

FAYETTE COUNTY COMMISSION
SPECIAL SESSION
APRIL 22, 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 22nd day of April, 2016.

President Wender called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

The Primary Election Early Voting Test was held.

Commissioner Scalph motioned to approve 2nd half payroll and release checks on the 29th. President Wender seconded. Unanimous decision.

Eddie Young, Assessor, presented 2 refunds for Mary R. Johns \$124.90; Ruth H. Creger \$6.39. Commissioner Scalph motioned to approve the 2 refunds. President Wender seconded. Unanimous decision.

Commissioner Scalph motioned to approve the minutes of April 8th. President Wender seconded. Unanimous decision.

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

Norma Williams appeared to present the Early Voting keys to County Clerk Kelvin Holliday and the Commissioners.

Stephanie Sears, Staff Accountant acting for County Administrator, presented a quote from East Coast Pools for \$4,800.00 to install wall targets. Commissioner Scalph motioned to approve up to \$4,800.00 but there will need to be further discussions with East Coast Pools. President Wender seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Sears, presented a request from Allen Ballard to purchase

building code books out of the current year's budget instead of next year. Commissioner Scalph motioned to approve the request. President Scalph seconded. Unanimous decision.

President Wender suggested putting Elmer Pritt of the American Legion Post 149 on a future agenda with Okey Skidmore to discuss the Memorial Building.

Scott Ingleton appeared to oppose the SBA lawsuit. Mr. Ingleton has been actively involved to keep Meadow Bridge schools open however he does understand the need for facilities improvements throughout the county. He was encouraged after a meeting with the SBA in March, but now the mention of the lawsuit has stopped the efforts. Mr. Ingleton would like to personally ask that the suit be put off a while to let the process work out. He asked the Commission for their logic behind the lawsuit. The Commission explained the events leading up until the lawsuit.

Commissioner Lopez arrived at 10:04 a.m.

The early voting test was continued.

David Gay appeared to discuss Prince Railroad. Amtrak is losing interest in the Prince stop and they are considering canceling service. Mr. Gay is working to have a daily train through Prince. CSX pull traffic is down and they are also considering pulling this route. The route cannot handle cars but there is federal funding to repair the route. Mr. Gay is also working on this. He will update the Commission as information becomes available.

All Fayette County libraries have Amtrak brochures. Mr. Gay requested that the Commission place a rack in the Courthouse to hold brochures.

President Wender told Mr. Gay to order the brochures and we will have maintenance repair our existing brochure holder. Mr. Gay provided information to order the brochures. President Wender asked Mr. Gay to draft a letter of support to send to the Commission for signature.

Lesley Taylor appeared for public comment regarding a Small Cities Block Grant for Armstrong Deepwater PSD. The project costs roughly \$2.4 million and the SCBG is capped at \$1.5 million. The USDA loan and grant will provide the rest.

President Wender asked Ms. Sears to ask Kelly Jo Drey, Resource Coordinator, to draft a letter to the governor about the scope of the project and how many people are involved. He would like the letter to mention this is the 4th time we are submitting and the unfairness to the citizens along with anything else she deems necessary.

Ms. Sears presented a resolution for Fair Housing Month for the Commission to sign. Commissioner Scalph motioned to approve and adopt the Fair Housing Month Resolution in Fayette County. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Commissioner Scalph motioned to approve and adopt the resolution to authorize the application with the State of WV for the SCBG. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Taylor will send us copies of the resolution.

Adam Hodges, Fayette County Farmland Protection Board, appeared to discuss the plan to purchase real estate. Farmland is interested in purchasing the Whitlock Farm property and placing an agricultural easement and then sell the property for agricultural use.

Discussion will need to take place with Larry Harrah as to whether the County Commission can be included on the deed.

Commissioner Scalph motioned to approve and authorize the Fayette County Farmland Protection Board to bid on the Whitlock Property for agricultural use, contingent on discussions regarding a bid cap and with Larry Harry regarding titling on the deed. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:19 p.m.

DRAFT - Not Approved