

REGULAR ADJOURNED SESSION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF BROOKE
COUNTY,

WEST VIRGINIA, HELD TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2016

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The County Commission of Brooke County, West Virginia met in regular adjourned session this 30th day of August, 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 August 23, 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 Janet Klein asking to be appointed to the Hammond Public Service District Board.

A letter was received from Kenneth Lowmiller asking to be appointed to the Hammond Public Service District Board.

Information was received pertaining to Small Businesses eligibility for a Disaster Assistance Loan for residents of West Virginia affected by recent flooding.

A letter was received from Sheriff Jackson resigning as Administrator in the Estate of Alma Tarquino due to the fact that a will was found and an Executor, Thomas Brady, grandson was appointed to act on behalf of the estate.

A copy of the Economic Development Authority Agenda for their August 31, 2016 meeting was received.

Information was received from Norman Schwertfeger on leadership training being offered in Wheeling on September 24, 2016.

A letter was received from Darrin Wilson who is doing a research that examines the economic development policies of county governments in our Appalachian Region and asks for our participation by completing a survey which will be sent within the next few weeks.

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

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A copy of Audit Report for year ending June 30, 2015 was received for the City of Weirton.

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A motion was made by Jim Andreozzi, seconded by Stacey Wise and unanimously passed to appoint Janet Klein to fill the unexpired term of Jack Krzywdik on the Hammond Public Service District Board and to appoint Kenneth Lowmiller to fill the unexpired term of Lloyd VanHorn.

Letters will be sent to Mr. Krzywdik and Mr. VanHorn to thank them for their service to the community.

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Bud Billiard reported that they should be moving equipment and products to start on the new pool at Brooke Hills Park today.

Mr. Billiard also questioned if FEMA would be helping the flood victims in Follansbee. Commissioner Andreozzi explained that in order to be eligible for FEMA a threshold needs to be met for homeowners, however; the City of Follansbee set up an account for donations to help the flood victims but other things are being done for small businesses.

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Kim Crupe was present to question the Commission about the address changes for E-911. Her old address was 210 Scenery Hill and the address was changed to 748 Scenery Hill. In March of 2015 she indicated that she called E-911 for an emergency and gave them her new address but the address was unknown for the emergency and once the Ambulance Service arrived it was on the wrong side of the hill. She indicated that she had to give her old address and E-911 seemed to know where that address was located. She is in the process of doing an insurance policy and police report and was concerned about the address. Deputy Rich Arthurs was present and let the Commission know that during the time frame in question the E-911 Mapping and Addressing was in the process of converting addresses and he knows there was a lot of confusion during the process. The Commission asked for Ms. Crupe to stay after the meeting and they would discuss the issue further with her.

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Ruby Greathouse was present and announced that the Brooke County Fair will be holding a special service on Sunday, September 11, 2016 and will be honoring our First Responders as it has been fifteen years since the 9-1-1 tragedies.

Norman Schwertfeger was present and reminded the Commission that the Tug of War will be held on Saturday at noon and invited the Commission to participate.

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Steve Maguschak, Wellsburg City Manger was present and let the Commission know that the streams and tributaries have been cleaned. He felt that everyone needs to be mindful of our streams and creeks.

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Ruby Greathouse was present and let the Commission know that the State Museum told them that the Museum should be looking at emergency procedures on potential problems that may occur with the Museum.

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Commissioner Ennis reported that the Museum moved to Charles Street about five years ago and the old building where they were housed known as Millers Tavern is vacant. The Commission has been in touch with the State Historic Preservation Society who sent a letter to the Commission concerning the request of the Commission to raze this building. The Commission had an archeology dig performed and only a few scraps of pottery were found. The Commission intends to build a judicial annex and utilize the land of the old museum to house the annex. The Miller Tavern is not big enough to house an annex and the costs to repair the current building would be well over one million dollars to renovate. There are a few items in the facility which the Commission would like to give to the Museum and the Commission will follow the guidelines of the State before the building is razed. The Commission indicated that the County pays rent for the Magistrate location along with other offices at a cost of over \$100,000 yearly if you county utilities, etc. and they would like to put these offices in the annex. Ruby Greathouse

suggested having the press put an article in the newspaper to see if anyone had good ideas for the use of the old Museum. The Commission indicated that this building is in the flood zone and needs a lot of work done on it and they felt it was in the best interest of the taxpayer to not put money into this building. The Commission felt they are at a point with only two options to build an annex or move the courthouse. Commissioner Wise stated that the museum is in a flood zone and was not approved by the Supreme Court for Magistrate usage. The current area would have to be built up and even if it was the space is not sufficient. Bud Billiard commented that he felt the idea of the building being razed was a good idea since the costs of remodeling were astronomical. After a lengthy discussion the Commission will continue discussion with hopes of moving forward.

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

General County Fund – Check Nos. 17579 through 17603 for \$31,381.41

E-911 Communications – Check Nos. 1661 through 1662 for \$229.85

Ambulance Fund – Check Nos. 3009 through 3018 for \$8,936.79

Excess Levy – Check No. 17578 for \$48.73

Shelter Levy – Check Nos. 324 through 325 for \$559.15

Valuation Fund – Check Nos. 1052 through 1055 for \$1,271.09

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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