

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 20th day of October, 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: None

MINUTES:

Commissioner Johns moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting that was held on October 6, 2016, as submitted.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

REPORTS:

OEM/911 Director, Cindy Hart reported that one of her employees resigned. She also said they passed their federal audit and they were only 1 out of 9 counties that passed.

County Clerk, Brenda Wiseman reported that early voting for the General Election will begin on October 26, 2016 and run through November 5, 2016. She said there will be a public test held on the voting machines at 10:00 a.m. on Friday October 21, 2016 at her office.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Commissioner Taylor announced that the next meeting will be held on regular schedule. He said they will be changing the December 15<sup>th</sup> meeting from 6:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. due to no attendance at the evening meetings.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION:

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FUNDING REQUEST FROM THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THEIR ANNUAL DOWNTOWN CHRISTMAS PARADE  
Chelsey Jones, Executive Director of the Elkins-Randolph County Chamber of Commerce, appeared before the Commission. She thanked the Commission for last year's support and said that it helped them to add some new events such as Elf on the Shelf. She said the expenses for the parade and Santa visit are expensive. This year's parade will be held on Wednesday December 7, 2016 with a rain date of Friday December 9, 2016. Santa will meet children at the YMCA after the parade. She said any financial support the Commission could give would be appreciated. Commissioner Johns

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Commissioner Taylor announced that the Courthouse Complex will be closed on Friday October 7, 2016 for the Forest Festival and Monday October 10, 2016 for Columbus Day. The next county commission meeting will be held on October 20, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION:**

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF REQUEST FROM COALTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR QUIT CLAIM DEED FOR THE OLD FIRE HOUSE LOCATED IN COALTON**

Coalton Fire Chief, Ernie George and Attorney, Jennifer Morgan appeared before the County Commission. Commissioner Taylor said in the process of selling the old Coalton Fire Department building it was found that the property was still owned by the Randolph County Commission. He said there was a Deed recorded in 1932 and it was found by Attorney Jennifer Morgan. Mrs. Morgan said when she was researching the records she found that in 1932 the County Court was conveyed a tract of land containing 4,000 sq ft. In 1974 the WV Department of Highways conveyed this same parcel of land to the Coalton Fire Department. She said as she was researching the Deeds she did not find any Deeds from the County Court to the WV Department of Highways. She said she does not know why they thought they owned the property to be able to sell it to the Fire Department. Mrs. Morgan said she suggests doing a quit claim Deed from the County Commission to the Coalton Fire Department and that will clear up the title on the property. Commissioner Taylor said Mrs. Morgan has already prepared the Deed and it has been reviewed by the Prosecuting Attorney. Commissioner See moved to approve the signature of Michael Taylor on the quit claim Deed to the Coalton Fire Department, as presented.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

**CONSIDER FUNDING REQUEST FROM DRY FORK RECREATION CENTER FOR THE AUTUMN ON THE DRY FORK FESTIVAL (See attached letter)**

Rex Vance, President of the Dry Fork Recreation Center, appeared before the Commission. He said the annual fall festival, Autumn on the Dry Fork, will be held on Saturday October 15, 2016 at the Dry Fork Recreation Center. He said there will be many activities including food, entertainment, vendors and auctions. He said he was there to ask for any funding the Commission could give and thanked them for their past support. Commissioner Johns moved to approve the funding request in the amount of \$3,000.00 to the Dry Fork Recreation Center, and it is to be taken out of Hotel/Motel Tax.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

**CONSIDER APPROVAL TO HIRE AN UNPAID INTERN TO THE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT**

North Central Community Corrections Director, Erin Golden appeared before the Commission. She said she was contacted by Davis and Elkins College about having an intern come to her office for a semester. She checked with her Board and they approved it. Erica Alfred is the name of the intern and Erin said she had a background check done

moved to approve the request from the Elkins-Randolph County Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$3,000.00 and that is to be taken out of Hotel/Motel Tax.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

**CONSIDER FUNDING REQUEST FROM THE YMCA FOR AN UPCOMING DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM EVENT**

Sid Gillespie from the Elkins YMCA appeared before the Commission. He said on November 11, 2016 at the College they are going to have the Harlam Ambassadors with rotary and they are going to have a drug free family friendly activity in this community and they are going to have 300 tickets to give away to at risk kids in the community to be able to come to the event. The Harlam Ambassadors are like the Harlam Globetrotters but with more of a drug friendly message. He said they will have a rotary team that they will put together also. He said he was there to ask for any support the Commission could give to help them out. Commissioner See moved to approve the funding request from the Elkins YMCA in the amount of \$2,000.00 and that is to be taken out of courthouse contractual funds.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

**CONSIDER REQUEST FROM ELKINS INTER MOUNTAIN TO PARTICIPATE IN ADVERTISEMENT TO PROMOTE DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM**

Commissioner Taylor said for the last couple of years the Commission took out an ad for a drug awareness program and they also participated in the keep sake poster about three years ago. He said it is basically an ad that says help us help our communities with the information publication featuring the facts about drug and alcohol abuse and how to receive help. This will go out in the newspaper and also in newspapers that are placed in local classrooms. The cost of the ad is \$267.00 and the cost of the community keep sake poster is \$125.00. Commissioner Johns moved to give the Elkins Inter Mountain \$267.00 for the drug awareness ad and \$125.00 for the community keep sake poster, and that is to be taken out of courthouse contractual funds.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF REQUEST FROM THE 911/OEM DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE UPGRADE OF EXISTING RADIO EQUIPMENT AT THE 911 CALL CENTER**

OEM/911 Director, Cindy Hart appeared before the Commission. She said she is here today to request approval to purchase radio equipment for the 911 call center. She said this has been a 10 year plan in which they have been putting money back from the 911 fees for this. She said they have gotten 12 years out of the equipment but it is starting to show wear and tear. She said she wanted to wait to see if they are going to move but can't wait until then. This will be purchase through Motorola at the cost of \$418,996.00 which is under State Bid. She said she has already discussed it with the Prosecuting Attorney and he has no problem with it. Commissioner Taylor said the money has been set aside for years for this because we knew this day would come. Mrs. Hart said it will take them 6-8 months just to build the system. Commissioner See moved to approve the Commissioner to sign the contract with Motorola for the purchase of an upgrade to the radio consoles at the 911 Center and it will be taken out of 911 funds that were set aside.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RE-APPOINTMENT OF A BOARD MEMBER TO THE VALLEY HEAD PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Commissioner Johns moved to approve the re-appointment of Linda Gould to the Valley Head Public Library Board for a five year term beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2021.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

**FINAL SETTLEMENTS/ANNUAL ACCOUNTINGS:**

Commissioner Johns moved to approve the four final settlements/annual accountings, as submitted:

Glenn E. Lee

Elizabeth Jean Silvester

Robert Leigh Wamsley

Pearl M. Ryder

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

**BUDGET REVISION:** None

**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: \_\_\_\_\_