

REGULAR ADJOURNED SESSION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF BROOKE COUNTY,
WEST VIRGINIA, HELD TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2016

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The County Commission of Brooke County, West Virginia met in regular adjourned session this 6th day of December, 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 November 29, 2016.

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This being the first regular meeting of the month of December, 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 Captain Heck advising that he moved Emily Drake from part-time to full-time employment as of December 1, 2016.

A letter was received from Captain Heck advising that he will be moving Megan Brown from part-time to full-time employment, effective December 16, 2016.

A letter was received from Captain Heck confirming that Sheriff Jackson authorized year end pay adjustments for his part-time dispatchers and confirming their names.

A copy of the Brooke County Board of Health minutes of their August 29, 2016 meeting was received.

A letter was received from Comcast making the Commission aware that some customers will be receiving an upgrade to their set-top boxes and will be notified on how to set up the changes.

A letter was received from Wayne Buxton letting the Commission know that he is interested in being reappointed to the Brooke County Park & Recreation Commission Board.

A letter was received from Robert Hildebrand who would like to offer ideas on ways to save on savings to the Hammond Public Service District.

A letter was received from the Division of Highways in response to our request enquiring about the passing zone on WV Route 27, Washington Pike between the intersections of Brady's Ridge and Genteel Ridge and advising that they do not recommend removing the passing zone on this portion of road. Commissioner Andreozzi did not feel the decision was right and did not understand why a passing zone was needed in this area. Commissioner Ennis stated that individuals had called the Commission expressing concern, one of which was Ed Gray who lives on Washington Pike. The Commission asked that a copy be sent to him.

A request for revision to the approved budget was received to transfer \$1,000 from the County Commission to Home Confinement. Jim Andrezzi made a motion seconded by Stacey Wise and unanimously passed to approve the request.

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Commissioner Ennis introduced Rev. Dr. Tamara Rodenberg, President of Bethany College who has been President for about a year. Dr. Rosenberg indicated her commitment to the community with a promise to be more active with students. She is also committed to the academic quality of the one hundred seventy-six (176) year old school. A five year plan has been created for the facilities and they are committed to the financial stability of the school. The brick work has been re-done in front of the Old Main Building, they have put in a Starbucks Coffee Shop, athletic extension have been put in and they will be looking at revamping housing for the students. Upgrades are being done to Wi-Fi and their electronics. Dr. Rodenberg indicated that another goal is for their students to all graduate and be placed in jobs. Commissioner Andrezzi felt it was encouraging about the financial stability commitment. He will get her in touch with Pat Ford of the Business Development Corporation who may be able to offer her help. Don Perkins was present and thanked her for her commitment to education. He mentioned the flag being at half staff in another school and the shape of our country and recent election. She felt that we are one country and should come together no matter who is in office. Dr. Rodenberg commented that they do have pets as pet therapy during finals week. Ruby Greathouse commented that there are over twenty-six historic sites with Bethany College having two historic landmarks, Old Main and the Campbell Mansion. Ms. Greathouse also stated that she is a member of the Pioneer Trail Group and they are a health group which meets at the college. They are in the process of re-doing all the trail sites. She commended those that are helping with the project. Dr. Rodenberg talked about student population and how it is determined, where the students are from, international students and their safety and her willingness to work with the community. Commissioner Ennis indicated that we have a long term history with Bethany as former Governor Underwood was President of the college at one time. The Commission also indicated that they may contact Dr. Rosenberg and maybe set up an internship with one of the students. Commissioner Ennis stated that the Commission is willing to partner and work with the college and thanked her for coming to update the commission.

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Richard Ferguson was present and let the Commission know that the Dilapidated Building Commission has been very busy and have managed to get numerous property owners clean up their property. He also reported that the 911 Mapping and Addressing have some new data to put into the system and that they still get address changes.

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Commissioner Ennis questioned Sheriff Elect Larry Palmer who was present when he was going to be sworn into office as the new sheriff. He indicated that he requested January 3, 2017 for the swearing in ceremony.

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Leonard DeWitt presented to the Commission a Certificate which was received from the Brooke Pioneer Expansion North Connector which is sponsored by the Brooke County Commission and approved for \$50,000 in Federal Funds for the Design Phase of the project. Mr. DeWitt and his wife went to Charleston to receive the Certificate Announcement. He indicated there is not any match required for us to receive this grant. The funds will help with the project which will run from 30th Street, Wellsburg to Bruin Drive. Ruby Greathouse stated that if this is connected we will be able to have the longest trail in North America which runs from south Wheeling to Washington, D.C.

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Bud Billiard reported that the Park renovations will be slow for the winter, however; they did have good participation with breakfast with Santa.

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Commissioner Ennis stated that tomorrow, December 7, 2016 is the 75th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor and statistics show that there were about 2,335 lost service personnel and about 1,143 wounded. He also provided other

statistics on the loss of lives in World War II and hoped that no other wars occur. Ruby Greathouse reported that we lost one soldier from our county on December 7th with five soldiers being lost in the first six months.

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

Payroll - Check Nos. 18194 for \$95,055.19
ACH's (3) for \$44,850.14
General County Fund - Check Nos. 18172 through 18194 for \$17,929.63
Dog Fund - Check No. 1212 through 1215 for \$2,312.29
E-911 Communications - Check Nos. 1698 through 1702 for \$53,459.97
Ambulance Fund - Check Nos. 3126 through 3135 for \$1,749.10
Shelter Levy - Check Nos. 0379 through 0384 for \$23,231.56
Valuation Fund - Check Nos. 1087 through 1089 for \$10,223.40

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

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Timothy R. Ennis, President

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Sylvia J. Benzo, County Clerk