

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 7th day of May, 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: None

MINUTES:

Commissioner Scott moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting that was held on April 21, 2020, as submitted. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

REPORTS:

Sheriff Mark Brady reported that the work on updating the Sheriff's Office and Assessor's Office is continuing.

Deputy County Clerk, Karla Mahanes reported that the County Clerk's Office is working hard getting the absentee ballots mailed out. She said they have thousands to do. The last day someone can request one is June 3rd.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Commissioner Kesling announced that the Courthouse will be re opening on May 18, 2020 which follows the Governors guidelines.

Commissioner Kesling announced that a relative of two employees of the courthouse test positive for Covid 19. Those two employees test results came back negative but they are self quarantined for 14 days.

Commissioner Scott discussed the "Hero Pay". He said they have been talking to the Governor's Office and the US Treasury Office and also the Auditor's Office. He said they have actually changed the name from "Hero Pay" to a Covid 19 block grant. The reason why they are not calling it Hero pay anymore is because it cannot be used to pay any bonuses, any extra benefits that aren't already there, unless that would be a direct requirement for Covid 19. He said if the money is already budgeted to be used for the offices it also can't be used. He said there are three specific requirements under the cares act. Number one it has to be a necessary expenditure incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to Covid 19, also were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved at the time the emergency was declared which was the 16th of March for any direct expenditures. If it was not budgeted in the budget that was approved at the time which would be our current budget so if it was not budgeted it would be eligible and it was incurred during the period of March to December, 2020. It is doesn't fall under

those guidelines what the Commission is finding is that when they call they find it doesn't qualify. It is very limited as to what it can be used for and it's making it very difficult for the Commission. He said they would love to reward the front line workers but they can't because of the guidelines. He said they are using a lot of the money for PPE because a lot of organizations can't get it.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION:

CONSIDER DONATING A VEHICLE TO TUCKER COUNTY EMS

(See copy attached)

Sheriff Brady said Tucker County Commissioner, Lowell Moore, had contacted his office about this. He said Mr. Moore saw the decommissioned vehicles up at the new 911 Center and asked about getting one for Tucker County EMS. Sheriff Brady said he discussed it with the Commission and Mr. Moore discussed it with the Commission also. Commissioner See moved to approve the donating of a decommissioned Sheriff's vehicle to the Tucker County EMS.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PART TIME EMPLOYEE FOR 911

(See copy attached)

Commissioner Kesling said the Commission received a request from 911/OEM Director, Cindy Hart that Trenton Cooper be hired as a part time employee with no county benefits and he will be placed on a 90 day probationary period to obtain the current training requirements. His starting pay will be 9.94 per hour and the current budget will cover his wages. She would like his employment to begin on May 8, 2020. Commissioner Scott moved to approve the part time employment of Trenton Cooper at the 911 Center, as submitted.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF NEW HIRE FOR COURT SECURITY POSITION

(See copy attached)

Sheriff Brady appeared before the Commission. He said he advertised and interviewed for the position of Court Security Officer and he would like to hire Kumar Lambert to begin working on May 18, 2020 with a starting salary of \$23,900 per year with full benefits. Sheriff Brady said the money is already budgeted for this position. He said this hire will bring him up to 4 full time and 2 part time Court Security Officers.

Commissioner See moved to approve the hiring of Kumar Lambert as a full time Court Security officer for the Randolph County Sheriff's Office, as submitted.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF NEW HIRE FOR WVU EXTENSION OFFICE

(See copy attached)

Commissioner Kesling said the Commission received a request from Hannah Fincham, WVU Extension Agent asking to hire Gladys Moore as an Administrative Assistant for the WVU Randolph County Extension Service office. She would like her to begin working on June 1, 2020 with a starting annual salary of \$28,000.00 with full benefits.

Commissioner Scott moved to approve the hiring of Gladys Moore at the Randolph County WVU Extension Office, as submitted.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF REQUEST LETTERS FOR BANKING SERVICES

Commissioner Scott moved to approve the signing of the letter of request from three banks, Mountain Valley Bank, Citizens Bank of West Virginia and Davis Trust Company for the banking services for the County from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER FUNDING REQUEST FROM RANDOLPH COUNTY UNITED FOR BANNERS FOR 2020 HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Commissioner Kesling said the Commission received a letter from Randolph County United, they are a non-profit organization that promotes Randolph County Schools and Students and their activities. They are requesting funding to recognize the Randolph County High School graduating seniors. These seniors have lost many privileges that comes along with being a high school senior. The project consists of a 2 foot by 4 foot banner with the senior's photo for each student to be displayed publicly. This is intended for every senior in both public and private schools within the County. With 269 seniors the cost will be \$8,408.00 for the banners and other expenses. Commissioner Scott said they are missing out on so many activities due to the virus. Commissioner Scott moved to approve a donation of \$1,000.00 to be taken out of courthouse contractual funds to support this worthy project.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER SIGNING RENEWAL CONTRACT FOR MAINTENANCE ON COUNTY GENERATORS

Commissioner Kesling said they have a renewal of maintenance contract with Mountaineer Generator Services for all generators in the County. The total cost is \$22,427.88. Commissioner See moved to approve the signing of the contract with Mountaineer Generator Services, as submitted.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

FINAL SETTLEMENTS:

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

Leonard Bruce Stoneking

James Edward Wamsley

Mary Frances Lanford

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

BUDGET REVISIONS: (See copies attached)

Commissioner Scott moved to approve a state budget revision for the FEMA Reimbursement from the flooding in Harman in the amount of \$122,680.00.

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

Commissioner Scott moved to approve an in house budget revision for the Covid 19 Grant money in the amount of \$100,000.00.
All yes – Motion passed unanimously

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:
Commissioner Scott said there are 6 prior complaints put on hold due to Covid 19. They just need processed. Letters will be going out.

FIRE FEE ADJUSTMENTS:
Commissioner See moved to approve the 4 fire fee adjustments, 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: _____