

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 19th day of May, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Michael Taylor, President of the Randolph County Commission and Joyce Johns and Chris See, Commissioners thereof.

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Taylor

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Phil Hudok appeared before the Commission. He said if we continue to have churches incorporated we are not going to have a moral society. He said that is why our civilization is in distress. He showed a picture of an upside down rainbow and said that is the way the Lord is trying to say we are in distress.

Kyle Nuttle, Attorney from Upshur County, appeared before the Commission to discuss the Atlantic Coast Pipeline. He said he is not against the pipelines but the contracts that they are having the landowners to sign are very one sided and not fair to the landowners. He said these are permanent easements that will still exist even when the pipeline is no longer in service. He wants to let people to know that before they sign these contracts. They can be negotiated. He said the pipe can be removed however Atlantic Coast Pipeline has no plans to remove them. He also discussed pipelines exploding and gave an example of one that did recently. He feels that the Atlantic Coast Pipeline is not doing enough as far as safety goes.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Johns moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting that was held on May 5, 2016, as submitted.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

REPORTS:

CORRESPONDENCE:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Commissioner Taylor announced that the next Commission meeting will be held on June 2, 2016 at 1:30. The meeting after that will be held on June 16, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION:

RECOGNIZE THREE INDIVIDUALS FOR TELECOMMUNICATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD (See attached letter)

911/OEM Director, Cindy Hart appeared before the Commission. She went over the number of calls that the 911 Center received since January 2015. She said they have 12

tele communicators and three supervisors. She said it was hard to pick three out but she decided to pick one from each shift. Those three people are Kaylene Tice, Robert Phillips and Amy Shahan. They were all present at the meeting along with their three supervisors. Commissioner Taylor said the Commission wants to express their deepest gratitude and appreciation for a job well done. He said this is also National Law Enforcement Memorial Week and for the law enforcement officers that serve our area, we salute them.

#### CONSIDER FUNDING REQUEST FROM COALTON DAYS FOR UPCOMING FESTIVAL

Commissioner Taylor said Mr. Rossi, the Mayor of Coalton, called late this afternoon and said he could not be here today, so this item will be held over until the next meeting.

#### CONSIDER FUNDING REQUEST FROM TYGARTS VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL FOR AFTER GRADUATION LOCK-IN (See letter attached)

J.C. Wallace representing the Tygart Valley Lions Club, appeared before the Commission. He said he had with him Mr. David Wratford who is a Senior at Tygart Valley High School and who is the Senior Class Vice President. Mr. Wallace said they are there to ask for the County Commission's continued support of the senior lock-in that is provided by the Tygart Valley Lions Club. Commissioner Taylor said they do believe that this is a successful program. Mr. Wratford said Thank You to the Commission and said this will be the last goodbye for this senior class as they will all be heading off to different colleges soon. Commissioner Johns moved to donate \$2,000.00 to Tygart Valley Lions Club for the after graduation lock-in for Tygart Valley High School and that is to be taken out of courthouse contractual funds.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

#### CONSIDER FUNDING REQUEST FOR SCOTT'S FORD DOCK PROJECT (See letter attached)

Commissioner Taylor said we have already had the major presentation about this project about two months ago. Brenda Dasher and Cliff Schoonover appeared before the Commission. Mrs. Dasher said the project is going to cost around \$35,000.00 all together and they have a pledge from Dominion for \$25,000.00. That leaves a shortage of \$10,000.00. Commissioner Taylor said basically this is for the ADA boat dock at Scott's Ford. Commissioner See moved to approve the donation of \$10,000.00 towards the Scott Ford Ramp/Kayak/Canoe Launch Proposal and that is to be taken out of Hotel/Motel Tax.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

#### CONSIDER NEW HIRE IN THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE (See letter attached)

Chief Deputy, Brad Sharp appeared before the Commission. He said he was there on behalf of Sheriff Brady to request approval to hire Adam Weiford for Court Security Officer with Randolph County to fill a vacant position that currently exists. He is currently employed at Davis Medical Center as a security officer and has prior law enforcement experience. If approved it would be a full time position once he completes a

90 day probation period and it will be a benefited position with a starting salary of \$21,000.00 and if approved for hire he will begin employment on Monday June 6, 2016. Commissioner Taylor said this is for a position that is already in this current year's budget and then in next year's budget there was money allocated for another court security officer that will bring the total up to four. He said it is unfortunate that we need them but it is just a sign of the times.

Commissioner See moved to approve the hiring of Adam Weiford as a full time court security officer with an annual salary of \$21,000.00 plus benefits and the employment date will be Monday June 6, 2016.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

#### CONSIDER APPROVAL OF LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICY AND WORKER COMPENSATION INSURANCE POLICY FOR 2016/2017

Commissioner Taylor said for the past several years the County has been participating in the WV Counties Self Insurance Risk Pool. Our premium last year was around \$133,000.00 and this year the proposal is \$135,500.00 and Workers Comp is \$38,608.00. Commissioner Taylor said that is all of our vehicles, liability insurance, properties such as Camp Pioneer and all the buildings and records here at the courthouse. He said that is a lot of money but it is not bad for covering all of that.

Commissioner Johns moved to approve the signage of the WV Counties Risk Pool proposal of \$135,500.00 and to cover Worker's Compensation in the amount of \$38,608.00.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

#### CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SPECIAL FIDUCIARY COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION ON THE ESTATE OF CLAUDE VERNON LOWTHER (See copy attached)

#### CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SPECIAL FIDUCIARY COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION ON THE ESTATE OF THELMA LOUISE LOWTHER (See copy attached)

Commissioner See moved to take item G & H off the table.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Taylor said these items were tabled at the last meeting until further review. He said they met with County Clerk, Brenda Wiseman and she went over these estates with them. He said when there is a conflict with an estate sometimes there is a hearing conducted by a special fiduciary commissioner and in this case that was Heather M. Weese and Attorney here in Elkins. This had to do with the estate's of Claude Vernon Lowther and Thelma Louise Lowther where some of the heir's had petitioned for the named Executors to be removed. Heather Weese held a hearing and has recommended to the Commission that their request for removal be denied.

Commissioner Taylor read the recommendations out loud. Commissioner Johns moved to approve the Special Fiduciary Commissioner's recommendation on the Thelma Louise Lowther estate, as submitted.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Johns moved to approve the Special Fiduciary Commissioner's recommendation on the Claude Vernon Lowther estate, as submitted.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

**FINAL SETTLEMENTS/ANNUAL ACCOUNTINGS:**

Commissioner Johns moved to approve the ten final settlements/annual accountings, as submitted.

William Edmond Parks

Robert Frank Caplinger

Doris Jane Ball

Thomas C. Derbyshire

Violet Clayton

Betty Jo Arbogast

Eunice Irene Mosser

Michael Vance

Roy Joseph Phillips

John Lee Kirkpatrick

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

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

Commissioner Johns moved to approve the four budget revisions, as submitted.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

**ERRONEOUS ASSESSMENTS/DIVISIONS OF PROPERTY:**

Commissioner Johns moved to approve the erroneous assessments/divisions of property, as submitted.

All yes - Motion passed unanimously

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

Commissioner Johns moved to pay the bills, as submitted.

All yes - Motion passed unanimously

**ADJOURN THE MEETING:**

Commissioner Johns moved to adjourn the meeting.

All yes - Motion passed unanimously

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_