

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSION SS:

At a regular session of the County Commission in and for the aforesaid County and State, at the James F. Cain Court House Annex, on the 2nd day of April, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.

Present: David Kesling, President of the Randolph County Commission and Chris See and Mark Scott Commissioners thereof.

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Kesling

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Joe Gum appeared before the Commission. He said he was there to speak about recycling. He said recycling worked well up to the end of 2019 then the prices dropped. He said he has almost exhausted all his funds to keep his business up and running. He said the Randolph County Solid Waste Authority pays the rent which is \$1,500.00 a month. He said people are recycling but they also bring in a lot of trash. He said he is going to have to have some help to keep it open, when he runs out of money he will have to close the doors. He said shredding is keeping him going right now.

Commissioner See asked if there were any grants he could apply for? Mr. Gum said they did last year. Commissioner Kesling said they could possibly have Peggy Ross to look into any grants he could get. Commissioner Scott asked what the name of the business is. Mr. Gum said it is Joe Gum dba Randolph County Recycling Center.

Clark Martin appeared before the Commission. He said he is the Chairman of the Randolph County Solid Waste Authority and he was there in support of Joe Gum. Mr. Martin said Joe Gum has the only recycling center in the County, if he closes the Randolph County Solid Waste Authority would be in trouble. He said they encourage people to take everything to Joe. He said Joe has been a valuable asset to the Randolph County Solid Waste Authority. He said the Solid Waste Authority tries to support recycling and cleaning up of litter in the County. Commissioner See noted that the Randolph County Solid Waste Authority is helping the City of Elkins with their glass recycling.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Scott moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting that was held on March 19, 2020, as submitted. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner See moved to approve the minutes from the emergency meeting that was held on March 23, 2020, as submitted. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Scott moved to approve the minutes from the special meeting that was held on March 27, 2020, as submitted. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

REPORTS:

Randolph County Clerk, Brenda Wiseman gave an Election report. She said the primary election date has now been changed to June 9, 2020. She said post cards will be mailed out beginning the week of April 6th to all registered voters in the County which will give them an option to fill out the card and mail it back in to receive an absentee ballot. She explained that this is just an option and is not mandatory. She said we will still be having early voting at the two locations, Wees Annex and Pioneer Memorial Public Library and we will still be having Election day voting on June 9th at the precincts.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Commissioner Kesling announced that on March 23, 2020 the County Commission had an emergency session and closed the Courthouse and all Annexes until April 2, 2020. He said since the Governor has changed the State of Emergency to last through April 30, 2020 the County will be doing the same and not opening up the Courthouse to the public until April 30, 2020.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION:

INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION FROM ALYSON SMOAK FOR VOCA GRANT

Alyson Smoak appeared before the Commission. She said she is the victim service coordinator in the Prosecuting Attorney's Office and she is working for the victims. She said every year they apply for a VOCA Grant through the State of West Virginia and this will be the 23rd year of the grant. She said this is her first year applying for the grant. She said last year they served 500 victims and this year she thinks it will be over 600. She said last year there were 190 abuse and neglect cases and this year so far they have had 54 abuse and neglect cases. She said the amount of the grant is \$46,733.00 and the County cash match would be \$11,203.00.

Commissioner Scott moved to approve the signing of the VOCA grant application, as submitted.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER SIGNING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR RANDOLPH COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY (See copy attached)

Commissioner Kesling read a letter from the Randolph County Humane Society. Commissioner See said it is basically the same memorandum of understanding as last year. Commissioner See moved to approve the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Randolph County Humane Society, as submitted.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER FUNDING REQUEST FROM RANDOLPH COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR ADA COMPLIANT PAVING PROJECT

Commissioner Scott said this is something the Randolph County Housing Authority has been working on since 2018. He said they received a bid from Cooper Asphalt for

\$20,000.00. They can come up with \$10,000.00 of it. They are asking the Commission for the other \$10,000.00.

Commissioner Scott moved to approve ½ of the cost of the paving project for the Randolph County Housing Authority. He said \$455.00 will come out of Coal Re-Allocation funds and the remaining \$9,545.00 will come out of Coal Severance funds. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER FUNDING REQUEST FOR WV RAILROAD MUSEUM

(See attached copy)

Commissioner Kesling read a letter from the West Virginia Railroad Museum, Inc. out loud. They are asking for funding to help produce their 2020 exhibit. The amount requested is \$5,800.00. Commissioner See moved to approve the funding request in the amount of \$2,500.00 and that is to be taken out of Hotel/Motel Tax funds.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER BIDS FOR COURTHOUSE AND MAGISTRATE PAVING PROJECT

Commissioner Scott said they have put out to bid the paving of the Courthouse and Magistrate parking lots. They received two bids back. The first was from Cooper Asphalt in the amount of \$23,353.00 and the second was from Custom Paving in the amount of \$20,288.25. Commissioner Scott said the difference is that Cooper Asphalt will mill out the pot holes and stripe it all. Commissioner Scott moved to approve the bid from Cooper Asphalt for the paving of the Courthouse and Magistrate parking lots.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER FUNDING REQUEST FROM HISTORIC BEVERLY PRESERVATION

(See copy attached)

Commissioner Kesling said this is a funding request to repair the roof on the Beverly Bank building. The total cost of the roof repair is \$16,230.00. They are asking the Commission for \$5,000.00 to help match a grant they have secured through the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History. Commissioner See moved to approve the funding request in the amount of \$5,000.00 for Historic Beverly Preservation, Inc. and that is to be taken out of Hotel/Motel tax funds.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER DONATION OF POLICE CRUISER TO TOWN OF BEVERLY

(See copy attached)

Commissioner Kesling read a letter from Andy Burns, Mayor of the Town of Beverly. The letter asked if the County had any used vehicles for disposal. Commissioner Kesling said the Sheriff's Office has purchased two new vehicles that will be coming soon and there are some that are not going to be used anymore. Commissioner See moved to approve the request from the Town of Beverly for a police cruiser and that vehicle is to be approved by the Sheriff.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF POLL WORKERS SUBMITTED BY THE DEMOCRAT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

County Clerk, Brenda Wiseman submitted a list of poll workers to the Commission from the Democrat Executive Committee. She said the Republican poll worker list was approved at the last meeting. She said they are having a difficult time getting poll workers due to the corona virus. Commissioner See moved to approve the poll workers, as submitted. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

FINAL SETTLEMENTS:

Commissioner Scott moved to approve the eight final settlements/annual accountings as submitted on the following estates:

Sally Ruth Armentrout

Mary Jane Davidson

Vallie A. Davis

Michael Huffnagel, Sr.

Wayne Edward Mathes

Harlan Duane Stalnaker

Richard Matthew Varchetto

Galen Glen Wright All yes – Motion passed unanimously

BUDGET REVISIONS: (See copy attached)

Commissioner Scott moved to approve a state budget revision for the Dog Warden budget in the amount of \$12,386.00.

Commissioner See voted yes – Commissioner Scott voted yes – Commissioner Kesling voted yes – Motion passed

DIVISION OF PROPERTY /ERRONEOUS ASSESSMENTS:

Commissioner Scott moved to approve the Division of Property/ Erroneous Assessments, as submitted. All yes - Motion passed unanimously

DISTRESSED PROPERTIES: None

Commissioner Scott said this program is suspended for now.

FIRE FEE ADJUSTMENTS:

Commissioner See moved to approve the 11 fire fee adjustments, as submitted.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Commissioner Scott 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: _____