

FAYETTE COUNTY COMMISSION
June 8, 2015
REGULAR SESSION
COURTHOUSE
FAYETTEVILLE, WV 25840
MEMBERS Present: Matthew D. Wender, John H. Lopez

The Fayette County Commission met in a regular session on this 8th day of June, 2015.

Commissioner Lopez called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

The Election Day Test for the Special School Bond Election was held. The test was postponed until personnel from the Board of Education arrived.

Cindy Hysell appeared for Eddie Young, Assessor, to present a real property exoneration for Carlos R. Stackhouse etal, \$827.02. Commissioner Wender motioned to approve the exoneration for real property. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Hysell also presented the land books for the Commission to sign.

Commissioner Wender motioned to approve vouchers and invoices, checks to be released today and first half payroll, checks to be released on June 15th. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Debbie Berry, County Administrator, presented for signature a proclamation stating the Commission supports the School Bond Election. Commissioner Wender motioned to approve signing the proclamation. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presented a proclamation for the Commission to approve and sign proclaiming June 29, 2015 as Public Transportation Day. Commissioner Wender motioned to approve signing the Public

Transportation Day proclamation. Commissioner Lopez seconded.

Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presented an order for the Commission to approve and sign transferring pro-rata 5 year costs of \$6,800.00 from the Law Enforcement Levy Fund, \$3,200.00 from the Library Levy Fund and \$10,000.00 from the Fire Levy Fund to the Fayette County Election Expense Fund to pay for the associated cost of the Special Levy Election. Commissioner Wender motioned to approve the order authorizing the transfer of funds. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presented Budget Revision Number 2 for the Coal Severance Fund for the Commission to approve and sign. Commissioner Wender motioned to approve the 2nd Budget Revision for Coal Severance, acknowledging no increase in the budget. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

The Election Day Test was held. The Commission and the Board of Education signed off on the reports.

Angela Gerald appeared to discuss dilapidated properties. In the Whipple/Scarbro area, some houses have been cleared and the Prosecuting Attorney's office recommended scheduling hearings for 2 new houses.

Nancy Ratliff, 2579 Scarbro Road, Scarbro and Heather Jones 12 Stover Hollow, Scarbro. Ms. Gerald will schedule hearings for these two properties. Commissioner Wender suggested some other houses for Ms. Gerald to check on the Whipple area.

Discussion was held on 9 properties in Smithers. Larry Harrah, Prosecuting Attorney, suggested signing a Memorandum of Understanding

with the Town of Smithers to allow the Commission to take the houses down on Route 60.

Ms. Berry presented final settlements for the Commission to sign.

Ms. Berry presented a request from Kelly Murdock with the Fayette County Volunteers, Inc. for financial assistance for 5 different events they will be having this year. The Commission recommends asking Ms. Murdock to attend a meeting with an itemized cost of each event and how much has been currently raised.

Ms. Berry presented a request from Rev. Gary W. McGuire to receive approved allocated funds for a camp for Son Rock Ministries prior to July 6, 2015. Commissioner Wender motioned that if Son Rock Miniseris is unable to wait until July 1, the allocation can be written before for the amount approved for July 1, 2015. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presented a letter to the WV Supreme Court of Appeals requesting reimbursement of rent for the Family Law Judge for the month of June, 2015.

Ms. Berry presented a letter and order for the Commission to sign approving the refund of taxes in the amount of \$911.17 for Nafissatou Wattie-Touunkara due to property being assessed incorrectly as requested by Assessor Eddie Young. Commissioner Wender motioned to issue the refund to Ms. Wattie-Touunkara. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presented a Governor's Community Participation Grant drawdown request and Certification of Grant Completion in the amount of \$4,000.00 for the Commission to approve and sign for the Fayette County Public Libraries Books for Bookmobile grant. Commissioner

Wender motioned to approve signing the drawdown. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Esther Morey appeared to request funding for Coda Mountain Academy and to give an update. Ms. Morey requested \$5,000.00 for summer activities. Commissioner Wender asked for a breakdown for each activity the Commission allocation would be used for and stated there would be consequences if alternative funding isn't secured. \$2,500.00 will be allocated out of the current Fiscal Year, and the Commission will revisit the issue after the final numbers come in for FY 2014/2015. Commissioner Wender motioned to approve \$2,500.00 out of the current FY. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Commissioner Wender motioned to allocate \$2,500.00 out of FY 2015/16 budget from contingencies. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Morey requested the use of the Fayette County Memorial Building on Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. for a holocaust speaker for Collins and Fayetteville 5th and 6th graders. Commissioner Wender approved the use of the FCMB by the Board of Education. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Lesley Taylor, Region IV Planning & Development, appeared to present the Notice of Intent to Bid. Ms. Berry stated she checked with Mary Scott with Kanawha Falls PSD about money being paid back for the sewer pump. The Commission is to sign the notice.

Commissioner Wender motioned for him and Commissioner Lopez to sign on behalf of the County Commissioner. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Discussion was held on the Danny Webb permit issue and whether the Commission wants to intervene. Tom Rist, attorney, has offered his services free of charge for the meeting on July 9th.

Commissioner Wender motioned that the Fayette County Commission will intervene in the upcoming meeting on July 9th and agreed to allow Tom Rist to represent the Commission. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Commissioner Wender acknowledged on behalf of the Commission all the hard work Tom Rist has put into this issue.

Ms. Berry presented a request form Judson Wallace to receive the allocation for the Upper Kanawha Valley Community Center earlier than July 1, 2015 from the FY 2015/16 budget. Commissioner Wender motioned to approve the allocation of \$5,000.00 from FY 2015/16 to be sent from the current FY budget. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Commissioner Wender motioned to enter into an executive session regarding a personnel matter. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

The Commission entered an executive session at 10:43 a.m.

The Commission reconvened at 10:57 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.