

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSION SS:

At a regular session of the County Commission in and for the aforesaid County and State, at the James F. Cain Court House Annex, on the 15th day of December, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.

Present: Randolph County Commissioners, David Kesling and Chris Siler. Commission President Chris See was present by phone.

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Kesling

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Richard DeBias appeared before the Commission. He said he just wanted to let the Commission know he hasn't gotten anywhere with his fire fee re-imbursement that he spoke to Chris Siler about and nothing has been done on the investigation of property that he requested be done either.

Matthew Ballin appeared before the Commission. He said he is an investigative reporter. He read an article from the Inter-Mountain, but pronounced it Inter-Mountaineer, regarding first responder recognition that the Commission did a few meetings ago. He intentionally pronounced the names wrong. He said Deputy Nuts, which is really Deputy Knotts, injured K-9 Hacker in a 75 mph crash. He said the crash caused him to have a spinal fracture. He said now the Commission is going to buy another cruiser for the Sheriff. He said Sheriff Elbon has destroyed three or four cruisers since he has been here. He said the Commission is wasting money and just giving him what he wants. He said they all get giddy when a dog attacks a human. Commissioner Kesling tried to correct Mr. Ballin several times and Mr. Ballin said it was his article that he wrote and he can pronounce it however he wants to. Mr. Ballin also kept referring to Deputy Nuts (Knotts) as being Sheriff Elbon's son in law which was also not true. Sheriff Elbon said he has no daughters that are married.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Siler moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting that was held on December 1, 2022, as submitted. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

REPORTS:

Erin Golden, Director of North Central Community Corrections, reported to the Commission that there are currently 88 participants on the program and the program has saved the County \$646,115.75 in regional jail bills so far this fiscal year. (See copy attached)

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

State Employees and the County will be doing that also with ours expiring December 31, 2022. He also announced that new P-Cards have arrived and Brooke Hinzman will be passing those out and they will need to be activated.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION:

ELECTION OF COMMISSION PRESIDENT FOR 2023

Commissioner Siler moved to approve David Kesling to be the Commission President for 2023. Commissioner Siler voted yes, Commissioner See voted yes, Commissioner Kesling abstained from voting. Motion passed

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF COUNTY HOLIDAYS FOR 2023 (See copy attached)

Commissioner Kesling read over the list of holidays. June 19, 2023 was added for Juneteenth to the list. Commissioner Siler moved to approve the County Holidays for 2023, as presented. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PAY DATES FOR 2023 (See copy attached)

Commissioner Kesling read over the list of pay dates for 2023. Commissioner Siler moved to approve the pay dates for 2023, as presented. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONERS BOARD APPOINTMENTS FOR 2023 (See copy attached)

Commissioner Kesling read over the list of board appointments for each Commissioner. Commissioner Siler moved to approve the board appointments, as presented. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT TO NORTH CENTRAL COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS BOARD

Erin Golden, Director of North Central Community Corrections, appeared before the Commission. She said Beverly Goldizen who was a member at large on the board, has moved out of the County and can no longer be on the board. She said they are asking for Ellen Zickefoose Gilmore to be approved to serve in Ms. Goldizen's place. Commissioner Siler moved to approve the appointment of Ellen Zickefoose Gilmore to the North Central Community Corrections Board with a term to begin immediately to fill the unexpired term of Beverly Goldizen. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF STORAGE CABINET FOR PROBATION OFFICE

Commissioner Kesling said the Commission received a letter from Heidi Hawkins, Probation Officer, that said they need a storage cabinet in their office to store evidence. He said they got an estimate for a storage cabinet for approximately \$250.00. Commissioner Siler moved to approve the request to purchase a storage cabinet for the probation office in the amount of \$250.00 and that is to be taken out of other building supplies. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PAY APPLICATION FOR POOL/SPLASH PAD PROJECT

Commissioner Kesling said they had a meeting the first of the month regarding the pool/splash pad. He said they weren't able to put the liner in because it's too cold. He said they are still shooting for April 28th for the start up. He said they are still working on the bathrooms and they are ready for the concrete and asphalt to be put down in the spring. He said they have the equipment in the pump house. He said they have the fixtures for the splash pad but are holding off until spring to install them. He said they have taken out a lot of trees around the pool because of the leaves and they are getting a pool cover to help with that also. He said they also discussed prices for admission to the pool and to have certain days be free. He said they will do a grand opening when it's time. Commissioner Siler moved to approve the payment of \$39,565.53 for the pool/splash pad project and that is to be taken out of coal severance funds. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ADJUSTMENT TO PAYMENT FOR WHITMER WATER ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORTS (See copy attached)

Commissioner Siler said the Commission originally approved to give \$10,00.00 for Whitmer Water Association to get all their reports up to date. They received the invoice from Vandevander and Nypl, CPA's and it is \$12,325.00. Commissioner Siler moved to approve the adjustment of payment from \$10,000.00 to \$12,325.00 to Vandevander and Nypl on behalf of Whitmer Water Association and that is to be taken out of courthouse contractual funds. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF LETTER TO TYGART VALLEY PARKS AND RECREATION REGARDING DONATING PROPERTY (See copy attached)

Commissioner Siler said he spoke with the Tygarts Valley High School Principal, Steve Wamsley regarding this. He said there is property up by the prison that the Tygart Valley Parks and Recreation Board owns. He said there is a little league field there now and there is enough land that they could possibly put a softball field on it. He said this property was originally owned by the County and the County donated it to the Tygart Valley Parks and Recreation Board back in 1994. Commissioner Siler said he would like the Commission to send a letter to Tygart Valley Parks and Recreation Board and see if they would donate it to the Tygart Valley High School. Commissioner Siler moved to send the letter, as presented. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

FINAL SETTLEMENTS/ANNUAL ACCOUNTINGS:

Commissioner Siler moved to approve the (3) Final Settlements, as submitted.

Virginia Ruth Cappadony

John Randall Collier

David Michael Payne, Sr.

BUDGET REVISIONS: (See copy attached)

Commissioner Siler moved to approve an In House Budget Revision for the Sheriff's Office for LE Auto Maintenance in the amount of \$3,000.00. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

DIVISION OF PROPERTY/ERRONEOUS ASSESSMENTS:

Commissioner Siler moved to approve the divisions of property and erroneous assessments, as submitted. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

DISTRESSED PROPERTIES: None

FIRE FEE ADJUSTMENTS:

Commissioner Siler moved to approve the (2) Fire Fee adjustments, as submitted. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Commissioner Siler moved to pay the bills, as submitted. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

ADJOURN THE MEETING:

Commissioner Siler moved to adjourn the meeting. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

Attest: _____