STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSION SS:

At a regular session of the Randolph County Commission in and for the aforesaid County and State, at the James F. Cain Courthouse Annex, on the 2nd day of February, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Michael Taylor, President of the Randolph County Commission and Chris See and Mark Scott, Commissioners thereof.

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Taylor

PUBLIC COMMENT: (See attached copy)
City of Elkins Mayor, Van Broughton appeared before the Commission. He said on the City of Elkins agenda tonight is the consideration of a proclamation for Kindness Counts Week in the City of Elkins. He said this would be for the week of February 12th thru February 18th. He said they would like others such as the County Commission to participate. He read the proclamation out loud. He said Jerry Roberts came up with the idea and anywhere you go around the State everyone says Elkins is great.

MINUTES:
Commissioner Scott moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting that was held on January 19, 2017, as submitted. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

REPORTS:
Kurt Gainer from the Randolph County Emergency Squad reported that the Harman station is well under way and the alarm systems have been installed and they are about to start the drywall. He said it should be around mid March when it opens. He said all the trucks are in service.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Commissioner Taylor announced that the next County Commission meeting will be on regular schedule for February 16, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION:
CONSIDER FUNDING REQUEST FROM HILLBILLY HARDBALL CLASSIC, INC. FOR THEIR UPCOMING TOURNAMENT (See attached copy)
Chris George, President of Hillbilly Hardball Classic, Inc. appeared before the Commission. He said this will be the 27th year for the Hillbilly Hardball Classic. He said without the help of the Commission they would not be able to hold the tournaments. He said when they have the tournaments all of the local hotels are full with the teams and their families. He said teams will be coming from Pennsylvania, Ohio, Maryland and Florida to compete. He said there will be 30 teams all together.
Commissioner Scott moved to donate $6,000.00 to the Hillbilly Hardball Classic and it is to come out of Hotel/Motel Tax.
All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER FUNDING REQUEST FROM JUNIOR WOMEN’S CLUB OF ELKINS FOR ELKINS HIGH SCHOOL AFTER GRADUATION LOCK IN. (See attached copy)
Angie Goff, President of GFWC Junior Women’s Club appeared before the Commission. She said she was there to ask for the County Commission’s support for the Elkies High School after graduation lock in for 2017. She thanked them tremendously for their past support. She said this will be the 32rd year of the lock in. It is a place for the graduating seniors to come and be safe and to keep them off the roads. She said it costs anywhere from $10,000 to $16,000 to put it on. She said there will be entertainment and prizes for the students. It will be held at the First United Methodist Church on May 26, 2017.
Commissioner See moved to approve the funding request in the amount of $2,000.00 for the Elkies High School after graduation lock in and that money is to be taken out of courthouse contractual funds.
All yes – Motion passed unanimously

REPORT FROM COUNTRY ROADS PUBLIC TRANSIT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED SUPPORT
Laura Ward from Country Roads Public Transit appeared before the Commission. She said every year she comes and gives a report on how Country Roads Public Transit has been doing. She said this last fiscal year there was a total of 17,397 rides given. She said most of the rides are for employment and medical appointments. She said for a lot of people this is their only transportation and it is very important to them. She said they have put bus stops all over town. She would like the County Commissioners come a take a ride to see how it all works and how much the people that ride rely on it. She said at the Senior Center 49,500 meals were served last fiscal year and they have been very busy there. She said she will be sending a letter to the Commission soon asking for their continued support. Commissioner Taylor said we have supported it the last 10 years and this budget season we will review it again.

CONSIDER APPROVAL BY WAY OF RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT HARMAN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT IN THEIR EFFORTS IN OBTAINING NECESSARY FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE GRANT COUNTY BANK. (See attached copy)
Stephanie Roy appeared before the Commission. She explained that the Harman Volunteer Fire Department is applying to refinance a loan which would bring the loan amount up to $119,900.00. This would pay off a loan of $49,000.00 they currently have and give them money for a new set of “Jaws of Life” and to make repairs and do painting on another pumper they have. Commissioner Taylor said they have done this in the past and the Resolution does not obligate the county funding in any way it just gives the Harman Volunteer Fire Department a lower tax rate on their loan. Commissioner Taylor read Resolution 01-2017 out loud.
Commissioner Scott moved to approve Resolution 01-2017, as submitted.
All yes – Motion passed unanimously
CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A VOLUNTARY INTERNSHIP OF A DAVIS AND ELKINS COLLEGE STUDENT TO AID OUR VICTIM SERVICES COORDINATOR
(See attached copy)

