

REGULAR ADJOURNED SESSION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF BROOKE COUNTY,
WEST VIRGINIA, HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2012

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The County Commission of Brooke County, West Virginia, met in regular adjourned session this 24th day of January, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. at the Courthouse.

Present: Marty Bartz, President
Norma Tarr and Tim Ennis, Commissioners
Sylvia J. Benzo, County Clerk

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The Commission held their preliminaries before the meeting including a prayer and pledge of allegiance.

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A motion was made by Norma Tarr, seconded by Tim Ennis, and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2012 meeting.

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A copy of the following correspondence was given to each of the Commissioner's for their review:

A copy of a list of bills introduced for the 2012 Legislative Session as supplied by the legislature.

A copy of the County Legislative Line from the WV Association of Counties for the Week of January 17, 2012 was received.

A copy of the County Legislative Line from the WV Association of Counties for the Week of January 20, 2012 was received.

A fax from John Schwertfeger, Ambulance Director to hire Nancy June McIntire of 815 Broadway Blvd., Steubenville, Ohio was received. A motion was made by Norma Tarr, seconded by Tim Ennis and unanimously passed to approve his request.

A brochure from the Division of Justice & Community Services letting us know that grants for corrections programs, etc. are due by April 2, 2012.

A letter from the Department of Tax & Revenue letting us know that the Statewide Computer Network, Account #408 for Brooke County for FY2012-2013 will be about \$29,658.

A letter from the WV Development Office congratulating us on our Small Cities Block Grant award to construct a centralized sewer collection system in the Mahan Lane, Eldersville Road, Bruin Drive and Louise areas was received. The Contract needs signed and returned as soon as possible. Terry Bonaventura, Board Member was present and indicated that the \$200,000 they recently received is for engineering costs. Commissioner Bartz indicated that it is hard to believe \$200,000 is for only engineering. Mr. Bonaventura indicated that the Brooke County PSD is going to apply for another grant real soon. There will be a meeting next week at 4:30 p.m. to go over some issues.

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There were not any bids received for heaters and insulation for the Solid Waste Building at the 44 Hollow site. These two projects were bid together and may have to be separated to get anyone to bid on them. The Commission asked that the information be sent to Project Best.

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Sylvia Benzo, County Clerk indicated that grant extensions need to be submitted for the roof project if it will not be completed by January 31st. She apologized as she thought new cycle grants were due, not current projects. A letter has been drafted requesting an extension. Tim Ennis made a motion, seconded by Norma Tarr, and unanimously passed to request a time extension.

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Commissioner Bartz indicated that he talked to Todd Clark concerning his request to close a road and it seems to him that this is just between two neighbors that they want to come to an

agreement on it. Sheriff Ferguson was present and indicated that Dew Drop Lane is a designated CR off of this road. No further action was taken.

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A motion was made by Norma Tarr, seconded by Tim Ennis, and unanimously passed to approve the Budget Revision transfer \$1,120 from Special Patrol to Law Enforcement.

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Sylvia Benzo, County Clerk indicated she received a call from Rosemary Guida of the Workforce Investment Board who indicated that we cannot have all three commissioners serve on the board, however; you can alternate every four months if you want with a different commissioner. The Clerk will check to see when the meetings are held.

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John Davis was present and indicated that he has been a Brooke County resident for more than fifteen (15) years and he jogs the Pioneer Trail several days a week. He indicated that about the 6.2 mile mark there appears to be a storm drain there with water suppose to flow under and into the river, however; the water is lying on the trail which causes a dangerous situation when it freezes. He indicated that before Christmas there was a bicyclist that had an accident. He felt this was a liability risk for the county. He thought perhaps there was a clogged drain causing the problem. Ruby Greathouse was present and will check into this matter. It was also indicated that perhaps the Beech Bottom Volunteer Fire Department could help clean the drain.

Mr. Davis also indicated there is a trash receptacle by Smith Oil that is constantly filled with debris which needs emptied. It was discussed that perhaps the Boy Scouts could do the receptacle as a project. Bob Fowler was present and indicated that he would have community service workers on Saturday and will look into the matter.

