

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 May, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.

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

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Scott

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Harvey Taylor appeared before the Commission. He said he was there to discuss early voting. He would like to see early voting held in all three districts. He said the Russell Memorial Library or the Senior Center in Mill Creek would be secured locations. He thinks it would be beneficial to the voters and would increase voter turnout. He said he would be willing to volunteer to help make this happen.

Missy McCollam, Director of Old Brick Playhouse appeared before the Commission. She said they came last year and asked for funding and are back again this year. She said there have been severe budget cuts for their program and they need any assistance the Commission could give. This is their 28th year and they do this to bring the community together and for cultural tourism. The Polar Express has brought in 150,000 visitors. She said another thing they are starting is a train ride with magic and the old brick actors will entertain and then have a feast afterward. The estimated cost of this is \$15,000.00. She said they also do a program to eliminate violence in schools and they start with training the students that tolerance is the key. She said that Appalachian Energy Pods is a private organization that is providing money but they are asking the Commission to match that funding for either the Alpine School magic train ride or the school program to eliminate violence. She said she does not have a cost estimate at this time.

MINUTES:

Commissioner See moved to approve the minutes of the special meeting held April 16, 2019, as submitted.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner See moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 18, 2019, as submitted.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

REPORTS:

Erin Golden, Director of North Central Community Corrections, appeared before the Commission. She said there are currently 110 individuals on the program and the program has saved the County \$1,576,734.75 in regional jail bills so far this fiscal year.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Commissioner Scott said the Commission received a letter from the State Auditor's office regarding Public Service Districts and Volunteer Fire Departments. He said HB 2958 passed and will be effective 90 days from passage. This will allow the State Auditor's office to audit the Public Service Districts and the Volunteer Fire Departments. Ron Vance from Midland PSD said this will cost them more money because they already have an Audit done themselves on a yearly basis.

Commissioner Scott said a letter was received from Nigel Jeffries expressing concerns about the annexation. Commissioner Scott said all comments and concerns will be taken very seriously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Commissioner Scott announced that the next meeting of the Randolph County Commission will be on May 16, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION:

BRIAN FARKAS: TYGART VALLEY CONSERVATION; OPERATIONS, MAINTENANCE FUNDING AGREEMENT

Mr. Farkas said he was there regarding the Elk Water Fork Dam and the County Commission's support they give for that. He said the Attorney General has issued a formal opinion on the agreement with the Commissions. He said those agreements are in violation of the State Constitution. Mr. Farkas said they have prepared a new agreement and he has visited 19 County Commission's so far regarding this. He said the Commission provides \$10,000.00 and that is matched by Conservation and it is used for maintenance and upkeep of the dam. Commissioner See moved to approve the funding agreement for 2019, as submitted.

All yes -- Motion passed unanimously

INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION FROM LISA WOOD FOR JULY 4TH CAR SHOW AND MOUNTAIN STATE STREET MACHINES

(See copy attached)

Lisa Wood, Executive Director of Elkins-Randolph County Chamber of Commerce, appeared before the Commission. She said this is a joint effort between many businesses and organizations to have the car show. She said they want this to be an all weekend show from July 5th thru July 7th. She said the cost for the whole event is \$11,000.00. She said there will be a fireworks show also. She said they have received \$1,500.00 from the City of Elkins and \$1,500 from D & E and the remaining will be from the Commission and from an unnamed sponsor. The amount needed from the Commission is \$5,000.00. Commissioner See moved to approve the funding request for the July 4th celebration in the amount of \$5,000.00 and that is to be taken out of Hotel/Motel Tax Funds.

All yes -- Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER SIGNING CONTRACT FOR BOILER SYSTEM AT COURTHOUSE WITH CASTO TECHNICAL SERVICES

Tony Ritter from Casto Technical Services appeared before the Commission. He said this is a maintenance agreement on the boiler/HVAC etc. for the courthouse and courthouse properties. Commissioner See moved to approve the contract with Casto Technical Services for the boiler/HVAC for the courthouse and courthouse properties, as submitted.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER SENDING A COMMITMENT LETTER TO MIDLAND PSD

(See copy attached)

Ron Vance from Midland PSD appeared before the Commission. He said they are working on a waterline extension project that has been in the process for the last 15 years. He said it will continue toward Corridor H, Cheat River, Kelly Mountain and Chenoweth Creek and eventually Poe Run. This is a 5 million dollar project and will serve 140 new customers. He said if they would have gotten a loan, customers rates would go up. . He said they decided a grant would be the best way to go. He said the grant is for \$318,000.00 and the Commission would need to provide \$24,383.00. He said this amount was an oversight when they prepared their budget. This will benefit 1600-1700 customers. He said the letter of commitment is needed today to send in with the grant paperwork. Commissioner Kesling moved to approve a letter of commitment for the Midland PSD in the amount of \$24,383.00. There will be \$7,383 taken out of coal severance tax and \$17,000.00 from different funds.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER RE-APPOINTMENT OF NILS HEINKE TO RANDOLPH COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY

(See copy attached)

Commissioner See moved to approve the re-appointment of Nils Heinke to the Randolph County Airport Authority. His term will be from July 1, 2018 thru June 30, 2021.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER SIGNING CONTRACT WITH RAJCO (COST REDUCTION)

(See copy attached)

Commissioner Scott said Gene Watkins from Rajco appeared before the Commission at the last meeting. Commissioner Scott said his company reviews bills for the County and finds ways to reduce the costs. Mr. Watkins sent the contract to the Commission and they have reviewed it. There is no cost to the County. If there is a savings then Rajco would receive 40% of the savings for two years.

Commissioner Kesling moved to approve the contract with Rajco for the cost reduction study, as submitted.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER SIGNING A PROCLAMATION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COUNTY COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE

Carol Bush appeared before the Commission. She said she is currently working with the Census Bureau and they are starting to work on the 2020 Census. She said it is very important to have a complete count when doing the census because this effects the funding in the future for our County. She said she would like the Commission to work with the community to ensure a complete and proper 2020 census. She estimates that if 300 people were not counted that could cost 15 million in funding. Commissioner Kesling moved to approve the proclamation for the establishment of a County Complete Count Committee.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

FINAL SETTLEMENTS:

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

Harley Daniel Booth

Walter Carol Galbraith

Joseph Leon Hamrick

Shirley Jean Kittle

Glyndon Edward Koon

Betty Jo Vance

Carl Edgar Vandevender

All yes - Motion passed unanimously

BUDGET REVISIONS:

(See attached copies)

Commissioner Kesling moved to approve two in house budget revisions in the amounts of \$2,000 and \$14,000 for the Sheriff's Office, as submitted.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner See moved to approve one state budget revision in the amount of \$2,262.76 for the Sheriff's office, as submitted.

Commissioner See voted yes

Commissioner Scott voted yes

Commissioner Kesling voted yes

Motion passed

DIVISION OF PROPERTY /ERRONEOUS ASSESSMENTS:

Commissioner Kesling moved to approve the Division of Property/ Erroneous Assessments, as submitted.

All yes - Motion passed unanimously

FIRE FEE ADJUSTMENTS:

Commissioner See moved to approve 10 fire fee adjustments, as submitted.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Commissioner See moved to pay the bills, as submitted.

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

ATTEST: _____