Randolph County Prosecuting Attorney, Michael Parker appeared before the Commission. He said in order to comply with the grant received from the Violence Against Women’s Act that partially funds the Victim Services Coordinator he is required to have an intern to help and participate in the administration of the Victim Service Coordinator’s responsibilities. He said this Victim Services Coordinator, Jayne Rawl had identified a Davis and Elkins College student that was interested in pursuing such an internship with his office. He said they did meet with her and interview her and conducted a background check on her which came back clean. He said he thinks she will be an asset to his office and it will comply with the grant requirements. Her name is Shirley Fox. This will be an unpaid internship and it will probably last until May. Commissioner See moved to approve the hiring of Shirley Fox as an unpaid intern in the Randolph County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office, as requested.
All yes – Motion passed unanimously

FINAL SETTLEMENTS/ANNUAL ACCOUNTINGS:
Commissioner Scott moved to approve the 6 final settlements/annual accountings, as submitted.
Virginia Ratliff
Dora T. Carlucci
Wanda Sue White
Donald Jackson Turner
Robert H. Evans
Rachel McCollam Fornash
All yes – Motion passed unanimously

BUDGET REVISION: (See attached copy)
Commissioner Scott moved to approve the one in house budget revision, as submitted.
All yes – Motion passed unanimously

ERRONEOUS ASSESSMENTS/DIVISIONS OF PROPERTY:
Commissioner See moved to approve the erroneous assessments/divisions of property, as submitted.
All yes - Motion passed unanimously

PAYMENT OF BILLS:
Commissioner See moved to pay the bills, as submitted.
All yes - Motion passed unanimously

ADJOURN THE MEETING:
Commissioner See moved to adjourn the meeting.
All yes - Motion passed unanimously

Attest: ______________________________
PROCLAMATION

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF KINDNESS COUNTS WEEK
IN THE CITY OF ELKINS, WEST VIRGINIA

WHEREAS, we all recognize that our daily lives are filled with information regarding crime, violence and disaster, often causing feelings of hopelessness and helplessness; and

WHEREAS, kindness is one of our most important human tools in connecting with one another, enhancing the emotional climate around us, and bringing good into the world; and

WHEREAS, doing random acts of kindness gives people a measurable boost of happiness; and

WHEREAS, by remembering that a simple act of kindness to another person will help our community become a kinder, safer and more caring environment in which to live, work and play.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Van T. Broughton, Mayor of the City of Elkins, West Virginia, along with the Common Council do hereby proclaim the week of February 12 to February 18, 2017, to be:

“Kindness Counts Week”

in Elkins, West Virginia and urge all of our citizens to perform acts of kindness, not just this week, but every week, 365 days a year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF:

I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Elkins, West Virginia, to be affixed this 2nd day of February, 2017.

Van Broughton
Mayor
City of Elkins, West Virginia
December 5, 2016

Randolph County Commission
4 Randolph Avenue #102
Elkins, WV 26241

Dear Commissioners:

Hillbilly Hardball Classic, Inc. is a 501(c)3 tax exempt non-profit organization. Each year, Hillbilly Hardball Classic, Inc. conducts a tournament for American Legion baseball teams. The 2017 27th Annual Hillbilly Hardball Classic will take place June 15th thru the 18th.

Your very generous donation of $6000 was much appreciated the last six seasons. In fact, we would not have been able to complete the season without it. It was a huge help for the tournament last summer. Plus it helped the Elkins Post 29 baseball team throughout the season. South Charleston Post 94 was crowned last summer as the champion as they defeated a team from Tampa Florida, coached by former Major League Baseball Pitcher, Seth McClung.

Please remember that this tournament brings many people to Randolph County. We invite 30 teams consisting of approximately 18 players and 2 coaches on each team. Most of those players also bring many family members with them. Each team uses 10 – 13 rooms in the local hotels, not including family members. They also eat in the local restaurants. Last year, all the motels in Randolph County once again were booked for the entire weekend of the event. As I write this letter, teams from Pennsylvania, Ohio, Maryland, Florida and West Virginia will be coming back for 2017.

