

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 July, 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 special meeting that was held on June 15, 2020, as submitted. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner See moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting that was held on June 18, 2020, with one correction to the term limit on Norton Harding Jintown PSD Board, from a five year term to a six year term. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

REPORTS:

Rhett Dusenberry from Congressman Alex Mooney's Office was present and said the Congressman is working hard to get more funding for Corridor H.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Commissioner Kesling announced that the next regular meeting will be held on July 16, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION:

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PART TIME HIRE FOR 911

Commissioner Scott moved to table this item.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT TO RANDOLPH COUNTY BUILDING COMMISSION BOARD

(See attached copies)

Commissioner Scott said the Randolph County Building Commission is the organization that handles all the real estate transactions for the County so the County Commission needs to keep it active. There are a couple of vacancies on the board.

Commissioner Scott moved to approve the re-appointment of Mark Haddix to a three year term effective July 1, 2020 thru June 30, 2023.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Scott moved to approve the re-appointment of Alfred Lewis to a two year term effective July 1, 2020 thru June 30, 2022.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL ON THE JAIL HOUSE ROOF PROJECT

Commissioner Scott said the Commission received an award for a Courthouse Facilities Improvement Grant in the amount of \$100,000.00 for replacing the roof on the jail.

Commissioner Scott moved to advertise and accept bids for the Jail House roof project.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

(See copy attached)

Debbie Anderson with Human Resources Development Foundation was present. She said she would like to get some contact information for WV Department of Highways, and the town of Harman representatives and the OEM office. She said basically their work for the next three to six months will be in the Harman area. She said if there are any other places in the County that the County Commission knows of that needs work to please let her know. She said this is such a good program and it helps so many people. Commissioner Scott said the Commissioners and their Attorney have reviewed the Memorandum and Understanding.

Commissioner Scott moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Randolph County Commission and the Human Resource Development Foundation, as submitted. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS TO RANDOLPH COUNTY AMBULANCE AUTHORITY

(See copies attached)

Commissioner See said two members have retired from the board. James McCloud served 41 years and Russell Linger, Jr. served 27 years. Commissioner See thanked them for their years of service.

Commissioner See moved to re-appoint four members to the Randolph County Ambulance Authority Board for three year terms beginning on July 1, 2020 and ending on June 30, 2023. Those four people are David Crawford, Mike Mullens, Belinda Toms and Merlene Yorkey. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Scott moved to approve the appointment of David Bobes to replace Russell Linger, Jr. on the Randolph County Ambulance Authority Board. This term will begin on July 1, 2020 and end on June 30, 2023. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Scott moved to approve the appointment of Jordan Godwin to fill the unexpired term of James McCloud on the Randolph County Ambulance Authority Board. This term will begin on July 1, 2020 and end on June 30, 2021. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FIDUCIARY COMMISSIONER'S
RECOMMENDATION ON THE ESTATE OF BETTY JEAN MATTHEW

(See copy attached)

John J. Wallace, IV, Fiduciary Commissioner for Randolph County, appeared before the Commission. He said there was a claim/objection filed against this estate. He said a hearing was scheduled, but the claimant did not appear. He said he spoke with her some weeks later and told her he would reschedule the hearing upon her request. She has not contacted him to reschedule the hearing. His recommendation is for the claim/objection to be denied and for the estate to be closed per the final settlement that has already been filed.

Commissioner Scott moved to approve the recommendation of Fiduciary Commissioner on the estate of Betty Jean Matthew, as submitted. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FIDUCIARY COMMISSIONER'S
RECOMMENDATION ON THE ESTATE OF MILDRED RUTH WHITE

(See copy attached)

John J. Wallace, IV, Fiduciary Commissioner for Randolph County, appeared before the Commission. He said Mrs. White passed away in March 2019. Her son Jerry White was appointed the Executor. There was a timely filed claim by George White which raised several matters and there was a hearing on that claim on June 28, 2019. Mr. White basically either withdrew all his claims or his claims were rendered unacceptable except for one which was a coal royalty that was to be paid to the estate of approximately \$14,000.00. There were five heirs and Mr. White said he was entitled to his one fifth share of that. Mr. Wallace said he issued a report to the Commission on that back in September 2019 basically saying yes he was entitled to it but no other heirs were because they did not submit a claim in a timely manner. He said there was a settlement filed with the Clerk on May 11, 2020 and then on May 19 & May 22 the other heirs filed objections saying that they wanted their share of the coal royalty. He said they did not file a claim within the time period to file claims and now they want to file a claim since the final settlement has been filed. He recommends that their claims be denied and the estate be closed.

Commissioner Scott moved to approve the recommendation of the Fiduciary Commissioner on the estate of Mildred Ruth White, as submitted.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF VEHICLE DONATION TO BELINGTON POLICE
DEPARTMENT

Commissioner See said the Commission received a letter from the Belington Police Department requesting any assistance with a vehicle that the Commission could give. They are a small police department with a minimal operating budget and are unable to obtain a vehicle at this time. Commissioner Scott said he has talked to Mr. Himes from the Belington Police Department on a couple of occasions and he has spoken to Sheriff Brady about this also. He said there is an old ford expedition that is not in service by the Deputies and does not have a whole lot of value. Commissioner Kesling said we have already done this for Beverly and Tucker County.

Commissioner See moved to approve a vehicle donation to the Belington Police Department. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER RATIFICATION OF SIGNATURES FOR DEBT PAYMENTS

Commissioner Scott said at the end of the budget year we had a surplus in our Coal Severance funds. He said there are a couple of places that we still owe money. He said one is the substation for EMS out at Harman and also we still owe money on the 911 Center.

Commissioner Scott moved to ratify the signature of the County Commission President for the debt payments of \$50,000.00 for the Harman substation and \$50,000.00 towards the 911 Center, and that is to be taken out of Coal Severance Funds.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

FINAL SETTLEMENTS:

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

Kenneth Lee Booth

John Mack Coberly

William J. Currence

Rita June Felton

Patricia Lorraine George

William Kenneth Iseli

Jack Lee Mullenex

Anita Mae Taylor

Margaret Effie White

Roger Lee White

Nancy Louise Williams

Gregory Yeager

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

BUDGET REVISIONS: (See copies attached)

Commissioner Scott moved to approve a State Budget revision in the amount of \$6,188.00 for the 911 Office. Commissioner Scott voted yes, Commissioner See voted yes, Commissioner Kesling voted yes – Motion passed

Commissioner Scott moved to approve a State budget revision in the amount of \$202,607.00 for the Coal Severance Funds. Commissioner Scott voted yes, Commissioner See 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:

Commissioner Scott said there are 3 properties that the recommendation of the enforcement agency is to have them referred to the litter control officer.

Commissioner Scott moved to approve their recommendation, as submitted.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Scott said there are 4 more properties that complaints have been received on. The enforcement agency has reviewed these complaints and have recommended that letters be sent to the Homeowners. Commissioner Scott moved to approve the recommendation, as submitted. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Scott said they have made significant headway on the distressed properties. He said of the first 10 complaints they received 4 of those properties have been taken down, 3 are being worked on currently and the other 3 the enforcement agency is working with now. One of the homeowners lives out of State but is trying to get a contractor to get the work done. Commissioner Scott said they have had tremendous cooperation from the Citizens in regard to these distressed properties. He said he couldn't be more happy with the Citizens cooperation. He said they are excited about the progress so far.

FIRE FEE ADJUSTMENTS:

Commissioner See moved to approve the 7 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 Scott moved to adjourn the meeting.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

ATTEST: _____