks. After the meeting the Commission approved voiding some checks and reissuing them while others were sent to the states as unclaimed funds.

Outstanding Checks Voided and Reissued –
Void Checks 1370, 1471, 1543, 1555 for \$2,536.63 and reissued
Check Nos. 1019 through 1052 for \$2,536.63

Business Development – void – Check No. 110 & 23 for \$42,000 (Note: \$40,000 went to the BDC
Reissued – check No. 142 for \$2,000

General County Fund – Void – Check Nos. 4867, 6550, 7376, 10955, 12399, 12530, 5295, 9037, 10840, 11271, for \$42,889.44
Reissued – Check Nos. 15054 through 15062 for \$42,639.44 (Note: \$250 went to General County)

Dog Fund – Check No. 1051 to PA Unclaimed Properties - \$50.00
State Government Grants – Void #556 for \$6,250 & Reissued – Check No. 1053 for \$6,250

Federal Grant Fund – Void #987 for \$50.00; Reissued – Check No. 1052 for \$50.00

Ambulance Fund – Void #3010 for \$9.00; Reissued – Check No. 2354 for \$9.00

Ohio Unclaimed Properties – check 2355 for \$224.30

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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