We sincerely thank you for your help the last three years. I again would like to request another donation of $6000 dollars for the Hillbilly Hardball Classic and our team. Please consider helping us once again help Randolph County and area teens and Elkins Post 29 Baseball. As always, we consider the Randolph County Commission a part of our team, our tournament and family.

Sincerely,

Chris George
President
Dear Elkins/Randolph County Area Organizations and Businesses:

In 1984, a tragic accident killed an Elkins High School graduate only hours after his graduation. In 1985, an all night, supervised graduation party was started to ensure that this never happened again...

For many years, the GFWC Junior Woman’s Club of Elkins, Inc. has carried on the tradition of the all night graduation party, which will be held at the First United Methodist Church gym. The goal of the party is to give all graduates a safe, but fun way to spend the night of their graduation. This party depends solely on the donations of local organizations, churches, and businesses. This marks the 32nd Anniversary of the EHS Project Safe Graduation Party and plans are already in motion to make this year’s event the biggest and best ever! We have found that enjoyable entertainment and quality prizes are the best incentives for the seniors to come and stay at the party. We have been very successful with this party in the past, as every graduating senior left the event with a prize. Based on that information and the fact that we have planned more great entertainment, we expect record participation this year!

Graduation has been set for Friday, May 26, 2017 and any help that you could give us would be appreciated. We do realize and take into account the state of the economy and are making every effort to plan this party accordingly. If your organization could make a monetary donation, hold a fundraiser which would benefit the party (such as a bake sale, raffle, etc.), donate door prizes or food, or simply “pass the hat” at your meetings, it would give us a great start in our efforts to fund the party. We would gladly come to pick up your donation, or you could simply mail it to the EHS Annual Graduation Party c/o Angie Goff at PO Box 505 Elkins, WV 26241. Due to banking policies, all checks must be made payable to EHS Annual Graduation Party.

This party is a huge undertaking for an organization of 12 young women. However, it is an event that the GFWC Junior Woman’s Club of Elkins is determined to continue. With that being said, we are looking to not only make this a Junior Woman’s event, but make it a community event by including the local Fire Departments, the EHS Alumni Association, the local and state police departments, and the local emergency squad, just to name a few. Many of our members have attended as students over the years, and it is a project that is very near and dear to our hearts. We would happily answer any questions which you may have, as this project means so much to our club and our community. Thank you in advance for your time, support, and kindness.

Sincerely,
Angie Goff
(304)636-3625
2017 EHS Project Safe Graduation Chairwoman & GFWC Junior Woman’s Club President
WHEREAS; The Harman Volunteer Fire Department provides critical lifesaving measures to the citizens in and around the eastern end of Randolph County.

WHEREAS; It is necessary for Harman Volunteer Fire Department to keep its fleet of vehicles modern and up to date with emergency response equipment.

WHEREAS; The Volunteer Members donate untold amount of hours for training and responding to emergencies.

BE IT RESOLVED; That the Randolph County Commission hereby supports their efforts in obtaining necessary financial arrangements with the Grant County Bank.

Signed this 2nd day of February, 2017.

Michael M. Taylor, President
Chris See, Commissioner
Mark D. Scott, Commissioner
January 24, 2017

Michael Taylor, President
Randolph County Commission
Randolph County Courthouse Annex
Elkins, WV 26241

IN RE: Hiring of Shirley Fox

Dear Mr. Taylor:

I am requesting to hire Shirley Fox for an unpaid internship to aid our Victim Services Coordinator. Ms. Fox is currently enrolled in Davis and Elkins College and will be an asset to this office, particularly in light of the fact that she will be volunteering her time. As such, I am requesting that the Randolph County Commission approve her hiring at its next regular meeting.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience. I appreciate your time and attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Michael W. Parker

MWP:seg
February 2, 2017

Reason: Randolph County Commission In-House Budget Revision Request

The Sheriff’s Office would like to request the following in-house budget revisions:

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Respectfully,

Mark T. Brady
Sheriff of Randolph County, WV