

REGULAR ADJOURNED SESSION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF BROOKE
COUNTY,

WEST VIRGINIA, HELD TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2016

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The County Commission of Brooke County, West Virginia met in regular adjourned session this 13th day of September, 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 September 6, 2016.

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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 Brooke County Economic Development Authority meeting of July 27, 2016 was received.

A letter from the Association of West Virginia Solid Waste Authorities providing information on the WV Educational Conference on Litter Control to be held October 23-25, 2016 at the Waterfront Place in Morgantown, WV was received.

A letter was received from Michael Traubert, 1026 Yankee Street, Wellsburg who expressed his concerns about doing anything to the Miller Tavern Building.

A notice was received from the WV Office of the Insurance Commissioner advising that they are responsible for notification to governmental entities that flood insurance may be available through the National Flood Insurance Program.

A notice was received from the State Consolidated Public Retirement Board advising that effective July 1, 2017 the estimated employer contribution for retirement will increase from 12% to 12.5%

An e-mail was received from the U. S. Attorney's Office asking us to consider adopting a Proclamation during the week of September 19, 2016 to recognize the week as National Heroin and Opioid Drug Awareness Week.

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

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Pat Ford was present and reported that he recently was at a Brownfield's Conference in Charleston, WV and there has been a lot of success statewide in the Brownfield's in our area, especially Brooke County. There have been a lot of Brownfield's ground that has been improved in our area including the Brooke Glass Company, Tri-Model in Follansbee and the Three Springs Drive Industrial Park.

He brought with him two pictures of the groundbreaking ceremony held recently for the pool at Brooke Hills Park along with two shovels from the ceremony. A picture and shovel were

presented to the Commission and one to Janice McFadden, Director of the Park. Commissioner Andreozzi felt the Park Board members have taken some risks lately which are not too popular but felt the Park members had come together and have united for the well being of the Park. They are working together to make our Park something that everyone is proud to have in Brooke County. He felt the goal of the Park is to someday be able to employ a lot of people and felt we are on our way to reaching that goal. Janice McFadden thanked the community for their support as well as the commission and Pat Ford for all the help. Commissioner Ennis indicated his appreciation for everything the Park has done as well as their vision for the future. He felt Brooke Hills Park has more to offer than a lot of the other parks in our state.

Janice McFadden, Park Director gave an update on Brooke Hills Park and stated that work has begun on the new pool. They will soon be meeting to discuss the new cabins to be built at the Park. She felt the Park has a bright future and looks forward to new things at the park.

Bud Billiard also provided information on updates for the park improvements and invited anyone interested to come September 24, 2016 to the Bill and Jamie Fall Concert Series with tickets being ten dollars.

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David Dulaney was present and stated he lives off of St. John's Road and has been working with the public service district on the sewage project. He expressed concerns about an article in the Brooke Scene that stated they are closing the project and wanted to know if the Commission knew anything about it. Commissioner Ennis stated that the county cannot apply for any new funds until this project is complete and closed, however; this project will be finished soon. Mr. Dulaney is in the process of acquiring resident's signatures to add them on sewer service and he did not want to mislead anyone. Commissioner Andreozzi stated the Commission made a resolution to move forward to develop the Washington Pike area and start searching for loans to be able to proceed with the goal of the Commission to have water and sewer service for everyone in our area. Mr. Andreozzi explained the job of the Commission is to fund mandated departments and felt we will have to figure out how to get funding for water and sewer projects with the help of the BDC. He felt we have a lot of opportunities and positive things happening in the county and hopefully the revenue will be there to help with it. Commissioner Ennis indicated that when the engineering study is done we may be able to go to the top of the funding list and pass those with projects that do not have things ready to move forward.

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Ken Fletcher indicated that he read a news article that stated that all the public service districts were talking consolidation and wanted information on it. Commissioner Wise felt if the public service districts did combine that they would have more opportunities. Mr. Fletcher hoped the discussion was not to combine to bail other districts out and hoped that a rate increase would not follow the consolidation if the consolidation happens. The Commission indicated there is a meeting tonight with a lot of questions to be asked and discussed.

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The Commission received a letter from Michael Traubert asking permission to read a proclamation concerning witch craft in the colonies of America on the courthouse steps on October 31, 2016. Ruby Greathouse explained there was only one woman from Brooke County brought to court for untoured activity as quoted in a book written by Nancy Caldwell.

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The Commission gave an update on the Brooke County Fair held this past weekend and reported that Franklin Primary won the Tug-Of-War Contest.

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Commissioner Ennis expressed sympathy to the Pete Lallone family who recently passed away and who was a World War II Veteran from Brooke County. He felt that Brooke County was a success because of all of our Veterans.

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Ruby Greathouse reported that the Museum will be open Friday and a family has a group scheduled that will be here from England to tour the Museum.

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

Payroll – Check Nos. 17636 through 17646 for \$117,037.93

ACH - One

General County Fund – Check Nos. 17647 through 17673 for \$69,835.24

E-911 Communications – Check Nos. 1664 through 1667 for \$51,177.01

Home Confinement – Check No. 1189 for \$750.00

Ambulance Fund – Check No. 3023 for \$2,116.00

Excess Levy – Check Nos. 17674 for \$17685 for \$66,188.86

Fire Levy – Check Nos. 1229 through 1239 for \$203,361.74

Shelter Levy – Check Nos. 0332 through 0339 for \$1,679.51

Valuation Fund – Check Nos. 1058 through 1061 for \$1,513.86

Business Development Corporation – Check No. 151 for \$7,500

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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