

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 19th 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:

Phil Hudok appeared before the Commission. He said he had something to present to them that they should be aware of and the people in Randolph County should be aware of. He said this goes back about 6 years. It is some plans the federal government had. He said the Department of Homeland Security got a contract to purchase 450 million rounds of 40 caliber ammunition. He said that is kind of scary, the government buying that kind of ammunition. He said the Department of Homeland Security was also going to purchase tens of thousands of dollars of no hesitation targets, which these are regular American people and they are calling them no hesitation targets. He said because there was such a cry about this the DHS cancelled that order. He said when he brought it to the attention of the Commission back in 2013 the Commission passed a gun resolution. It was in the Inter Mountain newspaper. He said we hear about sanctuary cities now, second amendment sanctuary cities and second amendment sanctuary counties. He said Randolph County may have been the first second amendment Sanctuary County.

He said he had a case in the Supreme Court against the State of West Virginia because it was violating the Constitution. He said he has a permanent injunction against the federal government. He said it is on behalf of all people, all Americans. Over 1900 people from around the Country has opted into this and sent him mail. He said this word had to get out.

Kevin Phillips appeared before the Commission. He said he was a resident of Randolph County and was there to ask the Commission if they could explain to him how things work in the State of West Virginia. He said he does not condone DUI, but he has done it but knows it is not right it is wrong. He said he feels when you go to court and get things taken care of that should be it. He said he spent jail time, paid court costs and paid fines and thought it was all taken care of. He said he got in an accident on May 22, 2015 and when the police officer ran his license it came back clear because he had paid the reinstatement fees. He said the DMV still says his license is suspended. He said he has lost his job because he was driving and got pulled over and found out his license was suspended for over a year and a half. He said he has lost jobs, relationships, etc. because of this and he is fed up with all this. He said he has talked to everyone possible for the last seven years. Commissioner Scott asked if he had spoken to the prosecuting attorney about this. Mr. Phillips said he wasn't sure. Commissioner Scott said they don't have any control over the court system. Mr. Phillips said, so you don't have anything to do

with the Randolph County citizens? Commissioner Kesling and Commissioner Scott said no, it's just that they don't have any authority over the Court System. Mr. Phillips said he has spent seven years on this and he is about to the end with it all. Commissioner Scott said he will give the paperwork that Mr. Phillips provided to the Prosecuting Attorney.

MINUTES:

Commissioner See moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 5, 2019, as submitted.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Kesling moved to approve the minutes from the Board of Assessment and Appeals for October 3, 2019, November 27, 2019 and October 17, 2019, as submitted.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

REPORTS:

(See copy attached)

Erin Golden, North Central Community Corrections Director, appeared before the Commission. She reported that there are currently 119 participants on the program and the program has saved the County \$864,640.00 in regional jail bills so far this fiscal year. She also gave the Commission a report of the finances for the program.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Commissioner Scott announced that the next meeting of the Randolph County Commission will be held on Thursday January 2, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. Commissioner See said Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION:

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF HOLIDAYS FOR 2020

(See copy attached)

Commissioner Scott read the holidays out loud. Commissioner See moved to approve the holidays for 2020, as submitted.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER HIRING INTERN FOR COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

(See copy attached)

Erin Golden, North Central Community Corrections Director, appeared before the Commission. She said she was approached by another student from Davis and Elkins College about becoming an intern in her office. She said this person is trying to get her hours in by January 13, 2020. Mrs. Golden said she did a background check and everything came back fine. This will be an unpaid position and the insurance will be covered by Davis and Elkins College. Commissioner See moved to approve the internship of Kelsey Armstrong in the North Central Community Corrections Office beginning on December 19, 2019. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER SIGNING CONTRACT FOR WV COURTHOUSE FACILITIES
IMPROVEMENT GRANT FOR JAIL ROOF

Commissioner Scott said the Commission was notified that they will be receiving a \$100,000 grant to repair the roof on the old jail. They will be taking the tiles off and numbering them and repairing the roof underneath and then put the tiles back on.

He said this is the third year in a row the Commission has received this grant.

Commissioner Kesling moved to approve the signing of the contract with WV Courthouse Facilities Improvement Grant for the jail roof repair.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER DONATION TO MOUNTAIN ARTS DISTRICT

(See copy attached)

Commissioner Scott said members from the Mountain Arts District came to the last meeting and asked for funding. The Commission took it under consideration at that time.

Commissioner See moved to approve giving \$3,000.00 out of Hotel/Motel Tax funds to Mountain Arts District.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ADOPTING EMERGENCY ABSENTEE VOTING
POLICY

(See copy attached)

Randolph County Clerk, Brenda Wiseman appeared before the Commission. She said this is something that is done every election cycle. She said this allows the two ballot commissioners to take a paper absentee ballot to someone in the hospital or nursing home on Election Day to vote, that did not get to vote early or absentee. She said the request has to be submitted by noon on Election Day. Commissioner Kesling moved to approve the emergency absentee voting policy, as submitted.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER PRECINCT CHANGE FROM BOWDEN FISH HATCHERY TO
BOWDEN FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER

(See copy attached)

Randolph County Clerk, Brenda Wiseman appeared before the Commission. She said before the last election when she contacted the Bowden Fish Hatchery to see about using their facility for a polling place again they told her they would like for us to find another location. She said they told her it was an inconvenience for them to have it there. She said she contacted the Bowden Family Worship Center and they held a board meeting and agreed to let us use their facility. She said she ran a legal ad in the newspaper per WV Code and no one has objected to the change of precinct.

Commissioner See moved to approve the change of Precinct 180 from the Bowden Fish Hatchery to the Bowden Family Worship Center.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER APPROVING DECEMBER 24TH AS A FULL DAY HOLIDAY

Commissioner Scott said the Governor declared December 24th as a full day holiday for all State Employees. He said the County Commission discussed it and have agreed to do the same for the County Employees.

Commissioner Kesling moved to approve December 24, 2019 as a full day holiday.

All yes -- Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER PART TIME EMPLOYEE FOR COMMISSION OFFICE

Commissioner Scott said the Sheriff advertised for a full time position in his office to assist with the fire fees, but it is going to be awhile before he gets someone hired. He said the fire fees go out in January and the Commission needs someone now to help Kathy. He said it is overwhelming how many phone calls they get once the bills go out. He said they cannot wait that long to hire someone. He said this is probably going to be a temporary part time position but it may go beyond that. Commissioner See moved to approve the part time hire in the County Commission office to help with the fire fees.

All yes -- Motion passed unanimously

FINAL SETTLEMENTS:

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

Joe H. Cooper

Xenada Helen Holland

Maxine Alice Morrison

Willa Jean Thornhill

Ruby York All yes -- Motion passed unanimously

BUDGET REVISIONS: None

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 117 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 Kesling moved to adjourn the meeting.

All yes -- Motion passed unanimously

ATTEST: _____