

REGULAR ADJOURNED SESSION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF BROOKE COUNTY,
WEST VIRGINIA, HELD TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2017

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The County Commission of Brooke County, West Virginia met in regular adjourned session this 15th day of August, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. at the Courthouse.

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Present: Tim Ennis, President
Jim Andreozzi and Stacey Wise, 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 Jim Andreozzi, seconded by Stacey Wise and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the meeting held on August 8, 2017.

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

A letter from Joseph Barki, Prosecutor attaching a copy of a letter of resignation from Heather Rahr, effective August 4, 2017 from the Prosecutor's Office.

A copy of the minutes of the Hammond Public Service District for June 14, 2017, July 6, 2017, July 12, 2017 and July 19, 2017 was received.

A copy of the minutes of the Brooke County Public Service District meeting of July 12, 2017 was received.

A letter was received from the Ambulance Service requesting to hire Eric Cianelli as a part-time paramedic. Jim Andreozzi made a motion, seconded by Stacey Wise and unanimously passed to approve said hiring.

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

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Sheriff Larry Palmer was present to do a follow-up on a study done by McKinley & Associates in 2011 on the grounding issues of the courthouse. They quoted a price of about \$2,900, however; he needs to check on this because some of the items may have been repaired that were on the list. The Commission had previously discussed applying for a grant under the Courthouse Facilities Improvement Authority and Sheriff Palmer was not sure of the grant since we have two categories that we would like to submit an application.

Sheriff Palmer stated he had complaints about the lack of a telephone line in the Mapping & Addressing. He called World Radio and is checking to see about a separate phone line to the them. Commissioner Ennis stated that the Commission is looking into a new system and felt we needed to advertise. The Commission discussed a new phone system for the courthouse is needed and would like to include the Magistrate and Prosecuting Attorney's Office or have two separate bids. They will be setting up a meeting soon with department heads to discuss the telephone system.

Sheriff Palmer reported that he talked with George Gresko of Assure America concerning having our deputies have the ability to carry the drug Narcan and administer it when needed. He indicated that he was told that since the State of West Virginia allows our first responders to carry and administer the drug that our law enforcement would also be allowed since they are a first responder. Sheriff Palmer reported that a Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between the Wheeling Hospital and Brooke County EMS concerning the Narcan Policy. The Brooke County Health Department has the drug kits in their office for use. He reported that the insurance

liability stays the same as long as all activities fall under law enforcement it should not increase the insurance.

Sheriff Palmer would like to hire two part-time employees in the 911 Center. He currently has only one part-time person and sometimes a Beech Bottom police officer and another individual fill-in when needed. Jim Andreozzi made a motion to authorize the advertising for two part-time employees that will work under twenty hours per week.

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Bud Billiard introduced Captain Kevin Starbuck of the U. S. Army #336 out of Weirton, WV. Captain Starbuck thanked the Commission for having them at Brooke Hills Park. They have been at the Park since last week doing numerous renovations including renovations to the baseball field. The Commission indicated that a lot of the repairs would not be possible without the help of their group. They have between thirty-three to fifty men and women helping with various projects.

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Jason Linn, owner of Electric Supply in Wintersville, Ohio was present and discussed having LED lighting installed in the courthouse. He indicated that AEP and First Energy give rebates from the electric company and can show a savings using LED lighting. The Commission stated that they are in the process of looking at doing something with our lighting and will soon be getting specifications ready. Commissioner Wise indicated that the Commission is looking at new lighting for the entire building and doing some drop ceilings. Mr. Linn reported that he gets paid through the selling of products and supplies and does not do grounding issues, only lighting. The Commission will be getting together soon to discuss this further.

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Kevin Beynon and Mark Henne of the Weirton Transit Authority presented to the Commission a copy of their FY2017-2018 budget. Mr. Beynon indicated that the Authority is not asking for an increase in their funding this year. They asked the Commission for the same about as last year which was \$6,000. He reported that the Authority is adding new busses in December and will be expanding their route further South to the Dollar General. He felt usage had gone up. The Commission will discuss this further at next week's meeting.

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Ruby Greathouse was present and indicated that the Economic Development Authority will be meeting at the Museum tomorrow due to the remodeling of the Library.

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A motion was made by Stacey Wise, seconded by Jim Andreozzi and unanimously passed to approve \$1,000 to the WV Route 2/I-68 Authority for this fiscal year.

A motion was made by Jim Andreozzi, seconded by Stacey Wise and unanimously passed to give the Brooke County Pioneer Trail \$3,000 to be used toward their liability insurance.

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

Payroll Withholding - Check Nos. 19282, 19283, 19365-19373 for
\$111,453.91
General County Fund - Check Nos. 19339 through 19364 for \$45,103.59
E-911 - Check Nos. 1803 through 1808 for \$713.02
Ambulance Fund - Check Nos. 3453 through 3459 for \$3,609.13
Fire Levy - Check Nos. 1378 through 1388 for \$27,360.06
Enhanced 911 Equipment - Check No. 1809 for \$1,590.94
Valuation Fund - Check Nos. 1189 through 1190 for \$822.44

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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.

Timothy R. Ennis, President

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Sylvia J. Benzo, Clerk