

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 16th 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: None

MINUTES:

Commissioner Scott moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting that was held on February 2, 2017, as submitted.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

REPORTS:

North Central Community Corrections Director, Erin Golden appeared before the Commission. She said there are currently 109 people on the Community Corrections program. This program has saved the County \$1,066,548.00 in regional jail bills so far this fiscal year.

Randolph County Prosecuting Attorney, Michael Parker reported to the Commission on his office. He said he wanted to give an update on what they had done last year. He said they had 305 felony cases filed in Magistrate Court. There was 2,450 misdemeanor cases filed in 2016, 127 abuse and neglect cases which is a significant increase. In Circuit Court they had 92 felony convictions in 2016 and 23 felony convictions already this year. He said they have been very, very busy and they have grand jury coming up on February 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

Randolph County Sheriff Mark Brady appeared before the Commission. He said he wanted to bring it to the attention of the Commission some of the things they are doing in the Sheriff's Office. He said there has been a recent promotion of Sgt. Richard Swisher to the rank of Lieutenant effective February 1, 2017. This position has already been budgeted for. He said he also promoted Jim Bibey to Supervisor over the Court Security Officers effective February 12, 2017 and this is already budgeted for. He said he has four full time Court Security Officers now and will be adding some more part time in the near future. He said he wanted to bring attention to the Commission of the Mountain Region Drug and Violent Task Force. The task force is comprised of one full time Deputy Sheriff from Randolph County, part time law enforcement officers from Tucker County, West Virginia State Police, US Forest Service the ATF, DDA, US Postal Service, Tucker, Pocahontas and Randolph Counties Prosecuting Attorney's offices and the US Attorney's Office. This task force has investigated, arrested and prosecuted more than 100 drug and

firearm traffickers in Federal Court from all areas of our County and this region. These drug investigations have also led to several arrests in other counties and other states, not reflected above. With sources of supply from Virginia, North Carolina, Ohio, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Florida, Texas, New Jersey and as far away as California. There have been in excess of 100 search warrants and countless hours involved in these investigations. Without this task force Sheriff Brady said he could only imagine where we would be with the trafficking of drugs in this County and region. Sheriff Brady also reported on the activities of the Deputies for the past year. He said his office is very, very busy and he commends the Deputies for all their hard work this past year. He said he is one Deputy short right now and there is a physical agility test and written Civil Service Test scheduled for February 25, 2017 to fill that position.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Commissioner Taylor announced that the Courthouse will be closed on Monday February 20, 2017 for President's day.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION:**

**CONSIDER REQUEST FROM VALLEY HEALTH CARE FOR A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THEIR FUNDING REQUEST TO USDA FOR THEIR UPCOMING PROJECT ( See letter attached)**

Sandra Elza, Chief Executive Officer of Valley Health Care, appeared before the Commission. She said Valley Health Care is a not for profit health center with main offices in Mill Creek. She said they also have the Arbor Community Health Care on Nathan Street in Elkins and they have seven school based health centers as well. She said they are outgrowing the Arbor Community Health Care building and have recently secured an option to purchase some property and they are trying to get funding from USDA. She said she is here today to ask the County Commission for a letter of support for this project. She said they have 85 employees and serve around 6,500 patients and have about 25,000 visits a year. Commissioner Scott moved to approve signing a letter of support for Valley Health Care in their ongoing project.  
All yes – Motion passed unanimously

**CONSIDER FUNDING REQUEST FROM TUCKER COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR THEIR UPCOMING RUN FOR IT EVENT**

Diane Hinkle with the Tucker Community Foundation appeared before the Commission. She said the Run For It event started in 2007 and it serves eight counties. She said this is a grant and scholarship program and the registration opens in April and each team raises resources. Last year there were 1,300 racers. She said there were 8 teams from Randolph County last year. She said the Randolph County Commission has been supporting this since 2013 and she hopes they will continue to do so when they begin their budget process soon.

#### DOMINION TO GIVE REPORT/UPDATE ON ATLANTIC COAST PIPELINE

Bob Fulton, Ben Hardesty and Christine Mitchell from Dominion appeared before the Commission. They gave each Commissioner a handout to review. Mr. Hardesty said they were there to give an overview to the Commissioners about the project. He said they were here in 2014 and they have had many public meetings since then. He said this pipeline will be used primarily for electric generation in Virginia and North Carolina. They have made many route adjustments and they were not only in Randolph County. The main office will be located in Bridgeport, WV. There will be 17,000 jobs and 3,000 of those will be in WV. There will be local tax revenue of approximately 2.8 million annually for five years. Ms. Mitchell said that FIRC received the impact study after two years of effort getting it ready. She said they had over 35,000 comments to review. FIRC will have to review everything and make a decision and hopefully they will begin construction in October 2017 and will continue thru 2018 and hopefully be in service in late 2019. Mr. Hardesty said they are asking the Commission to do a Resolution in support of this project and send it to FIRC. It would be helpful to them to get the project underway. Commissioner Taylor said they will take it under consideration.

