

FAYETTE COUNTY COMMISSION

May 15, 2015

COURTHOUSE

FAYETTEVILLE, WV 25840

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

The Fayette County Commission met in a regular session on this 15th day of May 2015.

President Denise Scalph called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.

Steve Kessler, Sheriff, appeared to present the Delinquent Tax List. The Commission accepted the list from Sheriff Kessler.

Eddie Young, Assessor, appeared to present exonerations for personal property tax for Jeffrey W. Mason II \$49.48; Christian N. Dennler \$139.32; Terry W. Lanham \$354.24; Brian Scott & Brenda Howells \$282.42; Robert B. Stevens, Jr. \$12.76; Millie & Le Roy Johnson \$111.04; Donnie A. Wilson \$388.32. Commissioner Lopez motioned to approve the exonerations for personal property. Commissioner Wender seconded. Unanimous decision.

Mr. Young presented exonerations for real property for Sean E. Moses \$90.00; Janet Syner \$340.48; Katherine & Albert W. Seitzinger \$123.24; Billy G. & Betty L. Ruth \$189.98; June Higgins Beebe \$12.30; Nafissatou Wattie-Tounkara \$350.48. Commissioner Wender motioned to approve the exonerations for real property. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Mr. Young presented two refunds for Sean E. Moses \$87.76 and Don J. & Yvette Barrett \$161.46. Commissioner Lopez motioned to approve the refunds. Commissioner Wender seconded. Unanimous decision.

Commissioner Lopez motioned to approve vouchers and invoices to be released today and approve 1st half payroll, checks to be released on today. Commissioner Wender seconded. Unanimous decision.

President Scalph motioned to approve minutes for March 4th, 12th, 13th, 18th and April 6th 14th 21st and 28th. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

James Bennett, 911 Coordinator, appeared to discuss the phone system at the 911 system. The system is no longer able to be serviced due to the company declaring bankruptcy. We will now have to purchase a new system. Larry Harrah, Prosecuting Attorney, asked what makes the system now obsolete. Mr. Bennett stated that it is called a life cycle. Phone systems have to be replaced every 3-5 years. Mr. Bennett presents a lease option.

The county is paying \$31,000.00 a year to Motorola for a system we can no longer get support or parts for. The phone system was never designed for emergency services when purchased in 2009.

Commissioner Wender requested obtaining a copy of the contract for Mr. Harrah to review. President Scalph requested asking the listserv for assistance and to see what other counties are doing.

The Commission approved starting the process on landline increase of \$1.00.

The Commission requests having Mr. Bennett appear again to try to resolve this issue once Mr. Harrah has reviewed the contract. It is mentioned that Raleigh County uses Solocom. Mr. Bennett will meet with the Commission on June 15th at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Wender motioned to adjust the budget to increase overtime hours to cover until June 30, 2015. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Mr. Bennett presented a quote from Casto Technical to repair the software from the heating and cooling system. Commissioner Wender requested asking Dan Snead to meet with Appalachian Heating to discuss this issue. Dan Snead was scheduled to appear at 10:30 and they will discuss this then.

Andrea Mender, WVU Extension Services, appeared to discuss the Parks and Recreations Board. Ms. Mender talked with Upshur County Administrator. They did have a Parks and Recreation Board that was overstepping their boundaries. They restructured and created an advisory board. Ms. Mender will obtain a copy of Upshur County's current by-laws and email them to Debbie Berry, County Administrator.

Ms. Mender has a list of 11 organizations to be potential representatives. President Scalph suggested creating a mission statement before deciding on organization representatives.

Ms. Mender and the Prosecuting Attorney's office will work together to create the by-laws.

Commissioner Wender suggested a county employee being a supervisor over this board; suggest the WVU Extension Office.

Ms. Mender will draft by-laws then send them to Mr. Harrah to review.

Commissioner Wender wanted to set a hard date in July to approve the by-laws. Ms. Mender will let Ms. Berry know a time frame.

The Commission agreed to let some of the potential representatives help with planning a 5-9 member board.

Angela Gerald appeared to discuss the Legends Highway dilapidated apartment complex. Danny Toney and John Zink appeared. Legal notices have been sent. Mr. Toney and Mr. Zink discussed their plan for the property. The Commission requested a time frame and a firm plan. The Commission gave Mr. Toney and Mr. Zink 30 days to show progress and appear before the Commission again. President Scalph requested a plan for a structurally sound building. The Commission asked Allen Ballard to inspect the inside of the complex. Mr. Toney and Mr. Zink will return on July 7th at 10:00 a.m.

Ms. Gerald stated that they need to make sure the trash is removed from the property.

Mr. Harrah asked how many properties Mr. Zink has in proceeding. Mr. Zink stated he has 7.

Donald Carte and Kenny Hayes appeared to discuss New Haven PSD.

Mr. Carte learned that he is not eligible for the Arrowwood Creek Road Small Cities Block Grant and wants to know how to proceed.

The top four had water testing done and all areas were determined to have the same type of water contamination. Mr. Hayes has requested the Fayette County health Department to review the tests and see if they can determine if one is worse than the other.

It will be a few weeks before the Health Department will be able to look over the testing results.

Mr. Hayes requested a letter from the Health Department stating their opinion.

