

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSION SS:

At a special session of the Randolph County Commission in and for the aforesaid County and State, at the James F. Cain Courthouse Annex, on the 27th day of October, 2017 at 9:00 a.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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION:

CONSIDER ACTION OF POTENTIAL CLOSURE OF LOCAL SUDDENLINK OFFICE

Commissioner Taylor said the Commission received a letter about a month ago from Suddenlink that they would be closing their office in Elkins. He said the Commissioners have received a number of calls from the citizens of the County saying that they do not want them to close. The City of Elkins has been receiving calls regarding this too. Commissioner Taylor said he made two phone calls to upper management at the Suddenlink office, one in Buckhannon and the other in Tyler, Texas, expressing the Commission's displeasure with this. He said he was told the decision was final and there was no turning back. He said the City of Elkins and the County Commission have agreed to retain the services of Kay Casto and Chaney, a law firm from Charleston, with an Attorney that specializes in these type of cases, Robert Rodecker. Commissioner Taylor said in the franchise agreement there is a clause that says that they will have an office in or nearby the service area. The service area in Randolph County is very large and someone that lives in Huttonsville or farther away has a long way to have to go. Commissioner Taylor said he asked the gentleman that he spoke to from Suddenlink that was located in Tyler, Texas if they could sit down and have a meeting with someone about this and they were not willing to do that. He said the cost of this will be shared between the County Commission and the City of Elkins.

Commissioner Scott said the Commission believes that the clause in the franchise agreement that says that there will be an office located nearby the service area, we believe there has been a breach of that franchise agreement that was signed by both the County and City and the only remedy you have if they are not willing to work with you is legal action.

Commissioner See said we have to do it. He has several people come in and talk to him about it.

Commissioner Scott moved to approve the signature of the contractual agreement with Kay Casto and Chaney to pursue the potential closure of the local Suddenlink office.
All yes – Motion passed unanimously

ADJOURN THE MEETING:

Commissioner See moved to adjourn. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

Attest: _____