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The Commission congratulated Phil Diserio on his appointment made by the Governor to fill the seat of Tim Ennis. Mr. Ennis recently resigned and was appointed Commissioner to fill the seat created by the death of Bernard Kazienko.

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Sheriff Ferguson was present and talked about all the refuse in our area. He has been trying to get action on people to clean-up their debris around their home. He indicated that we have a grant for dilapidated and abandoned buildings and wanted in-put from the Commission. He suggested putting a dumpster in a central spot and using part of the grant funds to help with the dumpster and clean up. George Lewis, Mayor of Beech Bottom was present and indicated the DEP gave them bags, gloves, etc. to help with the summer clean-up and perhaps they could help. He also indicated that in the fall they called to see if he needed any further help and thought perhaps workers could be hired through the Workforce Investment Board to help. Sylvia Benzo indicated to be careful as this grant is for dilapidated and abandoned buildings.

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Bob Fowler, EMA Director was present and let the Commission know that Windsor Heights will clean and sale the road to 44 Hollow if the County pays for the salt. He indicated there are about four entities in the Hollow and if all could chip in it would not create a burden on one entity. Mayor Lewis indicated that he gave his people permission to help if they have completed their work for Beech Bottom. He also indicated that Chesapeake Energy is buying a vehicle to help clear the roads for their employees and might be willing to help. Bob Sadler indicated that perhaps Console could help as they use the road also. Commissioner Bartz had a call from the DOH who asked to stock pile stone at the far end of the animal shelter and he thought perhaps we could utilize them too. Commissioner Ennis indicated that he had been working with Delegate Givens to have the State take over this road.

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George Lewis expressed concerns about the trail going into the dog kennels as there is not a stop sign into the kennels. Ruby Greathouse indicated that the Trail Group did install some stop signs but the kennel trucks are not stopping. Sheriff Ferguson will look into this matter.

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Bob Sadler was present and indicated that there is one last permit for the creek crossing which needs signed by the Health Department. Commissioner Ennis indicated that he was in Charleston this past weekend and talked to some legislators about funding.

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Mayor Lewis indicated there was a stray dog in Beech Bottom and he called the shelter, however; the shelter is closed on Mondays. He wanted to know how this is handled to get hold of the Dog Warden. Commissioner Bartz indicated that if the dog is in danger or causing dangerous problems that he can go through the Sheriff's Department and the Dog Warden could be dispatched in emergencies.

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Wayne Buxton was present and wanted to know the status on the dog in Bethany that was a stray. Commissioner Bartz indicated that he had checked with some residents in Bethany and was told the dog was being fed by some residents and even had a dog box built for it. Mr. Bartz checked to see if a trap could be set for the dog, however; before anything could be done, the dog bit someone and the Judge ordered the dog put down.

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Jonette Lazasz from the Schwendeman Agency was present to provide some updates on insurance premiums for the Commission. She indicated she went to our carrier and they pulled some claim reports and right now we are looking at about a 8% increase, however; she will continue to work on this and get the rates lower. After a lengthy discussion the Commission asked her to do some different creations to try and lower our rates and bring them back to them.

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Part-time Contracts were signed for Matt McGowan, Monique DeJaro, and Shirley Georgetti who work at the animal shelter.

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At about 6:25 p.m. the Commission went into executive session with Terry Bonaventura, however; no decisions will be made.

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Invoices and vouchers were approved, and the following checks were ordered written:

General County Fund – Check Nos. 8213 through 8255 for \$48,922.82
Ambulance Fund – Check Nos. 1356 through 1367 for \$71,105.52
Ambulance Fund II – Check Nos. 556 through 557 for \$272.78
Valuation Fund – Check Nos. 479 through 480 for \$138.58
E-911 Fund – Check Nos. 854 through 857 for \$372.87
Dog Fund – Check Nos. 668 through 670 for \$1,345.88

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No further business to come before the commission a motion was made by Norma Tarr, seconded by Tim Ennis, and unanimously passed to adjourn.

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Marty Bartz, President

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Sylvia J. Benzo, County Clerk