

FAYETTE COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR SESSION
MARCH 18, 2015
COURTHOUSE

FAYETTEVILLE, WV 25840

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

The Fayette County Commission met for a regular meeting on this 18th day of March, 2015.

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

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

Debbie Berry, County Administrator, presented an order for the Commission to sign for the Election Levy Fund. Commissioner Lopez motioned to approve the transfer and sign order. Commissioner Wender seconded. Unanimous decision.

Commissioner Wender suggested drafting a letter to legislators to let them know we print enough ballots for every vote but never have over 50% of voters. He suggested asking the Secretary of State to lessen the restrictions on ballots.

Ms. Berry presented a Service Agreement between White Oak PSD, Fayette County Commission, and Mount Hope for President Scalph to sign.

Ms. Berry presented Conditions of Use/Rental of Facilities for the Commissioners to adopt, approve and sign. Commissioner Wender motioned to adopt, approve and sign the additional application for rental/use of facilities. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presented a letter for Commissioners to sign thanking

Kathy Calhoun for serving Urban Renewal Authority. Commission signed letter. Commissioner Lopez motioned to approve letter. Commissioner Wender seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presented a request for use of the Memorial Building by the Amateur Athletic Union from Phil Samples. Commissioner Lopez motioned to approve Phil Samples' request. Commissioner Wender seconded. Unanimous decision.

Commission opened discussion regarding the nepotism policy with elected officials, Danny Wright, Circuit Clerk and Kelvin Holliday, County Clerk. Commissioner Wender motioned to approve and adopt the nepotism policy. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presented request from Gauley River PSD. Ms. Berry will write a letter for the Gauley River PSD to let them know that the Commission will not be able to fund their request.

Ms Berry presented invoices for Fayette County Animal Shelter to be paid out of General County Fund. Commissioner Wender motioned to pay for the invoices out of General County Fund. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Mr. Holliday presents a letter from Serena Starcher formally informing Commission of the Special Election for Board of Education on June 13. Commissioner Wender motioned, having been notified, for the County Commission to notify the Republican and Democratic Party representatives of the Special Election. Mr. Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Commissioner Wender commented on how well Dr. Starcher has handled all the situations that have come to light.

The 10:00 meeting was pushed back to 10:30 until Council can return.

Commissioner Lopez requested payments be made to City of Smithers, Local Union Hall and Valley Baseball. Commissioner Wender motioned to pay for ramp construction at the Local Union Hall in Cannelton in the amount of \$3,500.00 in anticipation of the Special Levy Election in June. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Commissioner Wender motioned to enter into an executive session at 10:30 a.m. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Commission reconvened regular session at 11:05 a.m.

Commission held discussion regarding Fayette County Park and additions for Fire Association and Fayette County Sheriff's Department.

Mark Bass, Fire Association, appeared to give the Commission an update on what will happen at the Fayette County Park. The pond area will not be used much; maybe a concrete pad for a truck but that would be the extent of use for it. The FC Fire Association, Fayette County Sheriff's Department and Park will continue sharing the hillside where the Park has already started to use fill dirt to make a two-way road. They will also provide a new gate and drainage system as well. Commissioner Wender suggested an engineering study be done on the road going in over top of dam or changing their path for the road. Mr. Bass will look into it. Sheriff Steve Kessler and Mr. Bass presented their plans for Park.

Commissioner Wender suggested Mr. Bass give an update every other

week via email to all parties involved. Mr. Bass says Joe Crist, Fire Coordinator, will give updates.

John David, SALS, appeared to discuss SALS Budget Request. He handed out a copy of their newsletter. The Commission held discussion on SALS Budget Request for 2015-2016. Commissioner Wender made John David aware of the decreasing monies in Coal Severance and Commission has been unable to increase any of the outside agencies allocations because of this situation.

The Commission entered in a Budget Work Session at 12:20 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.