

REGULAR ADJOURNED SESSION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF BROOKE COUNTY,
WEST VIRGINIA, HELD TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2017

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The County Commission of Brooke County, West Virginia met in regular adjourned session this 3rd day of October, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. at the Courthouse.

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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 26, 2017.

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

An e-mail was received from the WV Department of Highways announcing the opening of their online grant application system for FY2018 for Transportation Alternatives and Recreational Trail Program potential projects. A copy will be given to Ruby Greathouse for the Pioneer Trail Committee.

An e-mail was received from Jerry Fluharty who is interested in being appointed to the Museum Board. A copy was given to Ruby Greathouse of the Museum Board.

A copy of the Hammond Public Service District minutes of their meeting of September 20, 2017 was received.

A copy of the above correspondence was ordered filed in the County Clerk's Office.

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Ruth Blaskovich, Martha Isinghood and Dorothy Lancaster of the Brooke County Community Educational Outreach (CEOS) were present to ask the Commission to adopt a Proclamation declaring October 3, 2017 as Breast Cancer Awareness Day and October, 2017 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. A motion was made by Jim Andreozzi, seconded by Stacey Wise and unanimously passed to approve the request.

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Butch Rotellini reported to the Commission that another place has been cleaned up where there was debris, etc. Also, two new homes are going to be built in Brooke County.

He also reported that the State sprayed water and chemicals on his road to keep down the dust. Commissioner Andreozzi thought it was Southwest Energy that paid the bill for the water and chemicals.

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Wayne Buxton felt that Brooke High BOE had problems. A meeting with parents and BOE members was scheduled for October 9, 2017 and had been moved from the BOE Office to Brooke High School to accommodate more people, however; he heard the meeting is now back to the BOE Office. He stated that some Brooke County students had on Brooke shirts when they were in the Steubenville Mall and had been harassed because people knew they were from Brooke County. (This stemmed from an incident with a sign made by Brooke students that said TRUMP - PERRY, which was a school that Brooke County

played in football at the Brooke Stadium. Superintendent Shute wrote a letter of apology to the Perry fans after being made aware that a Librarian was upset with the wording on the sign. The Librarian thought the sign was racial). Mr. Buxton was upset and did not know what Brooke County was going to do about the incident and the letter. He felt the situation was escalating and parents were upset about the letter and felt it should not have been written. Don Cusick was present and stated that the wording TRUMP meant to beat. Ken Fletcher was present and stated it was brought to the attention of the Superintendent by the Perry Librarian. Mr. Buxton felt the Superintendent should be fired.

Sheriff Palmer was present and indicated that he realizes the citizens have concerns for our students' safety, however; he assured everyone that he works closely with other local law enforcement and there have been no direct threats. He also met with local Chiefs of Police and works closely with cities. He met also with the PRO Officer at the school and made assurances that everyone is being pro-active. He indicated that his daughter also goes to Brooke High School. He also stated to be safe and pay attention to what is going on around them.

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Sheriff Palmer also reported that after the Applefest and traffic cuts down in the town he will have electricians in and discuss the electrical issues of the courthouse.

Sheriff Palmer gave an update on the drug overdoses in the county and reported the deaths due to overdose were between 20-24 for the year, not for one month. He is in the process of creating a base line to collect data as there currently is not anything available to keep track of overdoses. He also reported that Weirton Hospital works with them to report the overdoses to the correct county that that the overdose occurred in.

Sheriff Palmer and his staff are participating in the "No Shave for October, November and December". Everyone participating will donate twenty-five dollars a month which in turn will be donated to the American Cancer Society and Relay For Life.

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Sylvia Benzo, County Clerk stated that several months ago the Commission had granted permission to increase the excise tax, however; she was supposed to do a legal advertisement and have so many days between the publication and the passage which was not done. She proceeded to do the legal advertisement and set the hearing which was set for today, October 3, 2017. A motion was made by Stacey Wise, seconded by Jim Andreozzi and unanimously passed to increase the excise stamp fee on deeds by an additional .55 cents per each \$500.00 of consideration of value listed on the property. The Clerk will notify the local attorneys of the increase.

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

General County Fund - Check Nos. 19572 through 19590 for \$12,545.57
Payroll withholding - Check Nos. 19560 through 19571 for \$8,421.61
ACH - 2 \$43,092.56
Dog Fund - Check Nos. 1289 through 1291 for \$1,900.28
E-911 - Check Nos. 1827 through 1830 for \$2,862.74
Ambulance Fund - Check Nos. 3509 through 3516 for \$6,846.13
Shelter Levy - Check Nos. 542 through 548 for \$22,681.74
Enhanced 911 Equipment - Check No. 1831 for \$880.00
Valuation Fund - Check No. 1203 for \$14,671.15

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No further business to come before the Commission a motion was made by Jim Andreozzi, seconded by Stacey Wise and unanimously passed to adjourn.

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Timothy R. Ennis, President

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Sylvia J. Benzo, Clerk