

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 20th day of August, 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:

Phil Hudok appeared before the Commission. He said he comes as a concerned citizen. He said at the last meeting he discussed the CDC's guidelines on the effectiveness of masks. He said the CDC is supposed to be the place to go to for good information. He said he has with him the results of a search he did on the internet. He said there is an article which appeared on the CDC.gov site which is titled provisional death counts for Corona Virus disease 2019 Covid 19. He said this is current information. He said the website shows the daily update of total deaths by week and State. He said all of this will be on his program on Channell 3 tonight at 6:00 p.m. He said the death statistics shows the Covid 19 deaths by age and sex since February 2020 until now. He said it certainly is age dependent. There are a lot more deaths in older people than younger people. He said he also researched total deaths not just due to Covid 19. He said he is not a doctor but he can read research. He said who do you know personally that has been hurt by the virus or the response to the virus? He said he feels very sorry for people that have lost jobs. He thanked the Commission for letting him come and speak.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Scott moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting that was held on August 6, 2020, as submitted.
All yes – Motion passed unanimously

REPORTS:

Sheriff Mark Brady reported that the two new cruisers were in at Elkins Fordland. He has one Deputy, Deputy O'Brien, going to the academy on Sunday for 10 weeks. It used to be 16 weeks. He said they have just completed doing Corporal advancements and he is looking to hire another Deputy and will be scheduling the testing in September.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Commissioner Kesling announced that the next regular meeting will be held on September 3, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION:

CONSIDER SUPPORT FOR MONTROSE COMMUNITY CENTER

(See copy attached)

Commissioner Scott said recently the Town of Montrose was able to purchase the Odd Fellows Lodge that is located by the City Hall and they are converting that into a community center. He said as a part of that there is some renovations that need to be done. He said the bottom floor will be used for functions such as parties, showers or celebrations. The top floor will be used by FAA and 4-H Club. He said they are asking the Commission for help with funding for the tables and chairs and they have done that in the past for other organizations. Commissioner Scott moved to approve \$1,500.00 out of community development funds to the Town of Montrose for the purchase of tables and chairs for the new community building.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF REPLACING HANDRAIL AT COURT HOUSE AND REPAIRS TO COURTROOM

Commissioner Scott said the handrail on the back entrance of the main courthouse is rickety. He said the maintenance men have worked on it a few times but really the problem is that it is rusted. He said it is a steel handrail and over the years of putting salt down on the steps it has rusted the handrail to the point where it could break off if a person fell against it. He said the Commission reached out to Hopes and Dreams Construction for an estimate. He said the new handrails will be made out of solid aluminum which means they won't rust but they cost more. The estimate is for \$4,018.62. Commissioner Scott said also since they have replaced the roof on the courthouse there was some previous water damage to some of the ceilings in the courthouse. He said the courtroom has some water damage and the county clerk's office has some water damage. The estimate to do that is \$2,400.00.

Commissioner Scott moved to approve the two quotes from Hopes and Dreams Construction, the one being for \$4,018.62 to remove the old handrail and install and new aluminum black handrail and the other one is for repairing the ceiling damage for \$2,400.00 in the courtroom and county clerk's office.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF NEW HIRE FOR COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

(See copy attached)

Erin Golden, Director of North Central Community Corrections, appeared before the Commission. She said that Melissa Teter has resigned from the community corrections office. She said she put an ad in the paper and conducted interviews for the position. She would like to hire Alexis Serback for a full time DRC Assistant position. This will be a benefited position and the starting salary will be \$22,000.00 and her starting date will be August 24, 2020. She will also be placed on a 90 day probationary period. She said this salary is already budgeted for. Commissioner See moved to approve the hiring of Alexis Serback for the North Central Community Corrections office as a DRC Assistant. This will be a full time benefited position with a starting salary of \$22,000.00 and with an effective date of August 24, 2020 and she will be placed on a 90 day probationary period.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THREE NEW PART TIME HIRES FOR 911 CENTER
(See copies attached)

Cindy Hart, 911/OEM Director appeared before the Commission. She said two part time employees that she hired recently did not work out. She said one of them did not show up at all and the other one did about 10 hours of training and decided they couldn't handle it. She said they are back at square one. She said she had three for today but one called at 12:00 and said they got another job. She said if this doesn't work out she may have to try something else such as changing schedules and going to 12 hour shifts. She said she is trying to avoid that at all costs but this is starting to affect her budget with all the overtime she is paying. She said she would like to hire Linda Kelley for a part time position, with no benefits, at \$9.94 per hour with her employment to begin on August 24, 2020 and she will be placed on a 90 day probationary period. She would also like to hire Heather Skidmore for a part time position, with no benefits, at \$9.94 per hour with her employment to begin on August 24, 2020 and she will be placed on a 90 day probationary period.

Commissioner Scott moved to approve the hiring of Linda Kelley as a part time non benefited employee on a 90 day probationary period and at the wage of \$9.94 per hour and to start working on August 24, 2020. All yes – Motion passed unanimously
Commissioner Scott moved to approve the hiring of Heather Skidmore as a part time non benefited employee on a 90 day probationary period and at the wage of \$9.94 per hour and to start working on August 24, 2020. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER REQUEST TO CLOSE TWO DORMANT BANK ACCOUNTS

Sheriff Brady said his office reconciles the bank accounts every month and they discovered that there were a couple of accounts that haven't been used for years. He said to streamline things and to clean things up they want to close those two accounts. He said there is no money in those accounts and no money will be going into those accounts. Commissioner See moved to approve two dormant bank accounts, one for the license service fee which is no longer in use, and the other is for 911 construction project. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER LETTERS OF SUPPORT FOR DOH ROAD PROJECTS

Commissioner Scott said as part of the Covid funding the Governor has asked that local Department of Highways look for road projects that provide emergency services. He said if there is a road that is leading to a hospital or clinic that can be improved or allowed for easier transportation, they need to put those roads up for projects for the upcoming year. He said there are three roads in Randolph County that the District Director of the DOH has asked that the County Commission consider letters of approval for. Those three roads are the Gobb Hall road in Adolph, Files Creek Road that connects Beverly to Gladys and Bemis road. Commissioner Scott moved to approve a letter of support from the County Commission to the DOH for these three road projects, as requested. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER INCREASING POLL WORKER PAY FOR FUTURE ELECTIONS

Commissioner Scott said the County Commission took a look at what the other counties were paying their poll workers. He said they also were looking at the precinct location pay. He said they haven't increased the poll worker pay for a long time. He said our current pay level for a poll worker is \$175.00 and for the precinct locations is \$100.00. He said they talked to Upshur, Barbour, Tucker and Pocahontas Counties and found that they all pay their precinct locations \$100.00. He said they will not be changing that. He said they did find that some of the other counties are paying more for their poll workers. He said they are going to increase the poll worker pay to \$200.00. This is about a \$5,000.00 increase. Commissioner Kesling said they do a lot of work for us. Commissioner See said they have to be there at 5:30 in the morning and it is a long day. Commissioner Scott moved to increase the poll worker pay to \$200.00 for all future elections.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

FINAL SETTLEMENTS:

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

James Alvin Johnson

Edith Lucille Lowther

Dora Lee Newlon

Theodore Yeager Newlon

Charles Bradford Workman, Jr.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

BUDGET REVISIONS: None

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: None

FIRE FEE ADJUSTMENTS:

Commissioner See moved to approve the 3 fire fee adjustments, as submitted.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Commissioner Scott 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: _____