

REGULAR ADJOURNED SESSION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF BROOKE COUNTY,
WEST VIRGINIA, HELD FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2017

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The County Commission of Brooke County, West Virginia met in regular adjourned session this 17th day of February, 2017 at 9:30 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 Stacey Wise, seconded by Tim Ennis and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the meeting held on February 7, 2017.

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Pat Ford, Executive Director of the Business Development Corporation, Mark Miller, Director of Planning for the City of Weirton and Mr. Hammet from Thrasher Engineering were present to update the commission on TIF property in the Three Springs Drive area. Commissioner Andreozzi thanked all of them for their active participation in this project. Mr. Andreozzi indicated that in the past he has complained about the TIF District but in order to succeed a plan is needed. He also stated that the Commission was not giving up on the steel and coal industry but the oil and gas is here now. Mr. Ford stated that industry to attract economic development is very competitive and in order to progress you have to have cooperation and pull together resources. He commended Mr. Ford and the City of Weirton for actively working together to acquire a grant for Industrial Road Access for the TIF property and of Pietro Fiorentini for investing in the TIF District. The Industrial Road access will not only benefit Mr. Fiorentini but also the North American Industry and Rue 21 located in the Three Springs area. This is the second application for an Industrial Road Access that has been submitted. The Commission felt that the PA Fashions has grown which is in this area. Mr. Miller indicated that the City of Weirton has been working with Thrasher Engineering and hope to make more positive differences with the TIF money.

A motion was made by Stacey Wise, seconded by Jim Andreozzi and unanimously passed to adopt a Resolution in support of the grant for an Industrial Road Access. This was given to Pat Ford.

Pat Ford updated the Commission on the Follansbee Steel site of about fifty-nine (59) acres. He felt a lot of eyes are on this ground because of the road, rail and river access. Several environmental studies have been done and they are working on Phase II. A map of potential design was presented.

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

A brochure was received from the Community Corrections Fund letting us know that they are a means for communities to develop, establish and maintain community based corrections programs and completed applications are due by March 15, 2017.

A brochure was received from the West Virginia Court Security announcing the availability of grant funds available to county court facilities for the purpose of enhancing the security of our courts. Applications are due by April 5, 2017.

A notice was received from the Northern Panhandle Community Criminal Justice Board asking for Commissioner Ennis as a member to fill out and sign a Board Member Memorandum of Understanding for FY2018.

An e-mail from Change, Inc. letting us know that the HOME program for down payment and closing costs assistance has an uncommitted balance for 2015 of \$116,995.55 which must be committed and used by August 31, 2017.

A copy of the minutes of the WV Route 2/I-68 Authority meeting was received for January 31, 2017.

A letter was received from the Northern Panhandle Community Criminal Justice Board who are in the process of preparing a grant application for the continued operation of the Lee Day Report Center and they ask we adopt an Agreement concerning the number of board members that are appointed. Jim Andreozzi made a motion seconded by Stacey Wise and unanimously passed to adopt the letter of support for their grant application.

A letter from the Public Service Commission letting us know that a notice to them is not required for the E-911 proposal increase.

A letter was received from Eric Cianelli resigning his position from the Brooke County Ambulance Service.

A Request For Revision To The Approved Budget which needs sent to the State to increase the Law Enforcement Budget by \$30,000 for reimbursement from Brooke High School PRO Officer was received. Jim Andreozzi made a motion seconded by Stacey Wise and unanimously passed to approve the request.

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

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Sheriff Palmer let the Commission know that he has been appointed by the State to the SIRN Board which deals with radios and their frequencies. The board met last week and he is working closely with the 911 Systems concerning air frequencies. He indicated that currently the air frequency is owned by two other counties and air frequency may have to be leased.

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Ruby Greathouse stated that two applicants submitted their letter of interest to serve on the Museum Board, Garry Stephen and Lynn Davis. She asked that the Commission appoint Mr. Stephen and keep Lynn Davis application on file as there are numerous positions up in June. A motion was made by Jim Andreozzi, seconded by Stacey Wise and unanimously passed to appoint Garry Stephen to the Museum Board. He will be notified of the appointment.

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Commissioner Ennis gave an update on their recent trip to Charleston to meet with elected officials and legislators. He indicated that in talking with other elected officials all counties are being faced with the same problems including the 911 fees, regional jail fees, and the decline in revenues to operate county government and additional space. He felt the speakers and presentations were the best he has been to. Senators Manchin and Capito did an excellent presentation at the meeting. They also met with our legislators to discuss issues. Commissioner Ennis indicated that the Commission may be making several trips to Charleston on a variety of issues.

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

General County Fund - Check Nos. 18481 through 18510 for \$44,866.27
Payroll withholding - Check Nos. 18471 through 18480 for \$3,489.89
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E-911 - Check Nos. 1725 through 1727 for \$270.75
Ambulance Fund - Check Nos. 3211 through 3223 for \$6,282.58
Valuation Fund - Check Nos. 1114 through 1118 for \$2,141.53
Excess Levies - Check Nos. 18511 through 18522 for \$66,606.99
Fire Levy - Check Nos. 1284 through 1294 for \$5,188.45
Home Confinement - Check No. 1231 for \$740.00

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

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Timothy R. Ennis, President

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Sylvia J. Benzo, Clerk