

REGULAR ADJOURNED SESSION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF BROOKE
COUNTY,

WEST VIRGINIA, HELD FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 2016

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The County Commission of Brooke County, West Virginia met in regular adjourned session this 29th day of January, 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 Jim Andreozzi, seconded by Stacey Wise and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the meeting held on January 19, 2016.

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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 the State Auditor's Office asking the commission to review the current operating budget and make any necessary revisions, letting us know the oil and gas distributions have been made and introducing tiffany Hess who has joined their office.

A copy of a letter the Brooke County Museum sent to Paul Maddox, Commissioner of the DOT asking that the name of "The Patriot and Hero Bridge" be considered for the name.

A letter from Change, Inc. was received letting us know that they will be conducting a Homebuyer Education Class on February 20, 2016 at the Benwood/McMechen Housing Authority at 10:00 a.m.

A Request for Revision to the Approved Budget for \$2,725.32 for computers for the County Clerk's Office was received. Jim Andreozzi made a motion seconded by Stacey Wise and unanimously passed to approve the revision.

A letter was received from Senator Yost updating the Commission on the first days of the new legislative session.

A memo was received from the State Auditor's Office enclosing information needed for the Levy Estimate Budget for next fiscal year.

A letter was received from Patricia Arnett explaining about her pooling unit and indicating she is not disputing being taxed, but only on the correct properties and portions.

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

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Bob Fowler requested to move Britney Sperringer to the position as EMT. A motion was made by Stacey Wise and seconded by Jim Andreozzi to approve the request.

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Mayor Sue Simonetti of Wellsburg along with their Attorney, Dan Taylor, was present to

discuss the annexation of the South end of Wellsburg. Mr. Taylor had previously submitted a petition for the County Commission to review as a minor boundary according to the WV Code 8-6-5. He explained that the area sought to be annexed contains about 368 acres with no person presently residing in said area. There are three businesses located within the annexation area, L&M Cycle Shop, Smith Oil and Marine Maintenance along with four property owners, HFS Limited Liability Company, WVDOH, Daniel Lombardi and the Brooke County Bus Garage. Les McGowan questioned what the benefits would be to the owners, would it include lighting, sidewalks, etc. Mayor Simonetti explained that this would all be determined later and Attorney Taylor confirmed that all would have an opportunity to discuss these issues at the public hearing. Mr. Taylor felt there is always a benefit to these types of projects. The Commission indicated that the Board of Education status would be exempt and wanted to know about discussion concerning the new bridge status. Mayor Simonetti explained that this was brought before council and discussed and the bridge would be exempt. After a lengthy discussion the commission indicated that they have busy schedules now and hope to have the hearing in early April and would include the Village of Beech Bottom as they had previously requested annexation of property too. Becky Uhlly, Mayor of Beech Bottom was present and expressed concerns about the April time frame as bids for the new bridge are going out in March. Commissioner Ennis felt this would have no bearing on it.

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Wayne Buxton reported that all the dogs the shelter received from Calhoun County have been placed. He also reported that next weekend he will be going to Petco with dogs for adoption.

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Bob Sadler questioned if the Commission had heard from Barb Zimmox recently concerning the water tie-in as she was going to get a quote concerning a piece of equipment needed that was not included in the initial bid. Someone will contact Ms. Zimmox on this issue.

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Commissioner Ennis presented the fact that the State has proposed a twenty-five percent reduction to local health department funding. Mike Bolen was present and let the Commission know that this would affect our health department by a reduction of about \$53,000.

Commissioner Ennis also reported that the blue lights have been turned on again on the Veterans' Memorial Bridge.

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

General County Fund – Check Nos. 16421 through 16456 for \$31,446.28 Ambulance
Fund – Check Nos. 2698 through 2720 for \$100,244.17
E-911 Communications – Check Nos. 1581 through 1582 for \$16,867.17
Dog Fund – Check Nos. 1118 through 1126 for \$1,538.36
Shelter Levy Fund – Check Nos. 198 through 211 for \$27,836.15

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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