A new income study has been completed and Region IV is compiling the results. New preliminary results from the customer study could shuffle the top four properties. The preliminary rankings per Mr. Hayes are:

1. Sunday Road
2. Ramsey
3. King
4. Arrowwood

Final numbers will depend on Stafford Consultants and the Health Department to complete their evaluations.

Mr. Hayes hopes to have the results by the New Haven PSD meeting on June 8th.

Mr. Carte and Mr. Hayes will return on June 15th at 10:30 a.m. with results.

Dan Snead appeared to discuss the Courthouse roof project.
(handout attached)

The back corner is not included in this phase and the front corner can be included for an additional \$9,473.00.

Commissioner Wender motioned to accept the proposal from Tri State that we proceed with the Phase II yellow area for \$118,867.00 and the orange area for \$9,473.00.

Commissioner Wender requested the price for the additional section and the cost to put up and take down the scaffolding.

Ms. Berry gave the information regarding the heating and cooling system at the 911 center to Dan Snead for review.

Doug Hylton appeared to discuss the Meadow River Rail Trail. The design plan for the 16 mile trail by Chapman Group was presented to the Commission. The design plans were left with Ms. Berry for the Commission to review.

Felicia McKinney appeared to discuss the New River Humane Society.

Discussion was held about updates and improvements at the Animal shelter. Changes have been made as to who can sign checks. Felicia McKinney, Betty Kraft and David King are on the account.

Drug tests have been completed for 9 employees and job duties have been shuffled around. Cheryl Hess and Carrie Carr share the responsibility of scheduling.

Improvements have been made to the building. Ms. McKinney states that things are better.

Ms. McKinney listed future fundraising plans.

Commissioner Wender motioned to adjust their budget with \$15,000.00 to cover payroll until the end of June 30th, 2015. Commissioner Scalph seconded. Unanimous decision.

The Commissioners commended the NRHS for their hard work. Ms. McKinney requested permission to paint the upper office. The Commission agreed.

The Commission recessed at 12:00 p.m. to attend the police memorial.

The Commission reconvened at 1:33 p.m.

Ms. Berry presented 2 Divide and Segregate Land orders for Cinda Elswick and Maynard and Rita Wills. Commissioner Wender motioned to approve the orders. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presented a letter from the Fraternal Order of Police to use the courthouse lawn for the Annual Police Officer Memorial the Commission to sign.

Ms. Berry presented a letter to reappoint Randy Bowen and Donald Navarro to the Armstrong PSD Board. Commissioner Wender motioned to approve the reappointments. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presented a request and orders to sign from the Fayette County Planning Commission to appoint Jesse Bibb and Kevin Biggs as board members due to the deaths of Al Gannon and Diana Smallwood. Commissioner Wender motioned to accept the recommendations and sign the orders. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presented a permit to operate a food establishment for President Scalph to sign for the Fayette County Park dining hall. Commissioner Wender motioned to approve. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presented copies of signs for the New River Transit Authority for the Commission to see.

Ms. Berry presented letters and an order for the Commission to sign designating the following banking institutions to be depositories of monies for the county: Fayette County National Bank, Chase, Bank of Mount Hope, Inc., Branch Banking and Trust, United Bank, City National Bank of WV.

Ms. Berry presented a quote from Mountain State Wildlife Control and Pest Removal Services, LLC for \$5,700.00 for bat removal at the Fayette County Park. Commissioner Wender motioned to approve the quote. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presented a request from Veronica M. Beverly with Minden Kwanza Community Association for an allocation for \$5,000.00 for their playground. President Scalph suggested letting them know that we should have had the request in during budget session and we need a feasible itemized request and to know if they have another funding source.

Ms. Berry presented a funding request from the CODA Mountain Academy for their summer camp and activities for \$5,000.00. Commissioner Wender suggested bringing in Ester Morey to ask her for a budget and other funding sources.

Ms. Berry presented a request from Celi Van Dyke of New River Health for a the Commission to sign a letter of support for an Affordable Care Act Grant from the Health Resources Services Administration to improve access to vital healthcare services. The grant would help establish a 340B Pharmacy in Fayetteville, WV. Commissioner Wender motioned to sign the support letter. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision,

Discussion was held regarding having a local contractor look at the specs for the Morton property to prepare a quote for renovations for the Fayette County Probation Department. Commissioner Wender suggested inquiring with the Fayette Institute of Technology about their services.

Ms. Berry presented a request from Circuit Clerk Daniel Wright to hire a graduate student to work in his office May 18 - August 7, 2015. Commissioner Wender motioned to approve. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presented a request to pay for drug testing for New River Humane Society employees. Commissioner Wender motioned to adjust their budget \$315.00. Commissioner Lopez seconded.

Ms. Berry presented a tabled request from April 28th, 2015 for \$7,000.00 from Elmer Pritt, Co-Chairman of the LaFayette Huse Veterans Memorial. The Commission had requested more detail concerning this project and Mr. Pritt sent a letter explaining that the \$7,000.00 would provide landscaping and possibly a granite bench. President Scalph suggested asking for a breakdown of costs and to ask for a representative to attend a Commission meeting with specific numbers.

Ms. Berry presented a request from Kelly Jo Drey for a conference phone. The quote is for \$299.99 from OfficeMax. Commissioner Wender motioned to approve. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:57 p.m.