

REGULAR ADJOURNED SESSION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF BROOKE COUNTY,
WEST VIRGINIA, HELD MONDAY, JULY 25, 2017

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The County Commission of Brooke County, West Virginia met in regular adjourned session this 25th day of July, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. at the Courthouse.

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Present: Jim Andreozzi, President Pro-Tem
Stacey Wise, Commissioner
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 Stacey Wise, seconded by Jim Andreozzi and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the meeting held on July 18, 2017.

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

An invitation was received from the Brooke County Committee on Aging to attend their Brooke County Senior picnic on August 2, 2017 at Brooke Hills Park beginning at 11:00 a.m. Please RSVP if attending.

A request from Bob Fowler, Ambulance Director to hire Andrew Locke as a part-time EMT was received. Stacey Wise made a motion, seconded by Jim Andreozzi and passed to approve the request. Commissioner Andreozzi questioned if the part-time employees are kept under the twenty (20) working hours and Mr. Fowler indicated not yet.

A Request for Revision to the Approved Budget was received to put \$4,712 in Sheriff Law for Route 2 security and \$121.00 in K-9 Unit as donations. Stacey Wise made a motion, seconded by Jim Andreozzi and passed to approve the revision which will be sent to the State for approval.

An e-mail was received from the Secretary of State letting us know that County Clerk, Mark Rhodes of Wood County was appointed to President Trumps Commission on Election Integrity.

A Press Release from the Secretary of State's Office concerning their response to providing Public records request by the Presidential Advisory Commission and the fact they do not give out personal information.

A copy of the Brooke County Public Service District minutes of their June 6, 2017 and June 15, 2017 meetings.

An e-mail from Jonathan Adler, Executive Director of the West Virginia Association of Counties letting us know that the West Virginia Development Office has announced 2017 HUD Community Development Block Grant Program for Broadband Development has funds available for Broadband Development. Applications are due by October 30, 2017. A copy will be given to Sheriff Palmer.

A request was received from the Wellsburg Volunteer Fire Department for our support in the form of a donation.

A letter was received from the Association of West Virginia Solid Waste Authorities advising of a WV Educational Conference on Litter Control & Solid Waste at Pipestem Resort taking place October 22, 2017.

A letter was received from The Thrasher Group, Inc. requesting the Commission's support in funding for a supplemental grant that the City of Weirton is requesting from the WV Development Office through the Industrial Access Road Grant Program to extend Park Drive to service Pietro Fiorentini

in Weirton. Steve Hamit, Project Manager was present and indicated that funding would come through two different grant cycles. Approximately \$650,000 is needed for the project and this additional funding will get us to that required amount. Commissioner Andreozzi indicated that a lot of good things are happening in our county including this Industrial Road. Stacey Wise made a motion seconded by Jim Andreozzi and passed to adopt a Resolution in support of the grant. The Commission praised their efforts on this project.

A list of information was received from the Secretary of State's Office on statistical information on the number of registered and cancelled voters since January, 2017 for all counties as supplied by the Secretary of State.

An e-mail from the Division of Criminal Justice Services outlining money that can be spent for the various equipment for the \$28,213.00 Court Security Project and outlining how much can be spent on each project.

An e-mail was received from the Schwendeman Agency outlining how Cobra Notices for Insurance purposes are to be handled.

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

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Bob Fowler reported that the Bethany Ambulance Service will no longer exist after August 1, 2017. They receive \$10,000 from the Ambulance/Excess Levy Fund to provide ambulance services to the Bethany area. Mr. Fowler explained that Bethany would like to sell their ambulance to the county for a total cost of \$100,000 through a lease agreement with a minimum payment each year of \$10,000. The \$10,000 that Bethany receives under the levy would revert to the Ambulance Service and he felt the total cost of \$100,000 could be absorbed because the Ambulance Service would receive the \$10,000 from the levy which would off-set the cost to lease the ambulance. Mr. Fowler is in the process of having the Prosecutor review a Lease Agreement which would be for a year to year Agreement between the Bethany Ambulance Service and the Brooke County Ambulance Service. Commissioner Andreozzi wanted to make sure there would be no lapse in coverage for the Bethany residents. Mr. Fowler stated that the Brooke County Ambulance Service covers the area now and have for over a year. They are working with West Liberty on tones and will work with the Sheriff to make sure everything is okay. Mr. Fowler stated that the ambulance they will be acquiring from Bethany has about 30,000 miles on it and in addition to it they will be receiving the LifPak 15 Monitor/Defibulator, Stryker Power ProXT, VHF Radio and all the drugs located on the Ambulance. Mr. Fowler explained that he talked to the Auditor and was told that if they are going to make payments through a Lease that it had to be a yearly lease with the option to terminate the Lease Agreement and return the collateral without any further obligation at the end of a year. After discussion, a motion was made by Stacey Wise, seconded by Jim Andreozzi and passed to authorize the purchase of the Ambulance through a Lease pending the approval of the Prosecutor on the language of the Lease Agreement.

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Sheriff Palmer updated the Commission on grounding issues for the electric in the courthouse. He reported that Sayre Electric provided a copy of their report for pricing from 2011 and their recommendations for grounding issues. He also has information from McKinley & Associates and will be meeting with ERB Electric later today. The Courthouse continues to have surcharges when there are storms which causes issues in the 911 Department. Sheriff Palmer has reviewed the Courthouse Facilities Improvement Grant and stated there are two areas on the grant application which deal with electrical and structural and he would like to submit an application. Commissioner Wise is working on a grant as well and will be glad to work with the Sheriff to include this in the grant application as well. Sheriff Palmer will be getting some price quotes and provide those for the application.

Sheriff Palmer talked with George Gresko of Assure America concerning the House Arrest Program to see if additional insurance is needed for the two employees from this program and was told that as long as they provide the same service as deputies there would be no additional fees. The Ridgway's have less authority than our Deputy Sheriffs'.

Sheriff Palmer is still waiting on information concerning having the drug Narcan available for Sheriff Deputies if they are called for a drug overdose. He was not sure of the liability issues on carrying this drug.

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A copy of the Monitoring Report for the Animal Shelter was received as provided by Jim Shaffer.

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

General County Fund - Check Nos. 19251 through 19268 for \$48,916.78
Dog Fund - Check Nos. 1275 through 1276 for \$1,297.78
E-911 - Check Nos. 1788 through 1789 for \$3,008.00
Ambulance Fund - Check Nos. 3429 through 3439 for \$4,551.72
Shelter Levy - Check Nos. 506 through 507 for \$527.20
Valuation Fund - Check No. 1183 for \$926.00

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No further business to come before the Commission a motion was made by Stacey Wise, seconded by Jim Andreozzi and unanimously passed to adjourn.

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Jim Andreozzi, President Pro-Tem

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Sylvia J. Benzo, Clerk