

FAYETTE COUNTY COMMISSION

August 5, 2015

REGULAR SESSION

COURTHOUSE

FAYETTEVILLE, WV 25840

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

Also present: Jeff Mauzy, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney

The Fayette County Commission met in a regular session on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015.

President Scalph called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Commissioner Lopez offered a motion to approve the minutes of June 24<sup>th</sup>, July 15<sup>th</sup>, and July 29<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Wender seconded. Unanimous decision.

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

Percy Fruit appeared before the Commission requesting assistance with Minden Park. The Commission agreed to assist the project by bringing in fill dirt to provide grading around the basketball court. The Commission will inquire if Community Corrections can assist with the labor.

Mr. Fruit mentioned the need for restroom facilities at the park. Commissioner Wender suggested contacting Fayette Institute of Technology to draft engineering students to assist.

Deborah Berry, County Administrator, will research ADA requirements for handicap facilities.

The Commission will review the project for a financial allocation once cost estimates have been determined.

Ms. Berry presented a drawdown request and grant completion report for the Page-Kincaid PSD in the amount of \$18,000.00 for a

Governor's Participation Grant for a generator. Commissioner Lopez motioned to approve and authorize President Scalph to sign the report. Commissioner Wender seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presented a letter for approval and signature to the WV Supreme Court of Appeals requesting reimbursement for rent for the months of August and September 2015 for the Family Law Judge. Commissioner Wender motioned to sign the letter. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presented a letter from Susan Hanson, Chairperson with the Fayetteville Woman's Club, requesting use of the Fayette County Memorial Building for a craft show on Saturday November 14, 2015. Commissioner Wender motioned to approve the use of the Memorial Building. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presented a request from Libby Akers, Valley High School Varsity Boosters, for funding to renovate a field for the Valley High School football program. Commissioner Lopez suggested that Commissioner Wender draft a letter asking Jim Justice for assistance.

Ms. Berry presented a request from the City of Montgomery Board of Parks and Recreation requesting the allocation of \$3,000.00 for their Fourth of July Celebration, Movie Night, UKV Bass Tournament, Welcome Back WVUIT and BridgeValley Students, Christmas parade and other functions. The Commission approved \$500.00 for festivals and \$3,000.00 for park upgrades. The \$3,000.00 must be used for park upgrades. The Commission instructed Ms. Berry to draft a letter explaining the allocation.

Ms. Berry presented a budget revision for the Office of Emergency Services. The Commission suggested restricting OES from spending additional money until a decision is made about the full-time director.

The Commission took a break at 9:50 a.m.

The Commission reconvened at 10:11 a.m.

Andrea Mender, WVU Extension Office, appeared to discuss the Fayette County Parks and Recreations Advisory Board and the potential by-laws. The drafted by-laws were reviewed. (copy attached)

The Commission suggested listing out properties the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board would cover. For example, Fayette County Park, Fayette County Memorial Building, Boomer Ballfield, Rails to Trails, etc...

Commissioner Wender suggested the Parks and Recreations Advisory Board be included in budget planning but would not have authority to approve or set their budget.

Commissioner Wender asked Ms. Mender to insert a preamble stating the Board would complete the goals and mission statement when assembled. Commissioner Wender suggested naming all properties in the preamble. Ms. Wender also suggested removing Article 5 - Finance and Budget.

Commissioner Wender suggested Ms. Mender provide a separate sheet with which organizations should be represented by board members. The Commission will then make a final decision.

Patty Giles, Health Department, appeared to discuss New Haven PSD Water Test results. Water was labeled as red water or cloudy

water. Ms. Giles suggested testing for E. coli but not others because those are additional tests and would cost \$16 per sample.

Lesley Taylor, Region IV Planning and Development gave results from her income study. Combining areas would then make them eligible for Small Cities Block Grants.

Ms. Taylor then discussed the Arbuckle PSD Infrastructure Grant and presented an expenditure spreadsheet for the Commission's records. Ms. Taylor requested a change of scope for the remaining \$17,000.00 to be used for the following:

1. Pay Triad Engineering
2. Purchase pump for Station 4

Bruce Carson with Arbuckle PSD appeared to answer questions. President Scalph asked why the contingency funds were changed from buying pumps to paying Triad Engineering Firm.

Commissioner Wender suggested that Mr. Carson ask the board to reverse the decision to pay Triad first since they've already changed the decision once from buying the pump.

The Commission tabled the issue until Arbuckle has a chance to meet and also to allow them time to speak with Triad.

The Commission requested that Arbuckle send minutes of all meetings to the County Administrator's office.

Ms. Berry presented a letter from Christy Bailey, Executive Director of the National Coal Heritage Area Authority, requesting the Commission to provide Governor Tomblin with 3 recommendations and contact information for appointments to the National Coal Heritage Authority. The Commission suggested Ms. Berry contact Ms. Bailey to ask for recommendations.

Ms. Berry presented a letter from Mayor Romie A. Hobbs, Ansted, requesting assistance with a dilapidated structure in Ansted. The Commission and legal counsel suggested drafting a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Ansted and the County. The property then could go through the County's process.

Commissioner Wender suggested that the MOU state that the Commission's lien would be paid first because the Commission is fronting real dollars.

Commissioner Wender suggested writing a letter to the Mayor to inform him the County is interested in helping with the demolition under the following conditions:

1. Property owner will sign the property over to the town
2. Ansted will allow the County to put a lien on the property for the cost of demolition. If the city then sells the property, the County will be paid off first.

Commissioner Wender motioned to cooperate with the Town of Ansted with the above stated terms. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Sheriff Steve Kessler, Charlie Bryant and Stormy Parsons, Community Corrections, appeared to discuss the Continuing Education Agreement.

Ms. Parsons needs 16 hours a week for 3 semesters to complete her internship (Fall, Spring and half of the Summer.)

Mr. Bryant spoke about the hardship this would place on the Community Corrections office. Sheriff Kessler agreed with the hardship this will place on the program.

The Commission suggested that Ms. Parsons find another internship possibility.

Ms. Berry presented a letter for approval and signature to Gary Redden with NRCS authorizing Kevin Walker, Interim Director of Office of Emergency Management to take care of the Dunloup Program. The Commission signed the letter.

The Commission approved Kelly Jo Drey, Resource Coordinator, to attend the State Delinquent and Non-Entered Land Sale as a URA representative on Monday August 10, 2015 to bid on and acquire a small parcel of land in between the Belinda Morton and Prosecuting Attorney buildings.

Discussion on a new Pitney Bowes postage machine was tabled until August 14<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting adjourned at 12:18 p.m.