

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 Court House Annex, on the 3rd day of March, 2016 at 1:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Joyce Johns and Chris See, Randolph County Commissioners.  
Commission President Michael Taylor was absent.

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Johns

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Phil Hudok appeared before the Commission. He discussed having a rule of law. He showed a power point presentation pertaining to paper money. He went over the wording on the bills and said we do not have money, these are debt instruments. He said something has to be done about this. He asked the County Commission to contact the Governor and Patrick Morrissey regarding this.

Robert Grandusky appeared before the Commission. He said he was a resident of Ellamore and he wanted to discuss the emergency response situation there. (See letter attached) He said this is a crisis situation. He said his wife died on April 17, 2015 and when he called 911 there was a lot of confusion as to who was to respond. He lives in Randolph County but has a 472 phone number. His 911 call went to Upshur County first and then when they found out he lived in Randolph County they transferred it to Randolph County and the Coalton Fire Department was sent out. He asked why wasn't the Ellamore Fire Department sent out? They are much closer to his home and they know the area better. He said this is highly flawed method. He presented the County Commission with a petition signed by residents of Ellamore asking that the County Commission of Randolph County and the County Commission of Upshur County do a mutual aid agreement to let the Ellamore Fire Department be called out in these situations.

MINUTES:

Commissioner See moved to approve the minutes from the 2015 Board of Review and Equalization meetings that were held from January 28, 2016 thru February 22, 2016, as submitted.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Sec moved to approve the minutes from the last regular meeting that was held on February 18, 2016, as submitted.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

REPORTS:

North Central Community Corrections Director, Erin Golden appeared before the Commission. She reported that there are currently 94 individuals on the program. The program has saved the county \$1,064,973.50 in regional jail bills since July 1, 2015.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Commissioner Johns announced that the next regular County Commission meeting will be held on March 17, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. She said there will be a special meeting held on March 10, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. to open bids for the window restoration project at the Courthouse.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION:

WV CONSERVATION AGENCY/TYGART VALLEY CONSERVATION DISTRICT TO GIVE REVIEW/UPDATE ON ELKWATER FORK DAM (see attached copies)

Karen Stickley with the West Virginia Conservation Agency appeared before the Commission. She said they have 14 districts in the State and one of those is the Tygart Valley Conservation District located in Philippi. She said they are a sponsor along with the Randolph County Commission on the Elkwater Fork Dam. It was built solely for a water supply. It supplies water to almost 28,000 residents. She said they do a monthly inspection on it. She said she came to explain to the Commission where their money goes and she gave them a handout to look at. She said the next annual inspection will be done on April 4, 2016. She thanked them for their sponsorship and asked for them to renew it for the upcoming year.

ELKINS MAIN STREET TO GIVE YEARLY REVIEW AND PRESENT BUDGET REQUEST FOR FY 2016/2017 (see attached copy)

Karen Carper, Executive Director of Elkins Main Street, appeared before the Commission. She said last year she came before the Commission as the Executive Director of Elkins On Trac. She said it is her distinct pleasure to come before them today as the Executive Director of Elkins Main Street. She said in the five years that the County Commission has supported their program this accomplishment is the greatest achievement that they have made. It has taken a lot of work and long hard hours by volunteers and staff to meet the rigorous criteria of the main street program. She said that is her biggest success story to present to them today and it means a lot to the entire County to be designated now as a national main street. She said their first full year began on July 1, 2015. She said they have new services that they can provide now that they couldn't do before as an On Trac program. She went over some of the things they are working on. She thanked the County Commission for supporting them for the past five years and asked for their support again for the upcoming budget year.

