

FAYETTE COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR SESSION
MARCH 4, 2016
COURTHOUSE

FAYETTEVILLE, WV 25840

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

The Fayette County Commission met in a regular session on this 4th day of March, 2016.

President Wender called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Eddie Young, Assessor, appeared to present real property exonerations for Robert Lee & Mary Gaye Scott \$700.88; and Emily Pannell & Cory Whaples \$243.64. Commissioner Scalph motioned to approve the real property exonerations. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

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

Smithers Mayor Tom Skaggs did not appear for his appointment.

Debbie Berry, County Administrator, presented a letter from Mary Sue Horrocks with Church Women United requesting the use of the Courthouse lawn on Thursday May 5th, 2016 at 12:00 noon for the National Day of Prayer. Commissioner Scalph motioned to approve. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presented a letter from Fayetteville Mayor Dennis Hanson requesting to correct a mistake made with the appointment term of Matt Jeffries as the town's appointment to the Bridge Day Commission. Commissioner Scalph motioned to approve the term correction. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presented an agreement with J. Dan Snead and Associates, Inc. for the Commission to approve and authorize President Wender to sign for the Stone Masonry and Brick Repair for our Courthouse Facilities Grant project. Commissioner Scalph motioned to approve and authorize President Wender to sign the agreement. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Sheriff Steve Kessler appeared to discuss his budget. He made a few cuts. He is asking for 4 cruisers.

Ms. Berry then presented a contract with East Coast Pools, Inc. for work on the Fayette County Park Pool for the Commission to approve and authorize President Wender to sign. Commissioner Scalph motioned to approve the contract and authorize President Wender to sign. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

The Commission agreed to hold a special meeting on Friday, March 11, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.

Brian Sparks, WVU Extension Office, appeared to discuss his budget. Mr. Sparks did not present any changes from FY 2016.

Kelly Jo Drey, Resource Coordinator, appeared to present her budget. She shows a decrease from last year.

Eddie Young, Assessor, appeared to present his budget. Mr. Young stated that he has reduced everything that he can and removed his extra help line item.

A public hearing for early voting locations was held at 10:00 a.m. President Wender read the order stating the Fayette County Memorial Building, Danese Community Center and Montgomery Town Hall will be the 3 early voting locations.

President Wender opened the floor for comments. There were none.

Commissioner Lopez motioned to approve the early voting precincts. Commissioner Scalph seconded. Unanimous decision.

Susan DuFour appeared to present the County Garage budget. Vehicles were discussed but there were no changes.

Earl Pauley appeared to present the Park budget. Mr. Pauley requested to retain Adam McCune as a full time employee at the rate of \$9.00 per hour.

Kelvin Holliday, County Clerk, appeared to discuss the early voting budget. Discussion was held regarding employees. Sorting and preparation necessitates 6 days of work. The General Election will not require additional ballots so they will not need additional employees, so that will generate savings.

Discussion was held regarding the 39 precincts for the fall. Mr. Holliday proposed teams of 5 with a \$1,500.00 per person threshold. He said it would be a bad idea to put precincts 9 and 13 together. Early voting could be reduced from 3 to 2 locations.

Larry Harrah, Prosecuting Attorney, appeared to present his budget. There were no changes except the salary of the elected official decreased due to the County's reclassification. Mr. Harrah will reduce travel in his office. Only the Prosecuting Attorney will attend conferences.

The Commissioners asked that a meeting be arranged for early April to discuss the jail bill expenses. The Circuit Court judges, Magistrates and the Prosecuting Attorney will attend.

The Commission recessed at 12:25 p.m.

The Commission reconvened at 1:20 p.m.

Kevin Walker, OEM Director, appeared to present his budget. He does not have any major changes. The server will cost \$8,184.92 and

insurance will be added for Tiffany Cottle. The EMPG grant which covers the Planner position is assured for 2016 but the federal government can drop it in the future.

Mr. Walker will research FEMA to see if there grants for lifeguard training and water safety.

Joe Crist, Fire Coordinator, appeared to discuss hi budget. His budget is mainly the same, with overtime included for his assistant in case of a disaster.

Jamie Bennett, 911 Coordinator, appeared to discuss his budget. The only thing changing is a decrease in overtime.

Discussion was held regarding a canopy. This will be readdressed in May 2016 after reviewing landline revenues.

Mr. Walker then stated that a Jeep Liberty had been purchased from Turnpike Ford for \$12,100.00. It was sold as a 4 wheel drive but is only 2 wheel drive. Turnpike Ford does not have a 4 wheel drive at that price to exchange.

The Commission requested that Mr. Walker and Mr. Bennett draft a letter with details, asking that it be exchanged for a 4 wheel drive or refund money, and send it to the Prosecuting Attorney.

Commissioner Scalph motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

The meeting was adjourned 3:35 p.m.