

REGULAR ADJOURNED SESSION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF BROOKE
COUNTY,

WEST VIRGINIA, HELD TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2016

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The County Commission of Brooke County, West Virginia met in regular adjourned session this 7th day of June, 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 May 31, 2016.

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The County Commission meeting for next week scheduled for Tuesday will be held on Thursday, June 16, 2016 due to a conflict of schedules.

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Senator Jack Yost along with several members of the Washington Pike Public Service District were present to give to the Commission a grant award from the Governor's Community Participation Grant for repairs to the Washington Pike PSD for emergency repairs to their water system. The Commission thanked Senator Yost and the Board members of the WPPSD for all their help with this project. Commissioner Wise commended Senator Yost for his help and also stated that members of the Washington Pike PSD drove to Charleston to try and secure this funding.

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This being the first meeting of the month of June, 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. The Commission also approved the Orders for the Estates of James L. Deuley and Cecil Hauck as prepared by A. J. Thomas, fiduciary commissioner. Commissioner Andreozzi indicated that he had read these two reports and commended the fiduciary commissioner for making these documents easy to understand.

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

A request was received from the Ambulance service to confirm that Mike DiLoretta will move from part-time to full-time paramedic as of July 1, 2016 and the movement of part-time EMT's Theresa Treherne, Tia Moore, Jordan Green and Jim Shingleton to full-time, effective July 1, 2016 was received. A request was received to hire Joel Graham, Michale Mahan, Ronald Williams, Elizabeth Kyanko, Haley Meyers and Nicole Johnson as part-time EMT's as of July 1, 2016. A motion was made by Stacey Wise, seconded by Jim Andreozzi and unanimously passed to approve the request.

A letter was received from Change, Inc. letting us know that a homebuyer education class will

be held on June 18, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the Mary H. Weir Public Library in Weirton.

A notice was received from Comcast letting us know that on June 22, 2016, NFL Network will move from the digital Preferred Tier to the Digital Starter Tier.

A letter was received from the WV Route 2/I-68 Authority letting us know that the appointment of Jim Stock on the Board will expire on June 30, 2016 and requesting that he be reappointed to the Board. The Commission will allow two weeks before they make any decision to allow others that may be interested a chance to submit a letter of interest.

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The following budget revisions were presented to the Commission and upon motion made by Jim Andreozzi, seconded by Stacey Wise and unanimously passed were approved:

BUDGET REVISIONS:

Assessor Valuation:

Transferring \$3,000 from Insurance to Materials & Supplies
Transferring \$600 from Unemployment to Insurance Premiums Retirees

Assessor General County

Transferring \$2060 from Group Insurance to FICA
Transferring \$3205 from Insurance to Retirement
Transferring \$1,000 from Insurance Deductibles to Contractual Services

Sheriff's Office:

Courthouse Security
Transferring \$1,200 from Maintenance Repair Equipment to various line items

Communications Center

Transferring \$1,000 from Employee Wages to Unemployment
Transferring \$3,100 from Account 103 to various line items

Tax Office

Transferring \$150.00 from Supplies to Legal Publications

Law Enforcement

Transferring \$69,000 to various line items

Jail

Transferring \$1,700 to various line items

Also a Request for Revision to the approved budget increasing it by \$387.00 to Project Lifesaver will be sent to the State.

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A Part Time Contract for Michael Loborec was received and signed by the Commission.

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A motion was made by Jim Andreozzi, seconded by Stacey Wise and unanimously passed to adopt the Resolution in support of the West Virginia Route 2 widening. A copy will be mailed to the Board.

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Kacey Gentile was visiting the Commission as part of her courses with WVU and is a Junior at the University.

Also, Laurie from the Weirton Area Chamber of commerce participated in the meeting as part of the Leadership Program. She had to do so many civic and volunteer hours as part of the program.

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Norman Schwertfeger from WVU Extension Service updated the Commission on events which included the announcement of a job opening at the Extension Service who will be assisting in the 4-H Program. The announcement of 4-H Camp from June 27, 2016 through July 1, 2016 at Oglebay. There will be a Stem Garden Camp held at Beech Bottom School on July 11 – 15, 2015 for grades first through fifth. He reported that the PITCH Contest will be June 23, 2016 at the Wellsburg Park. He was also present to support Laura Beckelhimer of the Senior Building in their request to obtain the Red Barn Building in Follansbee.