CHILD ADVOCACY TO GIVE YEARLY REVIEW AND PRESENT BUDGET REQUEST FOR FY 2016/2017

Lydia Johnson Grady, Executive Director of Randolph-Tucker Children's Advocacy Center, appeared before the Commission. She said they have seen a 33% increase in children this year. She said they are seeing more children for witnesses to crimes. They have had 974 advocacy phone calls, 67 children referred to mental health services, 33 referred for forensic medical exams. She said they have been working with Davis Medical Center and they are doing a three hour training on what to do if you think a child

has been abused. She said Randolph Tucker Children's Advocacy has more than three times the State rate for criminal convictions. She said they work well with all the police departments on these cases. Sheriff Brady commented that the deputies work with the CAC very closely. Mrs. Grady thanked the Commission for their past support and they are asking for their support again this year if possible.

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF ROBBIE MORRIS TO THE REGION VII DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD**

Commissioner See moved to approve the appointment of Robbie Morris to the Region VII Development Authority Board.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF NORTH CENTRAL COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS GRANT APPLICATION FOR FY 2016/2017 (see attached copy)**

Erin Golden, Director of North Central Community Corrections, appeared before the Commission. She said she has been working very hard to get this grant application completed and it has to be in to Charleston by March 11, 2016 by noon. She said the total grant amount they are applying for this time is \$160,756.00. There would be a cash match that the county would have to pay in the amount of \$68,895.00.

Commissioner See moved to approve the grant application for North Central Community Corrections for FY 2016/2017 in the amount of \$160,756.00, as submitted.

All yes- Motion passed unanimously

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE COOPERATIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT**

Randolph County Sheriff, Mark Brady, appeared before the Commission. He said this is an annual agreement that the Sheriff's Office does with the US Department of Agriculture. This allows the deputies to patrol the national forest properties when people are camping and things like that. This will allow them to get paid overtime for doing so. The amount of the agreement is \$2,800.00. Commissioner See moved to approve the agreement between the US Department of Agriculture and the Randolph County Sheriff's Office, as submitted.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A CREDIT/DEBIT CARD PROCESSING VENDOR FOR ALL RANDOLPH COUNTY GOVERNMENTAL OFFICES**

Angela Barrickman from the Randolph County Sheriff's Office appeared before the Commission. She said the Sheriff and herself have been working on getting a vendor that would provide credit/debit card machines for the county offices. She said they had to put it out for bid and they looked at four different vendors. She explained that when someone uses a credit/debit card in one of the offices they will have to pay an extra fee for using it. The county cannot pay the fees for them. She said the vendor they have chosen is WV Interactive I Pay. Sheriff Brady said this is going to be an optional thing that the customer can do. He said there are a lot of people coming in to the offices now wanting to pay with credit/debit cards and now they will be able to. He said we will still accept cash and checks and if they want to use a credit/debit card they can, but it will cost

them a little more. Commissioner See moved to approve WV Interactive I Pay as the vendor for credit/debit cards for all the county offices.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FULL TIME HIRE OF HUMANE OFFICER FOR RANDOLPH COUNTY (see letter attached)**

Commissioner Johns said that they have been notified that Randolph County Humane Officer, Jim Cain, is going to be retiring in a few months. They have advertised for the position and conducted interviews. This person will be Mr. Cain's assistant until he trains him. Commissioner Johns said Mr. Cain will be greatly missed. He has done a wonderful job. Commissioner See moved to approve the full time hiring of Charley Ramsey as the Randolph County Humane Officer with a starting salary of \$28,000.00, with full benefits, and his employment will begin March 21, 2016.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

Sheriff Brady said he hates to lose Mr. Ramsey. He is currently a Court Security Officer for the Randolph County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Brady said he is a good worker.

**FINAL SETTLEMENTS/ANNUAL ACCOUNTINGS:**

Commissioner See moved to approve the thirteen final settlements/annual accountings, as submitted.

Lucy Jean Taylor

Eloise Isner

Robert Lee Hart, Sr.

Mildred M. (Goddin) Ware

Georgianna Marie Nazelrod Young

Evelyn B. Howard

Leona Riggleman

F.J. Pennington

W.A. Keller

Ethel Paugh

James H. Fitzwater

Irene M. Hamilton

Thomas Davis Lee

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

**BUDGET REVISION: (See attached copy)**

Commissioner See moved to approve the one 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: \_\_\_\_\_