

REGULAR ADJOURNED SESSION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF BROOKE COUNTY,
WEST VIRGINIA, HELD TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2016

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The County Commission of Brooke County, West Virginia met in regular adjourned session this 20th day of September, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. at the Courthouse.

Present: Tim Ennis, President
Jim Andreozzi, 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 Jim Andreozzi, seconded by Tim Ennis and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the meeting held on September 13, 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 Northern Panhandle Community Criminal Justice Board monitoring report for the month of July, 2016 was received.

A notice was received from the Attorney General's Office providing a hot line telephone number to report Social Security Fraud. (1-800-269-0271)

An e-mail was received from Senator Manchin letting us know that he is co-hosting several job or resource fairs across the state in September and October, 2016. The closest one to us is in Wheeling on October 3, 2016 at Oglebay.

An e-mail was received from the West Virginia Film Office letting us know they are in need of "Prisoner" and "Prison Guard" types for the Netflix series "Mindhunter".

A letter was received from the West Virginia Division of Culture & History outlining details of the Miller Tavern Project, if the County wanted to demolish it certain criteria has to be met. Don Perkins of Follansbee was present and wanted to know if there were any other options rather than demolition of this historic property. He felt it should be preserved for future generations. Commissioner Ennis explained that the property will be used as a Judicial Annex with everything on one location. There was discussion on using the other portion of the lot where the old museum is located but the Commission felt that it would be too small. He explained that the old museum building had been looked at by the commission as well as by Silling & Associates, Architects who recommended the building be demolished. When questioned if the building was sound, Commissioner Ennis felt it was sound but would take a lot of funds to remodel. Commissioner Andreozzi talked about excess spending of taxpayer money to remodel the building. After a lengthy discussion Commissioner Ennis indicated that a decision has not yet been made on the demolition and they will continue to have on-going talks and take public comments.

A letter was received from James Shaffer concerning the inspection report he received on August 11, 2016 for the deficiencies at the Animal Shelter and his response to correct them. Commissioner Andreozzi wanted clarification of Item 4 on who was going to do the DMR's reporting. The report states that for the DMR's he instructed the commissioners to go to the DEP's website and set up and submit DMR's on line.

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

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Don Perkins discussed with Manchin's representative his views on the drug epidemic and felt there were more robberies, graffiti and the lack of

enough police officers in the Northern Panhandle. Mr. Hampton indicated a conference was recently held and they are working to try to make funds available to get drug addicts into rehab facilities.

The Commission had been asked to write a letter of support for Bethany College's grant application on their proposed financing through the USDA for the acquisition of select facilities on the college campus. A motion was made by Jim Andreozzi, seconded by Tim Ennis and passed to sign a letter of support for their grant project.

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The Commission had received a Statement of Interest in Multi-Hazard Mitigation Planning stating their interest in participating in the multi-jurisdictional Region XI PDC Natural Mitigation Plan. Commissioner Andreozzi made a motion, seconded by Tim Ennis and passed to sign said Letter of Interest. Commissioner Andreozzi stated this was brought about by conversation through BHJ and Bob Fowler with the EMA to help us with grants, etc.

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Hampton Compton from Senator Capito's Office was present and let the Commission know that the Small Business Association is offering loans to those businesses affected by the recent flooding. Commissioner Andreozzi explained that they recently met with the Conservation Office and Watershed Offices and toured affected areas of the county affected by the flooding as well as other sites of interest in the county. They toured and discussed Harmon Creek as there are sand bars and sediment forming under bridges which could cause future issues. The Commission is waiting to hear from the Soil Conservation Office as it is confusing as to who has jurisdiction over Allegheny Creek and other areas. They also looked at Allegheny Creek from the former Tate's Tavern down to the fire department to see if something could be done with this channel. He encouraged everyone working together on the on-going issues with some preventive maintenance done. He referred questions to John DeStefano, Follansbee City Manager on Allegheny Creek issues. Mr. Compton stated that FEMA had to request work be done on the creek before anything could happen. Commissioner Andreozzi stated that even if a State of Emergency had to be declared certain amount of damage had to be declared in order to receive funding.

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Mr. Staggers from Monongahela Power Company was present to update the Commission on power outages in Bethany. He met with the Mayor and College representatives and been made aware of small outages that are recurring in the Bethany Area. Monongahela Power is not aware of what is causing the outages whether it is equipment or a small crack, etc. but will continue to investigate till they find the problem.

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Pastor Joe Cuomo updated the Commission on the Teen Challenge Program and the fact that three individuals will finish the program in November and will be coming back to our area. He thanked the commission for their continued interest in this program.

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Don Perkins stated that he drives Woodcrest Road in Follansbee and felt there was a strong sewage smell in this area. He wanted to know if the Commission could check to see if there is a sewer line break. The Commission will check on this issue.

Mr. Perkins also suggested putting a dumpster at the foot of Woodcrest where people that travel this short-cut could dump their garbage. Commissioner Andreozzi felt a dumpster would not help in this area and stated that he has been a Commissioner for four years and during his tenure this area has had more clean-ups than any other in the county and people continue to throw out their garbage. Mr. Perkins thanked the Commission for their help.

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

General County Fund - Check Nos. 17686 through 17708 for \$23,632.98
Dog Fund - Check Nos. 1190 through 1191 for \$401.70
E-911 Communications - Check No. 1668 for \$200.00
State Government Grants - Check No. 1192 for \$8,384.00
Ambulance Fund - Check Nos. 3024 through 3035 for \$98,809.55
Shelter Levy - Check Nos. 0340 through 0344 for \$1,769.06
Valuation Fund - Check No. 1062 for \$724.53

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No further business to come before the Commission a motion was made by Jim Andrezzi, seconded by Tim Ennis and unanimously passed to adjourn.

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Timothy R. Ennis, President

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Sylvia J. Benzo, County Clerk