

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 4th day of June, 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:

Phil Hudok appeared before the Commission. He said he appreciates the Commission having physical meetings. He said he wanted to address some concerns. He played some recorded clips regarding vaccinations. He said Allen Durshowiz the premier constitutional authority says the government has the right to force people to be vaccinated. He said he considers this subject to be very important. He said the government is giving hospitals money to treat COVID 19 patients even when not in need. He said you are not supposed to quarantine healthy people. He said there will be a lawsuit in the State of West Virginia regarding this. He has already consulted an Attorney. The lawsuit will be filed against the Governor. Mr. Hudok also discussed the government purchasing large amounts of rounds. He played a clip of Polk County Sheriff regarding the rioting where the Sheriff says that people should shoot anyone that tries to break in.

MINUTES:

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

REPORTS:

Sheriff Mark Brady reported that all the construction has been completed and everything is running well. Everyone is back on staff and the public likes it very well. He said he wants to take care of the citizens of Randolph County and the staff that works here.

County Clerk, Brenda Wiseman reported on the upcoming Primary Election. She said as of this morning when she checked the reports, her office has sent out a total of 3,804 absentee ballots. Democrats that requested a ballot were 2,288, Republicans that requested a ballot were 946 and Independents and other parties were 570. She said so far they have received back 2,820 ballots. She explained that teams of democrats and republicans are entering those ballots into the voting system as they come in. She said any ballots received after Election Day will have to be brought to the canvass and once the Commission makes a motion to count those ballots they will then be entered. She said 914 people have voted during Early Voting so far. She said that includes the Mill Creek site and the Elkins site. She said Early Voting will end this Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. She said on Monday June 8<sup>th</sup> will be supply pick up day for the poll workers then Tuesday June 9<sup>th</sup> is Election Day. She said all 27 precincts will be open as usual in

their normal locations. She said the polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. that day. She said they will be providing masks for all poll workers, hand sanitizer, Lysol wipes to wipe down the machines, gloves and pencils to use while voting. She said they are limiting it to only 4 voters in the room at a time. She said there will be social distancing signs in place at every precinct also. She said they are trying to do everything they can to try to keep everyone safe. She said on election night she plans to have the courthouse open for staff and for the public to sit outside on the courthouse lawn and the votes will be read out loud and copies will be provided to everyone periodically.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Commissioner Kesling announced that the next regular meeting will be held on June 18th at 1:30 p.m.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION:

FY 2019 AND FY 2020 AUDIT FIRM ACCEPTANCE

Commissioner Kesling said that four audit firms submitted bids. He said one was disqualified due to some discrepancies. Commissioner See moved to accept the proposal from Suttle and Stalnaker to complete the Audit for FY 2019 and FY 2020, as submitted. Discussion: Commissioner Scott said they went through the scoring system. He said it was a very intensive scoring system. Commissioner See said Suttle and Stalnaker has been very good to work with and the Clerk's Office and Sheriff's office agree.

All yes – Motion passed

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT TO RANDOLPH COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

(See copy attached)

Commissioner Scott moved to re-appoint Nathaniel Bonnell, Charles Friddle, III, Mark Haddix and Edward Phares all to three year terms beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2023.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT TO HUTTONSVILLE PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT

(See copy attached)

Commissioner See moved to re-appoint Gary Morgan to the Huttonsville Public Service District Board of Directors for a term beginning on July 1, 2020 and ending on June 30, 2026.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT TO PIONEER MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD

(See copy attached)

Commissioner Scott moved to appoint Marlana Chestnut to the Pioneer Memorial Library Board of Trustees for a term beginning on July 1, 2020 and ending on June 30, 2025.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT TO THE RANDOLPH COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY

(See copy attached)

Commissioner Scott moved to re-appoint Chris See to a one year term on the Randolph County Solid Waste Authority Board of Directors beginning on July 1, 2020 and ending on June 30, 2021.

Discussion: Commissioner Scott said the way the state code reads generally County Commissioners are not the individuals that serves on this board but for the history of Randolph County they always have but it does not require it. He said so regardless of the outcome of the upcoming election, Chris See would still be on the board for a one year term. He said for all accounts from the solid waste authority they say that Chris has done a really, really good job and they want him to stay on the board.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT TO THE RANDOLPH COUNTY FIRE BOARD

(See copy attached)

Commissioner Scott moved to re-appoint Chris See to the Randolph County Fire Board for a one year term beginning on July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021.

Discussion: Commissioner Scott said the state code mandates that a County Commissioner serves on this board, so if Chris See loses the election he will not be able to serve on the board.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

FINAL SETTLEMENTS:

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

William Jennings Arbogast

Gregory Scott Harman

James Allen Hoffman

Joyce Ann Hoffman

Helen Arlene McCauley

Mabel Lee Shiflett

James Thomas Stalnaker

John Robert Wegman, Jr.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

BUDGET REVISIONS: (See copies attached)

Commissioner Scott moved to approve a State budget revision in the amount of \$11,705.00 for the County Clerk's Office for expenses regarding the election.

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

Commissioner Scott moved to approve a State budget revision in the amount of \$725.00 for the Forest Service grant.

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

Commissioner See moved to approve an In-House budget revision in the amount of \$6,000.00 for the Community Corrections office for supplies.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Scott moved to approve an In-House budget revision in the amount of \$26,000.00 for the Sheriff's office for digital radios and other equipment.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

**DIVISION OF PROPERTY /ERRONEOUS ASSESSMENTS:**

Commissioner Scott moved to approve the Division of Property/ Erroneous Assessments for 2019, as submitted.

All yes - Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Scott moved to approve the Division of Property/Erroneous Assessments for 2020, as submitted.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Scott moved to approve the erroneous assessment for Penn Virginia Operating for 2020, as submitted.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

**DISTRESSED PROPERTIES:**

Commissioner Scott said there is no action at this time, but they are currently working on 11 different properties in the County. He said they have had good communication with the property owners and some are already taking the buildings down and cleaning up the properties.

**FIRE FEE ADJUSTMENTS:**

Commissioner See moved to approve the 15 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

Mayor Van Broughton appeared at the meeting. He said he heard good news from the Governor today that they are going to allow fairs and festivals to be held with 100 people capacity.

**ADJOURN THE MEETING:**

Commissioner Scott moved to adjourn the meeting.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_