

REGULAR ADJOURNED SESSION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF BROOKE COUNTY,
WEST VIRGINIA, HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2019

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The County Commission of Brooke County, West Virginia met in regular adjourned session this 15th day of January, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. at the Courthouse.

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Present: Tim Ennis, President
Stacey Wise and Andrew J. Thomas, 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 Andrew Thomas and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the meeting held on January 8, 2019.

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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 Brooke County Economic Development authority agenda for their meeting scheduled for January 17, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the Brooke County Library.

A copy of the Hammond Public Service District minutes of their December 19, 2018 meeting was received.

A copy of the Brooke County Public Service District minutes of November 28, 2019 meeting was received.

A letter was received from the Lee Day Report Center requesting a letter of support from the Commission to include with their grant application for FY2019 grant period. A letter of support will be drafted.

A County Agreement was received from the Northern Panhandle Community Criminal Justice Board asking the Commission to approve the board to continue to have fifteen (15) members which are divided by the six participating counties. Andrew Thomas made a motion, seconded by Stacey Wise and unanimously passed to approve the Agreement.

A brochure was received from the West Virginia Library Association setting their Legislative Goals for 2019.

An e-mail was received from WVCorp letting us know that January is their renewal period to provide a quote for our property/liability insurance and requesting additional information to provide the quote. The Commission will review the material and discuss it.

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

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A motion was made by Andrew Thomas, seconded by Stacey Wise and unanimously passed to approve the Request For Revision to Approved Budget (Rev. No. 7) to make increases in various budgets to take care of the salary adjustments which were given in December, 2018. The Revision will be sent to the State for approval.

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Christina Taylor of the E-911 Office was present to let the Commission know that SB289 was introduced to the Finance Committee and deals with funding cuts to the 911. (Deals with the wireless funds) They have reached out to Senator Ryan Weld and a conference call is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on

Friday. This bill is a Governor's bill. She invited the commission to participate in the call. Commissioner Wise just came back from a meeting in Charleston where this bill was discussed and explained that the wording on the bill is a little cloudy but the County Commissioners' Association felt it might be a good bill if some of the wording is changed. There was discussion at the meeting that the County is supposed to get \$3.00 of the wireless funds, however; they only get \$2.67 with the additional thirty-four cents (\$.34) going to other agencies. If the counties could get the entire \$3.00 their association felt there would be no problem and the passage would not hurt the counties.

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Larry Swanson of the Economic Development Authority was present and invited the Commission to attend their meeting on January 17, 2019 at the Library. The Clerk will be at the meeting to swear in current board members.

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Commissioner Wise reported that the conference she attended over the last few days was a good conference with new legislation and bills being discussed that affected the counties for 2019.

She discussed a bill concerning fees being added to electric bills rather than land lines, however; the electric companies were not in favor of it.

She reported that Senator Shelly Moore-Capito hoped to have resolution to building a border wall and the employees returning to work soon.

Assessor Tom Oughton questioned if the personal property bill was discussed and Commissioner Wise indicated that it was confusing but the bill was discussed. The legislature was indicating that they would come up with an alternative for counties if this bill would pass as counties would lose revenue. Some felt having this tax hurts West Virginia as businesses look at the tax before deciding to locate within West Virginia.

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Christine Taylor from E-911 reported that Rev. Knight is on board with their department and discussed programs and funds available for drug addicts to help them after an over dose. Commissioner Ennis reported that Amy Nickerson, representative of the Attorney General Office is trying to form a group and get funding to support it.

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A copy of the Brooke County Public Library Financial Statement for year ending June 30, 2018 was received.

A check for \$64,289.56 was received as reimbursement from the Courthouse Facilities Improvement Authority.

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Darin Pizer, Deputy Sheriff was present and expressed concerns about how the additional lighting for the courthouse was handled. The Commission will meet with him.

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

General County Fund - Check Nos. 22084 through 22114 for \$42,421.64
Payroll withholding - Check Nos. 22074 through 22083 for \$2,958.27
E-911 - Check Nos. 2081 through 2082 for \$245.00
Home Confinement - Check No. 1385 for \$3,840.00
Excess Levy - Check Nos. 22115 through 22124 for \$67,113.68
Shelter Levy - Check Nos. 800 through 801 for \$681.08
Valuation Fund - Check Nos. 1355 through 1359 for \$250.23

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

Timothy R. Ennis, President

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Sylvia J. Benzo, Clerk