

FAYETTE COUNTY COMMISSION
SPECIAL SESSION
April 21, 2015
COURTHOUSE

FAYETTEVILLE, WV 25840

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

The Fayette County Commission met in a special session on this 21st day of April 2015.

President Denise Scalph called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

Buren Renick, for Eddie Young, Assessor, presented exonerations for personal property for Jennifer (Hughes) Painter \$30.62; Robert Lane & Sandra Morton \$45.28; Marvin Bernard Fitzpatrick \$128.74; Kathy L. Pena \$269.30; Allen W. Phillips, Jr. \$340.14; James V. III & Cheryl A. Wood \$615.74; Tillman T. & Karen S. Slaughter \$567.36; Sabrina G. Dalton \$246.40; Michael Niday \$53.98; Whitewater Car Wash: \$758.12, \$621.14, \$475.28, \$412.44, \$389.36. Commissioner Lopez motioned to approve the personal property refunds. Commissioner Wender seconded. Unanimous decision.

Mr. Renick presented exonerations for real property for Carolyn J. Newhouse etal \$52.26; Gary C. & Kamela Walker \$156.80; Christopher Skaggs \$335.10; Don J. & Yvette T. Barrett \$331.20. Commissioner Wender motioned to approve the exonerations for real property. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Mr. Renick presented Dennis L. & Cheryl Scarbro for a refund of \$61.76. Commissioner Wender motioned to approve the refund. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

President Scalph read the order stating that pursuant to Chapter 11, Article 8, Section 10A of the Code of the State of West Virginia,

as amended, and pursuant to the rates as approved by the State Tax Commissioner, the levy was laid for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015.

	Levy Rate	Excess Rate
Class 1	14.3%	7.15%
Class 2	28.6%	14.3%
Class 3 & 4	57.20%	28.6%

Commissioner Wender motioned to adopt the levy for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 and the levy rates and to approve as set forth.

Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

The Commission approved and signed letters to the elected officials and outside agencies approving budgets and allocations for FY 2015-2016.

Stephanie Sears, Staff Accountant, appeared before the Commission and presented a letter for the Commission to sign nominating Mike King for the Region 1 WorkForce Investment Board. Commissioner Wender motioned to approve the nomination. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Sears presented an order and letter for the Commission to sign reappointing Morgan Bracken to the Fayette County Building Commission. Commissioner Wender motioned to approve the reappointment. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Gabe Peña, Assistant Resource Coordinator, appeared and presented a letter to the WV Department of Environmental Protection, regarding the Danny Webb injection well for the Commission to sign. Commissioner Wender suggested President Scalph present the letter at the

Public Hearing that evening and that the letter also be sent to Sarah Plummer and Ken Ward of the press. Commissioner Wender motioned to approve and sign the letter. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Sears read a letter of response from Chief James Martin, DEP, which the Commission received April 20th, 2015, regarding the proposed format of the Public Hearing on April 21st, 2015.

President Scalph asked Kelly Jo Drey, Resource Coordinator, about another injection well in Colorado. President Scalph stated there have been lightening strikes causing explosions, unmarked tanker trucks going in and out of the facilities with no MSDS sheets regarding the materials. Commissioner Wender suggested the companies claim trade secrets. Mr. Peña stated this falls under a Halliburton Loophole. President Scalph voiced concerns about how our EMA would deal with such an emergency without the information regarding tanker contents available.

Ms. Sears presented a request from Ms. Drey regarding a summer intern for her department. Ms. Drey told the Commissioners about the prospective intern, Zach Beard, MA in Urban and Environmental Planning, U.VA. She also said he has unique expertise and perspective for current projects. Ms. Drey asked that he be paid minimum wage. Commissioner Wender stated that it is advantageous to open our doors to such educational cases and assist with opportunities to complete degrees. Commissioner Wender said it is valuable to our county to bring in outside experience and possibly learn from them and it would subsequently benefit Fayette County. Commissioner Wender is for hiring the summer intern.

Commissioner Lopez asked for a time frame in which the intern would be working. Ms. Drey said he would work a minimum of 12 weeks, May 5th to August 15th. Commissioner Wender motioned to approve Zach Beard for a summer internship for May 5th to August 15th (dates are flexible) being paid minimum wage for hours worked. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

The Commission recognized the noticeable difference in the condition of the floors in the Courthouse, cared for by Maintenance employee Jake Johnson.

Ms. Sears read a letter from the Probation Office acknowledging Maintenance and their hard work. Chief Judge Blake and Judge Hatcher were both copied on the letter.

Ms. Sears presented the 10 year 911 Budget for the refunding of the 911 Center bonds to look over and approve on April 28, 2015.

Eddie Young appeared to present an order to Consolidate or Divide and Segregate Land for Carla June Rogers. Commissioner Wender motioned to approve the order. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Drey told the Commission about a program through Region 1 to teach disadvantaged youth job skills. The program puts them to work in low risk, supervised positions during the summer. Commissioner Wender suggested that the park might have projects that they need help with.

Ms. Drey presented an invoice from Kanawha Falls PSD for their pump. The Commission had previously agreed to loan Kanawha Falls PSD \$36,000.00 for the pump which was invoiced at \$50,000.00. The Commission stated that Kanawha Falls PSD needs to write a letter officially requesting the loan. Ms. Drey will tell Kanawha Falls PSD the specifics that need to be included in the letter.

Commissioner Lopez motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Wender seconded. Unanimous decision.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.