

REGULAR ADJOURNED SESSION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF BROOKE COUNTY,
WEST VIRGINIA, HELD TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2017

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The County Commission of Brooke County, West Virginia met in regular adjourned session this 4th day of April, 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 Jim Andreozzi, seconded by Stacey Wise and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the meeting held on March 28, 2017.

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This being the first regular meeting for the month of April, 2017 fiduciary matters were presented to the Commission for approval after having been cared for in the absence of the Commission by the County Clerk. The meeting will remain open until the end of the regular meeting and if no objections are filed will close at the end of the regular meeting.

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

A postcard was received from the Department of Environmental Protection letting us know applications are available from WVDEP REAP Recycling for grant funding and are due by July 1, 2017.

A notice was received from Criste Engineering Services notifying us that Rayle Coal Company, 67705 Friends Church Road, St. Clairsville, Ohio has submitted an application with the WV DEP for a Phase II and III release on Increments 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 on Permit S-1057-91.

A letter was received from the County Commissioners' Association advising that April is National County Government Month and they are hosting their annual essay contest for 8th grades in West Virginia to increase public awareness about county government. Prizes will be awarded to those students placing up to third place.

A copy of the minutes of the Hammond Public Service District meeting of their February 15, 2017 meeting was received.

A letter was received from WesBanco Bank Trust and Investment Services letting us know that since we were participants in the 21 West Virginia Municipalities Single Family Mortgage Revenue Bonds 1984A and these bonds were fully defeased and paid in full with excess funds on deposit after the pay-off we are entitled to \$2,502.41.

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

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The Commission received a letter from Joseph Barki, Prosecuting Attorney letting us know that Carol Ryan turned in her letter of resignation as a part-time secretary for his office, effective April 7, 2017.

Mr. Barki also presented a request for updates to his computer system. The Commission will call and talk to him.

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Jim Andreozzi made a motion seconded by Stacey Wise and unanimously passed to approve the submission of the Court Security Fund Grant to the Department of Justice and Community Services. The Commission thanked Sheriff Palmer and his staff for their help in completing the appropriate application.

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Sheriff Palmer had previously requested information on board members for the 911 Advisory Board and wanted to have an update. The Commission indicated that they will have to meet with him to discuss this matter.

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Richard Ferguson was present and let the Commission know that they are working on signage for road signs that have been destroyed on different lanes and roads in the county. They are also catching up on information on dilapidated buildings in the county. Commissioner Andreozzi indicated that he has spoken with the family members on property on Washington Pike and also talked with the realtor who is willing to work with the county. Mr. Ferguson indicated that they still need to contact the DEP as there is some property that they cannot clean without their help.

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Sheriff Palmer was present and wanted to know if there would be an economic impact on legislation currently being discussed in our legislature on a dog bill. The bill concerns the Wheeling Downs dog track as well as the kennels in Beech Bottom. Commissioner Ennis did not know the true actual impact and indicated that the bill does not eliminate racing but deals with dog breeders. If the kennels would be eliminated in Beech Bottom there would be an economic impact on them. Mr. Ennis also indicated that the Governor has not signed the bill.

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Ruby Greathouse was present and let the Commission know that there are two culverts on the Pioneer Trail which are giving them trouble and they are working on them.

She also asked if there was a telephone number residents could call to express concerns about the noise from the oil and gas drilling on Washington Pike. Commissioner Andreozzi indicated that the Commission has been out to listen to the drilling sounds and have found that the noise decibels have not been high. None of the noise readings have violated the Noise Ordinance and when there is no violation the Commission does not know what to do. Mr. Andreozzi also stated that the oil and gas industry have been pretty perceptive and responsive for speed control, noise and other concerns of residents. Commissioner Wise felt the situation was temporary and realizes residents get frustrated but the oil and gas workers have been good stewards in the community. After some discussion Commissioner Andreozzi indicated his willingness to field questions and concerns from residents.

The Commission is also fielding questions about the potential for a new power plant in the Cross Creek area. A town hall meeting will be set up soon to go over issues and concerns with residents.

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The Commission received a notice from the State Auditor's Office that they are performing an audit for the Brooke County Parks and Recreation Board.

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Jim Andreozzi made a motion seconded by Stacey Wise and unanimously passed to proceed with having Cipoletti Plumbing repair the heating and air conditioning unit that serves the jail area. He provided a quote for about \$3,000.

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

General County Fund - Check Nos. 18749 through 18769 for \$17,682.39

Dog Fund - Check Nos. 1241 through 1243 for \$1,469.51
E-911 - Check Nos. 1744 through 1745 for \$2,106.23
Ambulance Fund - Check Nos. 3289 through 3294 for \$2,939.37
Shelter Levy - Check Nos. 447 through 448 for \$5,557.91
Valuation Fund - Check Nos. 1130 through 1131 for \$10,249.32
Payroll Withholding - \$35,568.11

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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, Clerk