

REGULAR ADJOURNED SESSION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF BROOKE COUNTY,
WEST VIRGINIA, HELD TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2016

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The County Commission of Brooke County, West Virginia met in regular adjourned session this 26th day of April, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. at the Courthouse.

Present: Jim Andreozzi, President Pro-Tem
Stacey Wise, Commissioner
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 with a correction concerning the annexation hearing prior to the regular meeting held on April 19, 2016. The correction being that both sides did not agree to take charge of the trail, it was indicated that it would be taken into consideration.

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

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

A letter was received from FEMA verifying progress on corrective actions that were identified following our Community Assistance Visit conducted on May 7, 2014 and commending staff for educating themselves about the National Flood Insurance Program.

A letter was received from Mayor Uhly of Beech Bottom thanking the Commission for their time at the annexation hearing and reiterating a few points on behalf of the Village of Beech Bottom.

A letter was received from Change, Inc. attaching a copy of their Annual Report which breaks down their outcomes for 2015. They also announced that they were awarded \$370,000 on March 11, 2016 for a Substance Abuse Grant for their Family Medical Care Community Health Center.

A request to hire Nicholai Kefauver and Joshua Whan as part-time EMT's beginning May 1, 2016 who will be replacing Mike Cika and Brian Howell who are no longer employed by the Ambulance Service. A motion was made by Stacey Wise, seconded by Jim Andreozzi and passed to approve the request.

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

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Commissioner Andreozzi explained that on June 30, 1999 the County Commission opted out of participation for PEIA health insurance coverage. The law at the time was that an employee had to be vested in PEIA for five years of service and the employee could possibly carry health insurance coverage into retirement, with the county paying a portion of that premium, at retirement age. The employee had to have been hired before June 30, 1994 and had five years of service before the county opted out of PEIA on June 30, 1999 to be included in future coverage under PEIA at retirement. There are a few employees that fall short of the required years of participation in the plan, however; the county may opt to pay the employer premium for the retiree's health insurance coverage, if they choose to do so. Commissioner Andreozzi felt it was only right to pay the county portion for those employees that were hired in 1999 and were in the PEIA plan but fall slightly short of the required years of service before the county opted out of PEIA plan on June 30, 1999. The amount the county would have to pay is determined by PEIA and not the county and is based on years of service and utilization rate. After discussion a motion was made by Stacey Wise, seconded by Jim Andreozzi and passed to agree to pay a portion of the PEIA premium, which the

state deems appropriate, up to age 65 for those employees that had five years of service on June 30, 1994 and those few employees that were hired before the county opted out of PEIA coverage which was on June 30, 1999 and who do not have the required five years of service under PEIA. The hire date of Sharon Crabtree was May 1, 1995, hire date of Susan Malson was April 16, 1999, hire date of Florence Long was May 16, 1996 and the hire date of Bernadette Varlas was June 23, 1999 which means that these employees do not have enough years of service but the county has agreed to pay a portion of the premiums, upon age of retirement for the aforementioned employees, up to age 65.

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Coach Billiard announced that he has tickets available for the Veterans Memorial function on April 30, 2016 and the committee will be honoring Edward Jackert and the Richards family. He also asked if anyone knew of family that had two siblings serving in the military at the same time to let the committee know as they may be considered to be honored at the next function.

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Alexandra Eberle, Director of the Brooke County Library was present and announced they are having a fund raiser on May 3, 2016 "Give Local America". The Library will also be having their Annual Spring Event and invited anyone to come and meet the First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, portrayed by Patty Cooper on April 28, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Library.

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Jim Holden was present once again to express concerns about the deplorable condition of Coss Lane. The Commission indicated that they had conversation with the DOH and was told that the road was graded on Monday and was told there are no potholes in the road. Commissioner Andreozzi indicated he will contact Southwest Energy to see if they can do anything. He also indicated that the roads are similar throughout the entire county but the commission will continue pushing for improvements.

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Norman Schwertfeger, Extension Agent reported that they will be having the Energy Express Program again this year for children through sixth grade but it will be expanded with a new site at Wellsburg Primary School and continued at the Follansbee site. This program helps children with reading retention and increases reading skills. He also reported that they will be having what is known as a "Pitch Contest" where new businesses are given five minutes to share their business ideas and time given for questions and answers. This is a partnership with West Liberty University with applications due in May and the event is scheduled in June. He also reported that the EDA will be meeting at the Library on Wednesday evening with a representative from Southwest Energy talking about the Oil and Gas and where it is heading.

Commissioner Andreozzi asked if Mr. Schwertfeger could make the grant improvement on Broadband available for Barb Zimmox of BHJ.

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

General County Fund - Check Nos. 16844 through 16867 for \$22,299.20
Ambulance Fund - Check Nos. 2847 through 2860 for \$4,419.51
Shelter Levy - Check Nos. 256 for \$129.79
Excess Levies - Check No. 16868 for \$41.08

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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