

FAYETTE COUNTY COMMISSION

SPECIAL SESSION

February 10, 2016

COURTHOUSE

FAYETTEVILLE, WV 25840

MEMBERS Present: Matthew D. Wender, John H. Lopez, Denise A. Scalph

The Fayette County Commission met in a special session on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016.

President Wender called the meeting to order at 9:24 a.m.

Commissioner Lopez motioned to approve 1<sup>st</sup> half payroll and release checks on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Scalph seconded. Unanimous decision.

Commissioner Lopez motioned to approve vouchers and invoices and release checks today. Commissioner Scalph seconded. Unanimous decision.

Debbie Berry, County Administrator, presented the Commission with a drawdown for Community Corrections for the month of January, 2016 in the amount of \$12,539.89 for President Wender to sign. Commissioner Scalph motioned to authorize President Wender to sign the drawdown. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presented a letter from Putnam County Aging Program requesting recommendation of potential candidates for their board of directors to represent Fayette County. Commissioner Lopez motioned to nominate Commissioner Scalph to the board and approve and sign the letter. President Wender seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presented a letter from John Steadman, Fayetteville Elementary Music teacher requesting the use of Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Building on May 3<sup>rd</sup> through May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 for music rehearsals

and performances. Commissioner Lopez motioned to approve the request. Commissioner Scalph seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presented a letter to the Supreme Court of Appeals for signatures requesting reimbursement for rent for Family Law Judge for the month of March 2016, in the amount of \$3,375.00. Commissioner Lopez motioned to approve and sign the letter. Commissioner Scalph seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presented a letter to Jimmy Gianto, WV Division of Homeland Security for President Wender to sign requesting reimbursement for costs incurred and paid by the Fayette County Commission in connection with the administration of the Fayette County Emergency Management Program. Commissioner Scalph motioned to approve and asked Stephanie Sears, Staff Accountant, to review figures. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

The Commission reconvened as the Board of Equalization and Review at 9:36 a.m. No one was present for a hearing. The Commission recessed as Board of Equalization and review at 9:37 a.m. until February 16, 2016.

Ms. Berry presented an application for Leave Donation from David Bennett, Fayette County Park Maintenance worker, for 32 hours. Commissioner Scalph motioned to approve the application. Commissioner Lopez seconded.

Eddie Young, Assessor, appeared to make the commission aware that the public utilities will be down by \$500,000.00 in value. The Commission asked for a telephone conference with the State for an explanation.

Commissioner Scalph motioned to enter into an executive session at 9:45 a.m. for legal consultation. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

The Commission reconvened at 10:46 a.m.

The Commission discussed a special commitment for further advocacy for Fayette County Schools.

President Wender stated that the Commission has weighed this discussion for some time now. Commissioner Scalph motioned to approve the special commitment of funds for further advocacy of funds, up to \$15,000.00, for Fayette County Schools and agreed to be plaintiffs provided matching funds from the public sector are available and if there is a lawsuit. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Gabriel Peña, Assistant Resource Coordinator, appeared to discuss a letter to the Department of Highways. The DOH stated that Grant Street does not fall within their jurisdiction. They claim it is a County Commission and property owner responsibility. The DOH will look at the road and asks members of the Commission to be present as well as the Department of Environmental Protection. The Commission is disappointed with the DOH response to the Commission's request. Commissioner Scalph asked Mr. Peña to research different avenues the Commission may take. President Wender and Mr. Peña will meet with the DOH and invite Region IV.

President Wender motioned to take a 10 minute recess at 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

The Commission reconvened at 11:06 a.m.

Honorable Judge Paul Blake and Jerry Willoughby, Probation, appeared to discuss the relocation of the Probation Department to the

Belinda Morton property. A layout is presented for the Drug Court office that was completed by Silling Associates.

The Drug Court is currently located in Judge Blake's law library and he would like her moved as quickly as possible because she will soon start seeing more clients.

Judge Blake thinks the whole Probation Department can be relocated to this building. He does not feel the current proposed layout sufficiently utilizes the building.

Commissioner Scalph asked if we know what monies could be received from the Supreme Court for security and such.

President Wender suggested asking Mike Moore with Silling Associates to attend a meeting and for Mr. Willoughby to find out what the Supreme Court will pay for.

Also, Charlie Bryant with the Day Report Center should also attend the meeting to discuss how their clients can help and Allen Ballard and Melvin Withrow will also perform some of the work.

President Wender asked for a time frame. Judge Blake said that the Drug Court officer will start seeing clients in mid-March and he would like to be up and running by then.

President Wender suggested that Ms. Berry call Mr. Moore immediately to see when he can come and also provide Mr. Ballard with the drawings so he can give us an estimated supplies list.

Judge Blake also brought up the jail bill issue. He stated that he himself tries to be conscientious of jail time but some things can not be helped. Further discussion was held regarding the jail bill issue.

The Commission then discussed the budget.

The meeting was adjourned 2:00.