#### CONSIDER APPROVAL TO ESTABLISH A BANKING ACCOUNT FOR FLOOD PLAIN FEES

Sheriff Mark Brady and Angela Barrickman from the Sheriff's Office appeared before the Commission. Commissioner Taylor said there needs to be an account set up to put the fees in that is collected for the flood plain ordinance. Sheriff Brady said he needs a letter approving the opening of the account and he will take it to the bank. He said the money already received will be transferred into this account. Commissioner See moved to approve the establishment of a bank account for the flood plain ordinance.  
All yes – Motion passed unanimously

#### CONSIDER APPROVAL FOR SHERIFF TO HIRE A NEW COURT SECURITY OFFICER (See letter attached)

Sheriff Mark Brady appeared before the Commission. He said he was there to request approval to hire a part time Court Security Officer/Jailer. He said he has been doing interviews and background checks and has chosen Howard Kenneth Watson for a part time non benefited position. Sheriff Brady said he would like Mr. Watson to begin working on February 21, 2017 with a beginning hourly rate of \$12.50 per hour and this is already included in his budget. He said this will leave him with one more part time position open.

Commissioner See moved to approve the hiring of Howard Kenneth Watson as a part time court security officer for the Randolph County Sheriff's Office. This will be a non benefited position with an effective date of hire of February 21, 2017 with a beginning hourly rate of \$12.50 per hour.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

#### FINAL SETTLEMENTS/ANNUAL ACCOUNTINGS:

Commissioner Scott moved to approve the 13 final settlements/annual accountings, as submitted.

Philip Franklin Pownell

Harry Hull Kramer  
 Gatha Lee Wamsley  
 Priscilla Stump  
 Thomas Davis Lee  
 Irene M. Hamilton  
 James H. Fitzwater  
 Ethel Paugh  
 W.A. Keller  
 F.J. Pennington  
 Leona Riggleman  
 Evelyn B. Howard  
 Harry Richard Jones

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: \_\_\_\_\_

*Chris also*

# Randolph County Commission



Commissioners

Michael M. Taylor

Chris See

Mark D. Scott

February 16, 2017

Ms. Sandra Elza  
Chief Executive Officer  
Valley Health Care, Inc.  
P.O. Box 247  
Mill Creek, WV 26280-0247

Dear Ms. Elza:

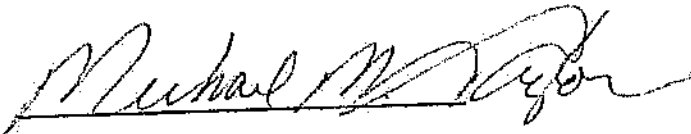
We are extremely pleased to hear of Valley Health Care, Inc.'s (VHC) plans to meet the expanding need for its health care services in the Elkins Region through its proposed acquisition of the Wheeler Property and an adjacent residence on US 33 near the intersection of US 33 with US 219. Utilization of those properties for a health care clinic should provide excellent access for your patient base while adding valuable and convenient health care infrastructure to our Region.

The primary care services, including behavioral health and a 340 Drug Program, offered by VHC serve the broad spectrum of health care needs for all classes of patients. Sliding scale patient charges offered by VHC to moderate, low and indigent classes are of critical importance to the physical and

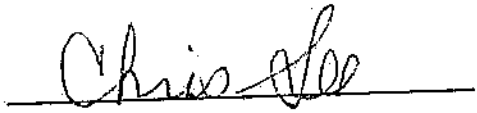
economic health of our area. We recognize that VHC's current Elkins based facility creates limitations given the growing need for the health care services you offer to these varied income classes. We applaud your efforts to consider this project and for stepping up to meet the growing health care needs that exist for the services VHC offers as a Federal Qualified Health Care Center.

Please let us know if there is any further assistance we can provide to you to support making the subject project become a reality.

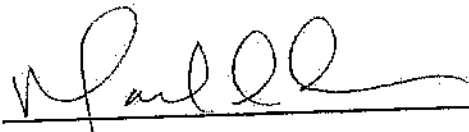
Sincerely,



Michael M. Taylor, President



Chris See, Commissioner



Mark D. Scott, Commissioner

*APPROVED*

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**Mark T. Brady, Sheriff**

02-15-2017

Randolph County Commission

New hire for part time Court Security Officer/Jailer

I request approval to hire Howard Kenneth Watson as a Part-Time Court Security Officer for the Randolph County Sheriff's Office. Mr. Watson is a resident of Randolph County with vast work experience in corrections, working for the WV Supreme Court of Appeals as a Probation Officer, Davis Center in Tucker County and Huttonsville Correctional Center as a counselor and substance abuse therapist.

He has earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology from Davis and Elkins College and a Master of Arts Degree in Counseling from Marshal University. Mr. Watson graduated from the WV Corrections Academy and is Assistant Chief of the Leading Creek Fire Dept.

A background investigation has been completed by our office with no areas of concern.

This would be a part time non benefited position with a beginning hourly rate of \$12.50 per hour. He would begin work on February 21 2017.

Respectfully,

*Mark T. Brady*  
Mark T. Brady, Sheriff



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Brenda Wiseman  
County Clerk

FEBRUARY 15, 2017

RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSION:

THIS IS A REQUEST FOR AN IN-HOUSE BUDGET REVISION TO COVER FYE  
2017 EXPENSES:

DECREASE:

001-402-2-14.00	CO CLERK TRAVEL	3,500.00
001-402-2-16.00	CO CLERK EQUIP REPAIR	2,500.00
001-402-3-41.00	CO CLERK SUPPLIES	2,500.00

INCREASE:

001-402-4-59.00	CO CLERK EQUIPMENT	8,500.00
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THANK YOU.

2-16-17  
Mark Scott moved  
MS - yes  
CS - yes  
MT - yes