

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 5th day of December, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.

Present: Mark Scott, President of the Randolph County Commission and Chris See and David Kesling Commissioners thereof.

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Scott

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MINUTES:

Commissioner See moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 21, 2019, as submitted.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

REPORTS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Commissioner Scott announced that the next meeting of the Randolph County Commission will be held on Thursday December 19, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION:

INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION FROM FRANK CUDA FOR MOUNTAIN ARTS DISTRICT

(See copy attached)

Pat Schoonover and Frank Cuda appeared before the Commission. There were several other people in attendance from Mountain Arts District also. Pat Schoonover told the Commission their mission is to promote Arts as an economic driver. She said they are trying to pull together arts in the region, but it is difficult to do. She said they have been getting individuals from Tucker, Barbour and Upshur Counties. She said they truly believe this could be an Arts Community. She said we have a destination here in Randolph County and approximately 40,000 people come here to ride the train, etc. She said they have a website that is an online showcase for artists and they hired a professional to set it up. Mr. Frank Cuda said the Mountain Arts District basically functions as a marketing agent for the County. He said they have 1,000 to 3,000 views on their website each week. He said yesterday they dedicated four more 4x5 foot pieces of Artwork at Glendale Park. He said the Childrens' Art in Mill Creek was dedicated also yesterday at George Ward School. This is Art that is made by the children from the Mill Creek area. He said Snowshoe funded them again this year and they are going to put one Art piece in Coalton and one in Harman with that funding. He said the Children's Art

Trail will fit together so that people can put information into their GPS and go find the Art pieces and look at them. He said they are hoping the pieces will last 5-10 years. Commissioner Scott thanked them for coming and said they will consider their request for funding after the first of the year.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF EARLY VOTING IN MILL CREEK

Commissioner Scott said the Commission is considering an Early Voting location in Mill Creek for the upcoming 2020 election. County Clerk, Brenda Wiseman said that one of the requirements is for a legal ad to run in the newspaper for 30 days. She said she has spoken to Sharon Mallow from the Russell Memorial Public Library and the board has agreed to let them use that facility for Early Voting. Commissioner See moved to approve submitting a legal advertisement to the newspaper for Early Voting in Mill Creek.

All yes -- Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF DONATION TO MOUNTAIN STATE FOREST FESTIVAL

(See copy attached)

Commissioner Scott said Breanna George, Executive Director of the Mountain State Forest Festival, came to the last County Commission meeting and asked for funding for a special building project. He said this is for the Mountain State Forest Festival office building to be better climate controlled to house the gowns, pageantry costumes, photographs, printed media and other historical artifacts. This is all located in the upstairs of the Forest Festival building. Commissioner See moved to approve \$5,000.00 to be taken out of Hotel/Motel Tax funds for the Mountain State Forest Festival special building project.

All yes -- Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER REPLACING OUTSIDE LIGHTING AT JAIL

Commissioner Scott said right now we don't have proper lighting in the parking lot between the jail and the courthouse. He said there are 12 lights on the jail building but they do not work. He said they just completed putting lights up over at the Magistrate's Building parking lot. Commissioner Scott said they contacted Davis Electric and received a quote of \$2,111.00 to replace the 12 lights with LED lights. Commissioner Kesling moved to approve the quote from Davis Electric in the amount of \$2,111.00 to replace the lights at the old jail.

All yes -- Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FUNDING FOR RANDOLPH COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

(See copy attached)

Donald Teter, President of the Randolph County Historical Society, appeared before the Commission. He said the Randolph County Historical Society has been in existence since 1924 and right now they are working on improvements to the museum in Beverly. He said they accomplished getting a heating and cooling system in 2017 with the help from the Commission with a grant match. He said now they need to fix the roof of the

building. He said they have obtained a grant from the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History for replacement of the historic metal roof. The roof is over 100 years old and has now reached the end of its useful life and is leaking. He said they will need to raise at least \$12,500.00 in order to match the grant. He said the total cost of the project is \$22,500.00 and this will be for a new metal roof. Commissioner Kesling moved to approve \$5,000.00 out of Hotel/Motel Tax funds to the Randolph County Historical Society for the roof replacement project.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER APPROVAL TO CLOSE ADDITIONAL OLD ESTATES PURSUANT TO HOUSE BILL 2746

County Clerk, Brenda Wiseman told the Commission this is another batch of old estates that they need to close. She said the notices have been mailed to the personal representatives for each estate and they have been advertised in the newspaper and no one has come forward on these 97 estates to ask for them to remain open for any reason. Commissioner See moved to approve the closure of 97 old estates, as submitted.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

FINAL SETTLEMENTS:

Commissioner Kesling moved to approve the nine final settlements/annual accountings as submitted on the following estates:

Herbert Douglas Channell

Wren M. Cutright

Glenn Lee Menear, Sr.

Mary E. Nida

Zane Dale Raines

Mary Frances Shifflett

Kevin Ryan Shreve

Randy Lynn White

Margaret Rosalie W. Wilhelm

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

BUDGET REVISIONS:

(See attached copies)

Commissioner See moved to approve one State budget revision for the litter control grant in the amount of \$3,580.00.

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

Commissioner Kesling moved to approve one State budget revision for the building and land ordinance grant in the amount of \$10,000.00.

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

Commissioner See moved to approve one State budget revision for the jailhouse roof grant in the amount of \$100,000.00.

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

Commissioner Kesling moved to approve one State budget revision for the early voting election costs in the amount of \$5,000.00.

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

DIVISION OF PROPERTY /ERRONEOUS ASSESSMENTS:

Commissioner Kesling moved to approve the Division of Property/ Erroneous Assessments, as submitted.

All yes - Motion passed unanimously

FIRE FEE ADJUSTMENTS:

Commissioner See moved to approve the 49 Fire Fee Adjustments, as submitted.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Commissioner Kesling moved to pay the bills, as submitted.

All yes - Motion passed unanimously

ADJOURN THE MEETING:

Commissioner Kesling moved to adjourn the meeting.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

ATTEST: _____