

REGULAR ADJOURNED SESSION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF BROOKE COUNTY,

WEST VIRGINIA, HELD TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2011

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The County Commission of Brooke County, West Virginia, met in regular adjourned session this 5th day of April, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. at the Courthouse.

Present: Bernard L. Kazienko, President
Norma Tarr and Marty Bartz, 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 copy of the following correspondence was given to each of the Commissioners for their review:

A request from John Schwertfeger, Ambulance Director to hire Scott Allen Law, II, Christopher William Haney, and Phillip Michael Martin as full time EMT's to start on May 1, 2011. The letter indicated that Bobbie Taylor is soon going to retire. Commissioner Bartz felt we should wait until the retirement occurred before any hiring is done to fill this position. Kelli Riedel from the Ambulance was present and indicated that she thought Marion Coulter who moved up in rank position and Theresa Forrester who recently quit were not replaced. After discussion the Commission asked that John Schwertfeger, Director come to the next meeting.

A request from Mary Ann Fletcher to reopen the Estate of her mother, Angelina Kurcina to file income papers. Norma Tarr made a motion, seconded by Marty Bartz, and unanimously passed to approve the request.

A notice from Comcast that there will be price changes beginning May 1, 2011 and attaching a copy of the new schedule of prices.

A letter from the United States Department of Commerce letting us know that the Census Bureau will be conducting the 2010 Census county Question Resolution between June 1, 2011 and June 1, 2013.

A copy of the on-site monitoring visits as conducted by Amy Ferree, Homeland Security Grant Monitor was received by the Commission.

A copy of the minutes of the Hammond Public Service District meeting of February 24, 2011 was received.

A copy of the BHJ Weekly Report for March 27, 2011 through April 2, 2011 was received.

A letter from the State Auditor's Office approving our Levy Estimate Budget for FY2011 – FY2012 was received.

Copies of the 2008, 2009, and 2010 Audit Reports from the State Auditor's Office were received.

The above correspondence was ordered filed in the County Clerk's Office.

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A motion was made by Marty Bartz, seconded by Norma Tarr, and unanimously passed to approve the Proclamation declaring April, 2011 as FAIR HOUSING MONTH was received and adopted by the Commission.

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The Commission had received a request from Pat Ford, Executive Director of the Business Development Corporation asking the Commission to declare them as the lead economic development corporation and agree to pledge \$30,000 for FY2011-2012 to be used as a match toward the grant being made available by the State of West Virginia for this economic development program. Commissioner Kazienko commended Mr. Ford for his help in numerous projects in Brooke County. A motion was made by Marty Bartz, seconded by Norma Tarr, and unanimously passed to approve the request.

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Wayne Buxton was present and wanted to know if the Commission knew anything about the break – in at the old animal shelter. Commissioner Kazienko indicated that he was apprised that a window was broken and some old gates were taken. Commissioner Bartz indicated that Mr. Bowman, Dog Warden was told to take the gates to the new shelter several months ago. The Commission discussed the number of hours Mr. Bowman has been putting in and would like a report of any extra hours he is putting in.

Mr. Buxton wanted to know if the dogs were now healthy as there has been kennel cough at the new shelter. Mr. Buxton indicated that if we are going to be pro-aggressive a report is needed on the animals. Commissioner Kazienko indicated that he gave authority to purchase the appropriate medicine for the cough. It was indicated that Mr. Bowman checked the air filters at the new shelter, however; the Commission indicated that we do have a maintenance agreement for them to be checked.

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Esther Chalfant and her son William Chalfant were present to see if the Commission had any further information on the Mahan Lane Sewage Project. Commissioner Bartz felt a letter should be written to the PSD asking numerous questions on the funding and expenditures for this project. Jeff Hensler was present and indicated that if the Commission appoints board members they should be able to remove them if they are not doing their job. After a lengthy discussion Commissioner Bartz agreed to draft a letter for submission to the BCPSD.

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Sheriff Ferguson reported that he has been monitoring the gas and oil projects in our county and there has been a contractor assigned to help answer questions that may arise. Commissioner Kazienko indicated that has also had conversation with Bob Whipp of the DOH on issues. Les McGowan questioned about signs for a left lane on Brady's Ridge for trucks as he felt this area was dangerous. Sheriff Ferguson will talk with the State Road.

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The Commission indicated that they met earlier with the State Auditor's Office to go over some issues they had concerning our recent 2008, 2009, and 2010 Audits and one thing they need to do is contact Brooke Hills Park to request they have an audit done. There were some minor issues and we are trying to resolve them.

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

General County Fund – Check Nos. 6351 through 6385 for \$118,916.77

Ambulance Service – Check Nos. 1145 through 1151 for \$58,081.57

Ambulance Fund II – Check Nos. 432 through 436 for \$4,193.01

E-911 Communications – Check Nos. 645 through 651 for \$71,199.90

Dog Fund – Check Nos. 541 through 542 for \$1,225.91 (No. 541 Void - \$106.50)

State Government Grants – Check Nos. 543 through 544 for \$7,261.41

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Bernard L. Kazienko, President

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Sylvia J. Benzo, County Clerk

