

REGULAR ADJOURNED SESSION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF BROOKE
COUNTY,

WEST VIRGINIA, HELD FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2016

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The County Commission of Brooke County, West Virginia met in regular adjourned session this 23rd day of February, 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 meetings held on February 12, 2016 and February 16, 2016.

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

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A letter was received from the Consolidated Public Retirement Board confirming that the employer contributions to be paid into the deputy Sheriffs Retirement System, will be held at 12.0% for fiscal year 2016.

A copy of the Brooke County Public Service District minutes of their December 16, 2015 meeting was received.

A copy of an e-mail from Andy Nickerson, Assistant EMA Director was received letting us know that Brian T. Howell has resigned as an employee with the Ambulance Service.

A letter from the West Virginia Development Office thanking us for the submission of the \$100,000 grant application for Brooke Hills Park which will be put on a wait list for review by their office.

A notice was received from the Consolidated Public Retirement Board letting us know that there will be a decrease in the PERS employer contribution from 13.5% to 12.0%, effective July 1, 2016.

A letter was received from Attorney Christine Machel enclosing an application of William C. Kisner to close an alley in Marshall Terrace. She will publish a notice for the March 22, 2016 meeting and notify adjoining landowners.

A request was received from Harold J. Hanlon, Executor of the Estate of Floyd James Hanlon, deceased to re-open the Estate due to some unfinished business. A motion was made by Jim Andreozzi, seconded by Stacey Wise and unanimously passed to approve the request.

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

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Bud Billiard was present and updated the Commission on happenings at Brooke Hills Park including the Army Corp recently helping tear down the fences and will be bringing equipment in on Friday to tear down the batting cages and pool. He indicated that Station Grill provided the

meals recently for the Corp and they are working on other places to provide food too.

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Norman Schwertfeger was present and asked the Commission to approve their Memorandum Agreement for the Extension Service for fiscal year 2016 in the amount of \$60,041 which is the money the Extension Service receives through the Levy. Stacey Wise made a motion, seconded by Jim Andreozzi and unanimously passed to approve signing the Agreement.

Mr. Schwertfeger also provided a flyer on the West Virginia Small Farm Conference, he stated there will be an Oil & Gas Conference in Bridge on May 18, 2016, and the EDA will be meeting Wednesday at 5:30 at First Choice Realtors Building on Charles Street.

Mr. Schwertfeger provided information on the Volunteer Program for the week of April 4, 2016 through April 8, 2016 with the date of Marcy 9, 2016 set for nominations to be turned in to the Extension Service.

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Mike Bolen from the Health thanked the commission for all their hard work with the Board of Health. He reported that at the Board of Health meeting they discussed exemptions on the smoking ban. He reported that the Surgeon General's Report talked about our youth seeing this type of thing and thought it would be bad. The CDC was the same way. Mr. Bolen explained that they modeled our ban on the one adopted by Greenbrier County who enacted theirs in 2012 and recently when he talked with them he was told that it did not affect the establishments with video lottery machines. He indicated that in fact they have a few more establishments since they enacted the ban in 2012. He discussed the fact that they have looked at the economic issues versus the health issues with the health issues being cancer rates, heart attack, etc. He indicated that health studies have been done and there is a thirty-three percent decrease in heart attacks. Bud Billiard felt it was a tough decision and admired the board for standing their ground. Commissioner Andreozzi asked for Mr. Bolen to think about his statements he is making. He indicated that he appreciates what Mr. Bolen does but state that his organization (Board of Health) has the power to make laws but there is no power for the citizens. He felt that next week laws could be made about automobiles or red meat and felt that that smaller steps could be taken for the smoking ban. He felt if the Board would think outside the box there could be a compromise to help people that are affected by the ban.

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The Commission recognized the passing of Commissioner Wise's father-in-law who was a Korean War Veteran.

Mr. Billiard indicated that Senator Yost mother also has passed.

The Commission offered their condolences to both families.

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

General County Fund – Check Nos. 16539 through 16569 for \$55,193.16
E-911 Communications – Check Nos. 1591 through 1593 for \$275.86
Shelter Levy – Check Nos. 221 through 226 for \$1,485.39
Ambulance Fund – Check Nos. 2760 through 2771 for \$4,456.29
Dog Fund – Check Nos. 1134 through 1138 for \$3,246.94
State Government Grants – Check No. 1139 for \$1,000

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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