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Laura Beckelhimer, Director of the Senior Citizens Building was present to let the Commission know that they have the opportunity to obtain the building in Follansbee know as the Red Barn. The current owner (Joseph Bingiel) is willing to donate the property to a non-profit organization and since the building is next to the Senior Center in Follansbee she thought they could benefit from acquiring the building. They would like to move their current kitchen from Merco Marine to this building and do repairs a little at a time. She let the Commission know that the Senior Center organization is a 501C3 Corporation and can obtain property, however; the current building is in the name of the County. Commissioner Andreozzi encouraged them to have a contractor look at the building. She indicated that the roof had been replaced a few years ago but it does have electrical problems. The two buildings are not connected but Ms. Beckelhimer felt it would not take a lot of work to connect the two buildings and to make the buildings accessible a chair lift could be obtained. Ms. Beckelhimer indicated there are several apartments located on the top floor of this building which could be rented. Norman Schwertfeger indicated that the Senior Board was in favor of acquiring the property. Also, parking is a problem and is also limited if they obtain the building as there is not much space with the property. Ms. Beckelhimer wanted to make sure if they could not obtain the property as a 501C3 entity that the County could be their back-up. Commissioner Wise questioned if the building was not used as a Senior Citizens Building at any point in time would it revert back to the original owners. Commissioner Andreozzi expressed concerns about other property the county has acquired over the years as money has had to go into the maintenance and up-keep for them. He encouraged them to make sure they have all the facts before acquiring the property.

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Wayne Buxton commended Commissioner Andreozzi and the Dog Warden for being on top of an issue with a dog this past week. Commissioner Andreozzi commended the Dog Warden and stated that not everything you read on facebook is true.

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Bud Billiard reported that the Army has left Brooke Hills Park in their clean-up and demolition of the pool, etc. at the Park. The Army will go for their training in July and be back in September to help with further development of the Park, however; they completed the current scope of work they set out to do for the Park and will be helping with Phase II. Numerous people were commended for their help in feeding the Army when they were here.

Mr. Billiard also reported that Brooke Hills Playhouse is presenting a performance with “On Golden Pond”. There will also be two groups to do two separate concerts one on July 22nd and the other on September 24, 2016.

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Commissioner Andreozzi indicated that after much thought and consideration he made a motion to deny the request for annexation for both Wellsburg and Beech Bottom. It would not be good for the stakeholders or the business climate being what it is at the current time to grant annexation. The oil and gas industry has been working very hard on projects and are looking at property in the county and if we put other restrictions it could jeopardize some prospective projects. Commissioner Wise stated that both Wellsburg and Beech Bottom have been working

hard to get increased revenues but she felt now is not the right time. There are other projects coming up and she did not want to do anything to stifle these projects and their growth. Commissioner Wise stated that Wellsburg agreed to exemptions for five years, however; time frames seem to approach fast and unexpected issues may be run into before the bridge is done. Commissioner Ennis has had calls from industry and from Charleston concerning the bridge and talked with Mr. Maddox of the DOH and was told that Mr. Maddox could revisit support once the bridge is built. Bud Billiard commended the Commission for their broad prospective and felt harmony was a big factor and the bridge was very important and commended the commission on their handling this situation at this time.

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Commissioner Wise explained that there are problems with condensation and deteriorating of pipes in the ceiling in the County Clerk's Office. The Commission received only one quote from a company to come in and replace the piping. Casto Technical is the only one that was willing to give a bid on the pipe replacement. The County Clerk and Commission are trying to coordinate a date to have the company do this work and are trying to get them to come on June 20, 2016 which is West Virginia Day. The Courthouse will be closed on that day. They will also need a few evenings to do the work.

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

General County Fund – Check Nos. 17195 through 17228 for \$74,385.75
Ambulance Fund – Check Nos. 2908 through 2912 for \$2,716.46
E-911 Communications – Check Nos. 1625 through 1634 for \$81,812.43
Shelter Levy – Check Nos. 278 through 280 for \$919.06
Valuation Fund – Check Nos. 1020 through 1021 for \$873.00
Payroll – Check Nos. 17184 through 17194 for \$97,037.55

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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