

REGULAR ADJOURNED SESSION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF BROOKE COUNTY,
WEST VIRGINIA, HELD FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2019

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The County Commission of Brooke County, West Virginia met in regular adjourned session this 15th day of February, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. at the Courthouse.

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Present: Tim Ennis, President
Stacey Wise and Andrew J. Thomas, 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 Andrew Thomas, seconded by Stacey Wise and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the meeting held on February 5, 2019.

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

A letter was received from Alexandra Eberle asking to be considered for appointment to the Brooke County Economic Development Authority Board. A copy of her letter will be sent to the EDA.

A Press Release was received from the Secretary of State announcing that Mason County lead in new business growth for January, 2019 with fourteen (14) new businesses.

A brochure from the Division of Justice and Community Services letting us know the deadline to submit an application for the Court Security Fund Grant Program is April 3, 2019. A copy will be forwarded to Sheriff Palmer.

An e-mail from the Ambulance Service attaching a copy of the resignation of Jeff Cline as a full-time employee but asking to remain on part-time status. A motion was made by Andrew Thomas, seconded by Stacey wise to accept the resignation of Jeff Cline from full-time employment and on a separate motion to allow him to remain on part-time status.

An e-mail from the Ambulance Service asking to hire Robert Geisel as a full-time Paramedic beginning March 1, 2019. He currently works part-time. Stacey Wise made a motion, seconded by Andrew Thomas and unanimously passed to hire Robert Geisel as a full-time Paramedic.

An invitation was received to attend the Public Investiture and Administration of the Oath of Office for Michael Jarrett Olejasz as Judge of the First Judicial Circuit to be held on March 6, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. at the West Virginia Independence Hall in Wheeling.

A letter was received from Sheriff Palmer letting us know that Emily Drake, dispatcher has been employed for more than one year and is due an increase of pay from \$24,040.00 to \$25,040.00. Ms. Drake was employed, as of December 1, 2018 for two years and along with her \$100.00 longevity should be at \$26,140 and she is due back pay for her services. The Commission will get with the bookkeeping on this issue.

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

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The Commission welcomed Dr. Jeffrey Crook, Interim Superintendent Brooke County Schools to the Commission meeting. Dr. Crook stated that he was happy to be in Brooke County and has been going to a lot of clubs and organizations to get to know the community. He also asked for the community support of passage of the excess levy which he stated is an on-going levy of taxes since

1958. He indicated that the BOE is trying to be transparent and would be glad to provide any type of information the public would like to see.

Richard Ferguson, Wellsburg Police Chief was present and expressed the importance of the passage of the levy which also provides funds for a PRO Officer at the Brooke Middle School. Chief Ferguson stated that one of his Wellsburg Officers is the PRO Officer at Brooke Middle School and if the levy does not pass, he will not be able to financial support a PRO officer at the school. He felt if the levy does not pass the whole county will suffer.

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Darin Pizer, Deputy Sheriff reported that the fire system known as West in Rayland, Ohio has been installed. Sheriff Palmer was listening to a call and thought it was scratchy but felt maybe it was just his location.

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Tim Hooper from the State Treasurer's Office was present and stated that the Unclaimed Property List will be coming out soon in our local paper and they are available to help with this process.

Mr. Hooper also stated that he is a member of the Rotary Club and they would like to purchase four vests and four batons for the workers that direct traffic at the school, however; the company they are purchasing these from want only a Pay Pal account or pay through a website. He stated that the Rotary Club does not have either type of service and wanted to know if they could pay the Sheriff and have him pay for the order. Commissioner Ennis commended the workers and knows the danger the workers are in because the road is dark. They will discuss this request.

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Commissioner Ennis reported that during the Commission's trip to Charleston this week they met with our legislators and discussed with them the Education Bill and the Inventory Tax Bill which he felt was important to our county. Also discussed was the communications and frequencies of our radio equipment, etc. He felt the meetings were very productive.

Tim Hooper stated that he was told that if someone needs to recuse themselves from voting on Commission business that they must also leave the room when the vote is taken. Our Commission was not aware of this rule.

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

General County Fund - Check Nos. 22218 through 22254 for \$136,520.12
Payroll withholding - Check Nos. 22211 through 22217 for \$2,053.76
Dog Fund - Check No. 1388 through 1390 for \$800.67
E-911 - Check Nos. 2093 through 2100 for \$4,468.32
Home Confinement - Check No. 1391 for \$2,220.00
Ambulance Fund - Check Nos. 4130 through 4136 for \$4,110.79
Excess Levy - Check Nos. 22255 through 22264 for \$67,023.66
Shelter Levy - Check Nos. 814 through 820 for \$1,235.49
Enhanced 911 Equipment - Check Nos. 2101 through 2102 for \$5,205.61
Valuation Fund - Check Nos. 1364 through 1372 for \$3,939.50

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

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Timothy R. Ennis, President

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Sylvia J. Benzo, Clerk