

REGULAR ADJOURNED SESSION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSISON OF BROOKE COUNTY,
WEST VIRGINIA, HELD THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2018

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The County Commission of Brooke County, West Virginia met in regular adjourned session this 27th day of February, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. at the Brooke County 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 February 20, 2018.

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

A Petition was received to reopen the estate of Henry A. Rithner, III as additional assets payable to his estate have been received that were not previously itemized on the appraisal of the estate. Jim Andreozzi made a motion, seconded by Stacey Wise and unanimously passed to approve the request.

A letter was received from WVU Extension Service requesting the approval of their Memorandum of Agreement for fiscal year 2018-19 which is their Levy Funds only. Stacey Wise made a motion, seconded by Jim Andreozzi and unanimously passed to sign the Agreement.

A brochure was received from the Court Security Fund Grant Program announcing the availability of funds to improve county's security plans and are due by April 4, 2018.

A letter was received from the Division of Highways which lists planned Federal Highway expenditures for federal fiscal years 2016-2021 and Brooke County has two projects listed.

A letter was received from the County Commissioners' Association attaching information and inviting eighth graders from around the state to participate in an essay contest and tell the story of how counties have impacted their lives. There will be monetary prizes for the first three places. Tim Hooper from the State Treasurer's Office announced that the deadline to file an essay has been moved to March 2, 2018.

A letter was received from the State Auditor enclosing a copy of the public utility property located in our county to be used in calculating our budget for FY2018-19.

A letter was received from the Northern Panhandle Community Criminal Justice Board requesting funding for the Lee Day Report Center and the SCRAM Alcohol Monitoring Program for FY2018-19.

A copy of the Brooke County Public Service District minutes of their January 10, 2018 and January 24, 2018 minutes was received.

A Request for Revision to the approved budget which needs sent to the State Auditor in budgets for Home Confinement increase of \$6,520, County Commission decrease of \$40,000, increase to Emergency Services by \$40,000, increase to Law of \$8,000 and decreasing Sheriff-Service of Process by \$8,000. Jim Andreozzi made a motion, seconded by Stacey Wise and unanimously passed to approve the revisions.

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

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Sheriff Palmer reported that he had calls from residents expressing concerns about the oil and gas trucks using the back way on McKinleyville Hill and letting us know that he contacted the DOH. He indicated that they are probably using this way as the front road is in deplorable condition. The road was suppose to be repaired, however; has been delayed because of the bad weather.

He also thanked everyone for their help in making preparations for flooding in our area as it was thought that Wellsburg was going to flood. He was impressed on how everyone came together to work on a plan in case of flooding. Commissioner Wise expressed the Commission's appreciation too to the Sheriff, EMS and Volunteer Fire Departments for being pro-active and coming up with a plan in case there was flooding.

Commissioner Wise stated that the County is still going to participate in the Recycling Program, however; the bins will not be all over the county due to financial constraints, they will be at the Recycling Center at the animal shelter. The Commission is trying to keep the recycling in place, however; request that no plastics be taken to the Center because they would have to pay to have it sorted and hauled to the dump. There are certain days that electronics and tires will be taken at the Center. The State has recommended some changes and the County is trying to keep the Center going by implementing some changes.

Commissioner Andreozi indicated that he will call Southwestern Energy on complaints of the oil and gas workers drilling at night and making terrible noises.

Commissioner Ennis announced that the Commission is considering having the Levies placed on the ballot in the General Election in November, 2018 to save the County money as 2019 will be the last year for the Levy. Further information will be provided at a later date.

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

Payroll Withholdings - ACH - Check Nos.
General County Fund - Check Nos.
Coal Severance Fund - Check Nos.
E-911 Communications - Check Nos.
Home Confinement - Check Nos.
Shelter Levy - Check Nos.
Business Development Corp. - Check Nos.

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Timothy R. Ennis, President

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Sylvia J. Benzo, Clerk

