

REGULAR ADJOURNED SESSION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF BROOKE COUNTY,
WEST VIRGINIA, HELD TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2016

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The County Commission of Brooke County, West Virginia met in regular adjourned session this 4th day of October, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. at the Courthouse.

Present: Tim Ennis, President
Jim Andreozzi 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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A motion was made by Stacey Wise, seconded by Jim Andreozzi and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the meeting held on September 27, 2016.

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This being the first regular meeting of the month of October, 2016 fiduciary matters were presented to the Commission for approval after having been cared for in the absence of the Commission by the County Clerk. The meeting will remain open until the end of the regular meeting and if no objections are filed will close at the end of the regular meeting.

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

A letter was received from Senator Blair as a follow-up to Senate Bill 648 which became effective June 6, 2016 which allows local authorities to permit traffic signals to flash during low traffic times. He wants to know if Brooke County has identified lights that will be affected. The Commission will discuss this issue.

A copy of the Brooke County Planning Commission minutes of their April 26, 2016 meeting was received.

An invitation to attend a Business After Hours on Tuesday, October 4, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. was received to be held at the Haunted School of Terror, 2850 Weir Avenue, Weirton (old Dunbar School)

A copy of the Hammond Public Service District minutes of their August 17, 2016 meeting was received.

A Request for Revision to the approved Budget was received to increase \$3,416 for Rapid Response and Project Lifesaver was received. Jim Andreozzi made a motion seconded by Stacey Wise and unanimously passed to approve the revision.

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

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John Talkington, Area Manager for "A Charitable Life Health Solutions" (ACLHS) was present and let the Commission know that he was at the WV Association of Counties meeting in Charleston and provided information concerning proactive health management. He presented a brochure to the Commission and stated there was no cost to the employer but could have a net cost to the employer through significant tax savings of about \$200 per employee annually. The ACLHS provides products to improve workforce health while assisting businesses with compliance. Businesses benefit from payroll savings, a healthier workforce, and compliance with current ACA mandates. The program is ERISA and HIPPA compliant. In order to proceed Mr. Talkington indicated there is an employer video and they would need a census of employees. After further discussion Commissioner Ennis stated that the

county has a broker but would check to see if they have similar programs and get their feedback.

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Tim Buchmelter of 107 Church Avenue, Follansbee presented a letter signed by his neighbors concerning the deteriorated property and house at 106 Church Avenue. He stated that the structure is overtaken by weeds and young trees, the roof has been compromised and the property is a drainage liability for surrounding homes. The residents are asking for action because they feel it lowers the values of their homes. Commissioner Ennis stated that the Commission had recently looked at this property. Richard Ferguson and Butch Rotellini of the Dilapidated Building Commission were present and Mr. Ferguson stated they had a phone conversation set up with the owners of this property one of which is 103 years of age and one has a life estate in the property, however; the life estate owner did not participate in the conference call. The property could be up for sale for taxes or someone could buy it to fix it up. Mr. Ferguson stated that according to the Dilapidated Ordinance these home owners could be fined \$100.00 a day until it is cleaned. Mr. Buchmelter also reported that water has been running out of the building and someone has been cutting the grass, however; he heard the man will no longer cut it. Commissioner Andreozzi stated that they are working on these issues, however; he feels the Commission's enforcement tool may need strengthened. The Ordinance is working in some areas but some issues still need resolved. Don Perkins asked if Hooverson Heights were annexed if this would speed up the process. Mr. Ferguson thought if they were annexed it would create further issues such as if the ordinance was not enforced. He felt cities have constant problems enforcing. Commissioner Andreozzi stated that the Commission has no jurisdiction in cities that have similar ordinances. After a lengthy discussion the Commission agreed to work on this property with the help of the Dilapidated Building commission.

Commissioner Wise stated that the Dilapidated Building Commission has only been in existence for a few years and commended them for their efforts with more than three hundred properties being reported. She felt it was a long process once you have a hearing and do the follow up. She felt the Commission might have to take this to the next level.

Steve Maguschak, Wellsburg City Manager was present and discussed "Land Banking" which is a group supported by financial institutions and taxes are forgiven if the building needs razed. Commissioner Andreozzi questioned who would maintain the property. Mr. Maguschak was willing to check into this further.

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Don Perkins from Hooverson Heights, Follansbee, WV was present to express his opinion on an incident that he said happened several weeks ago when he left the county commissioner's meeting. He questioned Kevin Heck who is in charge of the 911 Center and also in charge of the cameras in and around the building and was informed that the cameras did not show anything. He informed those present that this would not happen again. He also suggested having the West Liberty Media Center film the meetings.

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

General County Fund - Check Nos. 17744 through 17773 for \$26,313.90
Payroll - Check Nos. 17740 through 17743 for \$114,280.12
E-911 Communications - Check Nos. 1675 through 1678 for \$48,867.59
Ambulance Fund - Check Nos. 3045 through 3060 for \$87,431.11
Shelter Levy - Check Nos. 0349 through 0351 for \$19,882.22
Valuation Fund - Check Nos. 1063 through 1064 for \$584.36

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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