

REGULAR ADJOURNED SESSION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF BROOKE COUNTY,
WEST VIRGINIA, HELD WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2019

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The County Commission of Brooke County, West Virginia met in regular adjourned session this 5th day of June 2019 at 10:30 a.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 the pledge of allegiance.

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A motion was made by Andrew J. Thomas, seconded by Stacey J. Wise and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the meeting held on May 28, 2019.

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This being the first regular meeting for the month of June, 2019 fiduciary matters were presented to the Commission for their approval after having been cared for in the absence of the Commission of 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 Commissioners for their review:

A letter was received from Andy Nickerson, Ambulance Service requesting the hiring of Zach Ferrari as a part-time EMT. A motion was made by Andrew Thomas, seconded by Stacey Wise and unanimously passed to approve the request.

A letter was received from Bob Fowler, Ambulance Director requesting that James Shingleton be moved to an inactive employee and a separate letter asking his intentions to remain as an employee.

A letter was received from Mike Soboslai of Southwestern Energy asking for information on an oil and gas lease owned by Brooke County. The Clerk believes this is property located across from Brooke High School. The Commission will follow-up.

A letter was received from Melissa Thompson of the Northern Panhandle HOME Consortium Board asking if Brooke County wants to remain a member of this program. A motion was made by Andrew Thomas, seconded by Stacey Wise and unanimously passed to write a letter to the Northern Panhandle HOME Board letting them know we would like to continue to participate in the HOME Program.

A copy of a letter that Bob Fowler, Ambulance Director sent to Jeremy Wagg letting him know that because of his scheduling problems and availability to work at the Ambulance Service, he is removing him from the schedule. A copy will be given to the bookkeeping department.

A Press Release was received letting us know that the Brooke County Farmers' Market will start on June 19, 2019 with various dates and locations.

A Memorandum of Understanding which needs signed between the Brooke County Commission and Weirton Medical Center (Hospital) for them to participate in a drug discount program. John Frankovitch of Weirton Medical Center was present and let the Commission know that a MOU is needed in order for Weirton Medical to participate in this program. There is no obligation or liability to the County. Commissioner Ennis let him know that the County appreciates WMC as they are the largest employer in the County. After a

brief discussion a motion was made by Andrew Thomas, seconded by Stacey Wise and unanimously passed to approve the signing of the MOU.

A letter was received from the Supreme Court of Appeals informing us of a grant in the amount of \$3,818 for the purpose of enhancing the county's court security.

A letter was received from Moody & Associates letting us know that they are doing a sample and water analysis on property owned by the County. The Clerk assumes the property is located at the Brooke County Animal Shelter. The Commission will do a follow-up.

A letter was received from Comcast giving us an update of their channel changes and charges.

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

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Christine Smith of the Northern Panhandle Workforce Investment Board was present to update the Commission on projects within the board. Under project "REBOOT" they will offer numerous programs, one of which is re-employment activities to individuals impacted by the opioid epidemic. They also offer the "SNAP" Program that will eventually lead to paid employment, the ITA Program, Summer Youth Program and Job Training Programs. The Commission thanked her for all the NPWIB does for the County.

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Robert Cheek was present and thanked the Commission for writing a letter to the Governor showing our support in keeping a driver to transport disabled Veterans to medical appointments. After a brief discussion the Commission expressed their disappointment, and hopes for a different outcome from the Governor.

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Ruby Greathouse was present and let the Commission know that the Museum is moving forward on displaying the donated Military Uniforms. She also discussed a wall dial telephone that was donated and will be displayed.

Ms. Greathouse would like information on local nursing homes in our area compared to others.

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Pat Ford of the Business Development Corporation was present to update the Commission on ten projects that the BDC is working on. Eric Frankovitch, investor gave an up-date on the Park Drive Development, Weirton. Pat Ford proceeded with up-dates on the Pietro Fiorentini, US, Weirton, former Follansbee Steel, former Follansbee Middle School, Brooke County Senior Center, Brooke Glass, Central Business District Improvement Plan, Snyder Chevron, Bubba's Bison Inn and Beech Bottom Industrial Park. Commissioner Ennis questioned if the former core drilling studies could be used. Mr. Ford stated that a new test is usually needed.

Mr. Ford let the Commission know that the Follansbee Middle School will be open for bid on June 24, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

After a lengthy discussion the Commission thanked Mr. Ford for his hard work and dedication.

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Paul Covey, Hancock County Commissioner was present and the Commission thanked him and the Hancock County Commission for all of their cooperation.

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

General County Fund - Check Nos. 22830 through 22852 for \$16,593.92
Payroll withholding - Check Nos. 22825 through 22829 for \$113,574.62
ACH - \$38,953.06

E-911 - Check Nos. 2155 through 2158 for \$27,332.13
Ambulance Fund - Check Nos. 4264 through 4271 for \$75,939.26
Dog Fund - Check No. 1415 for \$81.00
Shelter Levy - Check Nos. 875 through 877 for \$16,267.47
Valuation Fund - Check Nos. 1414 through 1415 for \$13,808.91

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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.

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Timothy R. Ennis, President

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Sylvia J. Benzo, Clerk