

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 Wees Annex, on the 3rd day of November, 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 20, 2016, as submitted.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

REPORTS:

Randolph County Prosecuting Attorney, Michael Parker reported that his office has been very busy this month, with two murder trials followed by grand jury.

OEM/911 Director, Cindy Hart reported that there is going to be a planned power outage on November 11th from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for certain areas of the county.

County Clerk, Brenda Wiseman reported that early voting for the general election has been very busy. She said this is the highest turnout for early voters that they have had as far as she knows. She reminded everyone that early voting ends on Saturday November 5, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. The polls will open on Election day at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m.

North Central Community Corrections Director, Erin Golden reported that there are currently 96 people on the program and the program has saved the county \$575,331.75 in regional jail bills since July 1, 2016.

Randolph County EMS Director, Kurt Gainer reported that the public safety building in Harman is being built and is going good.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Commissioner Taylor announced that the courthouse and all other buildings of the courthouse complex will be closed on Tuesday November 8th for the Election and Friday November 11th for Veterans day. The next County Commission meeting will be held on November 17, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. and the two meetings in December are on normal

schedule except that the December 15th meeting was supposed to be at 6:00 p.m. and has now been changed back to 1:30 p.m. due to no attendance at the evening meetings.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION:

FINAL READING OF THE RANDOLPH COUNTY FIRE SERVICE FEE ORDINANCE

(See attached copy)

Commissioner Taylor said that present today regarding this item is Randolph County Prosecuting Attorney, Michael Parker and Attorney Frank Bush. Commissioner Taylor said some modifications have been made to the Ordinance but basically it is just some definitions need to be recognized. Attorney, Frank Bush said it is just for clarification of residential buildings. Commissioner Taylor told Sheriff Brady that they would sit down and work out the mechanics of collecting the fire fee through the Sheriff's Office. He said there are several firemen here today who have worked hard on this for 5 or 6 years now. He read some of the Ordinance out loud. He said the fee of \$72.00 per residential building is still the same. He asked if anyone was there to speak in opposition of the fire service fee. No one appeared before the Commission to oppose. Beverly Fire Chief Jeff Pritt said he appreciates all the work that everyone put into this. Commissioner Taylor said this will become effective July 1, 2017 after it is approved today.

Commissioner See moved to approve the 3rd and final reading of the Randolph County Fire Service Fee Ordinance, as submitted.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER REQUEST FROM DAVIS HEALTH SYSTEM FOR THE RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSION TO PARTICIPATE AS A CONDUIT FOR BOND REFINANCING

Becky Hammer, Chief Financial Officer of Davis Health System appeared before the Commission. She said back in 1998 and 1999 they funded a group of bonds at Davis Memorial Hospital and Alderson Broaddus Hospital. There is a lower interest rate now so they want to refinance those bonds. She said back in 1998 the Randolph County Commission was the issuer for the Davis Memorial Hospital bonds so that is why she is coming to them again. She said this will be a 10 million dollar bond. She said the City of Philippi was the issuer on the ones for Alderson Broaddus Hospital back then but they would like for the Randolph County Commission to do both this time, if possible. Mrs. Hammer said there would need to be a Resolution adopted that they would be the issuer on the bonds. Commissioner Taylor said himself and Mrs. Hammer have been discussing this and since Michael Parker was not available to discuss it with he spoke to legal counsel Steptoe and Johnson. Mrs. Hammer said they would like to use Jackson Kelly as legal counsel for them. Commissioner Taylor said that Jackson Kelly would prepare the documents and then they would have it reviewed by Steptoe and Johnson. Commissioner Taylor said there would be no liability to the County and no expense to the County except for the legal fees of their Attorney. He said he thinks the Randolph County Building Commission will need to be involved in this issue. Commissioner Johns moved to approve the request of Davis Health System for bond refinancing based on the approval of our bond counsel.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER APPROVAL TO DESIGNATE RANDOLPH COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AS LEAD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION FOR OUR COUNTY (See copy attached)

Commissioner See moved to approve Resolution # 07-2016 designating Randolph County Development Authority as the lead economic development organization for Randolph County.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AWARD TO BEGIN RENOVATIONS TO THE COMMISSION MEETING ROOM.

Commissioner Taylor said back several weeks ago we had a bid opening for renovations to the County Commission meeting room. The bids were to renovate the room and raise the ceilings. The bids were too high when they included raising the ceilings so they removed it from the bid. The low bidder was Reliable Builders out of Buckhannon with a bid of \$44,200.00. The bids have been reviewed by Bryson VanNostrand.

Commissioner Johns moved to accept the low bid from Reliable Builders out of Buckhannon in the amount of \$44,200.00 for renovations to the commission meeting room.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF EMERGENCY REPAIR TO THE BELL TOWER ON THE COURTHOUSE

Commissioner Taylor said for the past year we have been working on getting leaks repaired on the courthouse roof. He said it was brought to the attention of Bryson VanNostrand that the bell tower was in need of repair. There are blocks and bricks that are just hanging there and could fall out at any time. Commissioner Taylor said they are concerned that they may fall off and hurt someone. He said the roof itself is done and all the leaks repaired they hope. Commissioner See moved to approve the emergency repairs to the bell tower and for Bryson VanNostrand to solicit three bids on same.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

FINAL SETTLEMENTS/ANNUAL ACCOUNTINGS:

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

Helen A. Poe

Dolores Patricia Ferguson

Eleanor L. Copeman

Jennings R. Skinner

Shannon Dove Lambert

William Greydon Fisher

Bobby Clyde Smith

James Crabb Ditty

Edna Auvil

Phillip Thompson

Russell S. Simmons

Barbara Ellen Grindle

Macil Wayne Riegel
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: _____