

FAYETTE COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR SESSION
JUNE 3, 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 3rd day of June, 2016.

President Wender called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

Eddie Young, Assessor, appeared to present personal property exonerations for William E. Dickenson \$57.26; Patriot Painting \$1,445.70; Angela S. Pierson \$93.00; Kevin & Jennifer Underwood \$855.58 & \$757.70; Phillip A. or Scherrie Odell \$107.98; James R. Sr. or Margaret L. Ballard \$43.12, \$37.98, & \$35.74; Andrea & Bryan K. Anderson \$341.86. Commissioner Lopez motioned to approve the personal property exonerations. Commissioner Scalph seconded. Unanimous decision.

Mr. Young presented real property exonerations for Wanda R. Hurley \$73.02; Gerald L. Walker \$41.26; Mountaineer Furniture & Cabin \$1,294.34; and Aaron L. & Linda A. Carver \$124.52. Commissioner Scalph motioned to approve the real property exonerations. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Mr. Young presented two refunds for Renea Muldrow \$53.83; Aaron L. & Linda Carver \$128.25. Commissioner Scalph motioned to approve the 2 refunds. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Commissioner Lopez motioned to approve vouchers and invoices and release checks today and approve first half payroll and release checks the 15th. Commissioner Scalph seconded. Unanimous decision.

Debbie Berry, County Administrator, presented a letter to Valley High School principal Craig Loy, approving his request to use Boomer Ballfield for VHS and VMS games, for the Commission to sign. The letter was approved at the last meeting. The Commission signed the letter.

Ms. Berry presented an order for levy transfers for Law Enforcement, Fire and Library funds. Commissioner Scalph motioned to approve and sign the order. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presented a support letter for signatures and commitment to be a part of SALS' "Project Team" for YouthBuild AmeriCorps grant for Southern Appalachian Labor School. Commissioner Lopez motioned to approve and sign the letter. Commissioner Scalph seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presented a \$350.00 quote from Jack R. Booda, County Surveyor, to revise boundary precinct maps. Commissioner Scalph motioned to approve the quote. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presented additional invoices for the park pool outside of the initial estimate of \$7,500.00. It was a necessity and all other work would be obsolete without the additional work. Commissioner Lopez motioned to approve the additional invoice for the park pool. Commissioner Scalph seconded. Unanimous decision.

Elmer Pritt and Alvin Kincaid, American Legion, appeared to discuss the Fayette County Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Building. Art Gonzalez and Judge Paul Blake were also present. The Legion has concerns about the eternal flame not burning as well as fees being

charged and raised in rate; the stage ceiling lights do not work; only 3 of 5 exhaust fans work; moulding on High Street side needs work; approximately 100 chairs are broken; pull out bleachers need replaced. Judge Blake would like to look at the wording that the Commission stated in the 1940s when the FCMB was dedicated.

President Wender stated that the county's coal severance funding has decreased tremendously since 2012 but the FCMB has been nominated for the National Register of Historic Places and also Courthouse Facilities Improvement Authority funds can be used for county owned facilities. Commissioner Scalph also mentioned WV Preservation Alliance and suggested if they name the FCMB on their list, there possibly could be funding. Commissioner Wender requested that Dan Snead completely review the FCMB to see what is eligible for CFIA funds.

Commissioner Scalph stated that WV Preservation Alliance has people who will come, just requesting mileage reimbursement, and assess properties as well. President Wender requested to meet again in early September to continue discussions.

Steve Slockett, Board of Education member, appeared to thank the Commission for their meetings and work with Mountain State Justice. Mr. Slockett wants to continue working with the Commission. He is concerned about bussing kids across the New River Gorge Bridge and asked the Commission to work with the Department of Transportation to build higher barriers if bussing more kids becomes the solution in Fayette County.

Lesley Taylor, Region 4 Planning and Development, appeared to discuss the Kanawha Falls PSD's Small Cities Block Grant. The

conservation easement has not been received. Ms. Taylor contacted Senator Manchin's office for assistance. A new plan is in the works to make the booster station an additive so bidding can take place.

Ms. Taylor presented an Order of Intent to bid for the Commission to sign. President Wender requested that the Commission write a letter to Dr. Keller regarding the necessity of the booster station. President Wender asked Ms. Taylor to draft the letter and provide a history, as well as a letter to Senator Manchin's office.

Commissioner Scalph motioned to approve and authorize President Wender to sign the Intent to Bid. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Kelly Jo Drey, Resource Coordinator, appeared to present a letter to the Governor's office regarding Armstrong PSD's Small Cities Block Grant Application. Commissioner Lopez motioned to approve and sign the letter. Commissioner Scalph seconded. Unanimous decision.

Jamie Bennett, 911 Coordinator, appeared to discuss the 911 budget for FY 2016/17. Revisions are that Mr. Bennett will check on the phone lines with Frontier; revisit crewcab truck next year; bid out radio contract to see if there are savings available; attempt to sell tower at FCMB. Commissioner Scalph motioned to approve the 911 budget revisions. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

David Stevens appeared to discuss Open Minds Recovery Services. He introduced the program to the Commissions and explained that it will work with the Day Report Center and Probation.

Mr. Stevens requested a \$6,000.00 allocation. President Wender suggested checking with the New River Gorge Regional Development

Authority. Mr. Stevens said they had applied with NRGRDA but have not heard back. President Wender stated he will check for Mr. Stevens.

Melvin Withrow, Maintenance, appeared to discuss the Drug Court building. The project is at a standstill until Jerry Willoughby can get specifics from the Supreme Court. Ms. Berry will write a letter to the Supreme Court and copy Judge Blake.

The Commission asked Mr. Withrow and Sonny Milam to go to the park and assist with the pool the week of June 6th.

Ms. Berry presented bids for electrical work at the Drug Court building. J & R Electric was the lowest at \$1,100.00.

Ms. Berry presented bids for the materials. Means Lumber was the lowest at \$657.93.

Commissioner Wender motioned to approve the low bid for electrical and for materials, not to exceed a total of \$2,000.00. Commissioner Scalph seconded. Unanimous decision.

Commissioner Scalph motioned to enter into an executive session regarding a personnel matter at 12:01 p.m. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

The Commission reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

Discussion was held on resignations at the park and applications for the 2 available positions.

Commissioner Scalph motioned to accept the resignation of Peggy Bennett. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Commissioner Scalph motioned, due to the urgency and past submissions, to hire a Parks and Recreations Director starting at \$33,000.00 on a probationary period of 6 months, then complete an evaluation. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

The Commission appointed 2 interview committees. For the Park Secretary, Debbie Berry, Denise Scalph and Andrea Mender. For Park Maintenance Supervisor, Debbie Berry, Denise Scalph and Joey Carelli. Commissioner Scalph motioned to approve the committees. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.