

REGULAR ADJOURNED SESSION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF BROOKE COUNTY,
WEST VIRGINIA, HELD TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2019

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The County Commission of Brooke County, West Virginia met in regular adjourned session this 7th day of May, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. at the Courthouse.

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Present: Stacey Wise, President Pro-Tem
Andrew J. Thomas, Commissioner
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 Andrew Thomas, seconded by Stacey Wise and passed to approve the minutes of the meeting held on April 30, 2019.

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This being the first regular meeting for the month of May, 2019 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 letter and contract were received from the West Virginia Development Office congratulating us on our award of \$125,000 to assist in the development of a regional broadband development plan. The contract needs signed and returned with their approval before any work can begin. Commissioner Thomas recognized Mark Henne for all his hard work on submitting this application. Mr. Henne gave a brief update on what will occur once the contract is sent in and thanked the Commission for being the lead agency on the application.

A "Request for Revision" to the approved budget was received of which \$212.00 was for reimbursement of a travel expense, \$22,187 is insurance claims and \$14,914 is Home Confinement Reimbursements. Andrew Thomas made a motion, seconded by Stacey Wise and passed to approve the revisions.

A letter was received from Darin Pizer, 911 Director advising that Brandi Henderson has completed her first year of employment which entitles her to an increase in pay.

A press release from Mac Warner, Secretary of State letting us know they are celebrating National Small Business Week from May 5, 2019 through May 11, 2019 with a schedule of various locations they will be at.

A letter was received from the Brooke County Ambulance Service asking us to remove the names of Kristen Siranovic and Nathaniel Stoughton from the Ambulance roster.

A part-time contract needs signed for Jeffrey Johnson, an Ambulance Service employee. Andrew Thomas made a motion, seconded by Stacey Wise and passed to approve the contract.

A letter was received from the Ambulance Service letting us know that two employees, Bryce Kesling and Tyler Jacobs are off on medical leave and Claire Gibson, Nichole Jackson, Michela Marches and Ryan Seidewitz will be off for the summer and return in the fall.

A letter from Secretary of State, Mac Warner announcing mobile office visits for May, 2019 in various locations. (List attached)

A letter and resume were received from Christina J. White, 28 Mohawk Road, Wellsburg applying for the County Clerk's position.

A copy of the Brooke County Public Service District minutes of their March 27, 2019 meeting was received.

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

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Deputy Pizer reported that the generator on the roof is out of service but they have a back-up for E-911.

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Butch Rotellini was present and stated that he has had a lot of calls from residents concerning high weeds but we have had a lot of rain recently. He also reported that another abandoned building has been cleared of debris.

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Christina White was present and reported she had relatives in from out-of-town and they were not aware that we had a Museum. She talked to Ruby Greathouse to see if we can get volunteers to help get an official sign for the Museum. She has one person that is already willing to donate \$100.00 toward the purchase.

Commissioner Thomas stated that he recently visited the Museum and was impressed with all the items in it. He felt there is a lot of history there.

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Chief Deputy Scott Adams was present and let the Commission know that a larceny case in Beech Bottom has been solved and three arrests have been made. Sheriff Palmer thanked the Task Force, Weirton Police Department and our deputies for help in getting drugs off the Eldersville Road area.

Sheriff Palmer felt the old dog truck which is at the 44 Hollow site should be auctioned, sold or given away as it blocks off his department being able to get into their storage shelter. He felt there is a lot of junk at the facility and would like to meet with Bob Fowler to see if some items can be disposed. Commissioner Wise thought we were in the process of getting rid of the truck and asked him to meet with Donna DeJaro, Shelter Director.

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Commissioner Wise announced that Mike Bolen, Director of the Health Department let the Commission know there is a vacancy on the Board of Health. The appointee can be from either political party and must be from either the Weirton or Wellsburg District. Taryn Linder of the Herald Star will put this in the paper for the Commission.

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Kyle Keller, owner of Liberty National Insurance was present along with employee Joseph Thiesen to discuss their insurance package. Mr. Keller explained that they work with businesses to provide benefit options. He stated that Liberty National does provide some benefits at no cost as well as discount services. A packet of information was provided to each Commissioner. The Commission thanked them for coming in and will review their plan and compare to what we have on our current plans that are offered.

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

General County Fund - Check Nos. 22703 through 22725 for \$69,822.22
Payroll withholding - Check Nos. 22698 through 20702 for \$112,669.70
E-911 - Check Nos. 2138 through 2140 for \$2,671.94
Ambulance Fund - Check Nos. 4230 through 4234 for \$84,145.58
Shelter Levy - Check Nos. 1396 through 1397 for \$927.08
Valuation Fund - Check Nos. 860 through 862 for \$4,379.86

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No further business to come before the Commission a motion was made by Andrew Thomas, 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