

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 6th day of June, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.

Present: Mark Scott, President of the Randolph County Commission and Chris See and David Kesling, Commissioners thereof.

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Scott

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chris Lee, Director of the Phil Gainer Community Center appeared before the Commission. He said he was there to give a brief update on the events that the County Commission supported at the Phil Gainer Community Center over the course of the last year. He said the first was HOFNOD which was held on May 11th this year and the County Commission has been a long time supporter of. He said he estimates there were about 1,500 people thru the door at HOFNOD. He said they changed it this year to try to bring back the original message of hooked on fishing not on drugs, instead of it being an expo for vendors. He said they cut out any vendors that was selling anything and did not let any organizations do fundraisers. He said they focused more on anti drug education and pro outdoor recreation. The second thing he wanted to talk about was the Engage after School program that just wrapped up three weeks ago. He said 95 children signed up for the program. The average daily attendance was 21, the highest 35 and the lowest was 12. He said they had 48 special programs such as cooking classes, anti bullying workshop, laser tag, square dances and lots of other things. Mr. Lee said they had 7 volunteers which totaled 73 volunteer hours. He said they received a \$2,500.00 grant from Dominion Energy which they used to purchase laptops and a printer for the kids to use for educational purposes. He said they also had \$1,981.10 in monetary donations along with the \$5,000.00 that the County Commission donated which gave them a budget of \$6,981.10, and the City of Elkins paid the wages of the supervisor. He said for next year D and E College has already committed staff and the City of Elkins has agreed to cover the supervisor wages. He said they are excited to continue the program.

MINUTES:

Commissioner See moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 16, 2019, as submitted.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner See moved to approve the minutes of the special meeting that was held on May 30, 2019, as submitted.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

REPORTS:

(See copy attached)

Erin Golden, Director of North Central Community Corrections, appeared before the Commission. She said they currently have 103 participants on the program and the program has saved the County \$1,742,232.25 in regional jail bills so far this fiscal year.

Kurt Gainer from Randolph County EMS reported that there are two ambulances out of service, one was from hitting a deer and one was from hydroplaning. He said the employees are all okay. He said he also has two paramedic slots open out of 13.

Sheriff Brady reported that his office has lost one Deputy to the military and he will be gone for a year and a half and another Deputy retired and took another position. He said they were able to hire one Deputy, Tyler Knotts, but he can't get into the July academy and they are hoping to get him into the August academy. He said they will still have two positions open to fill but the next academy classes won't start until January. He said the Civil Service Board will have to do another test cycle and provide him with new candidates to hire. He said they will be running short handed for the rest of the year.

Commissioner Scott reported that Phyllis Yokum, Randolph County Assessor has been named the State President of the WV Association of Counties. He said that is a huge honor. Michael Parker, Randolph County Prosecuting Attorney was the President of this a few years ago.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Commissioner Scott said the County Commission received a letter earlier this week from the Supreme Court of Appeals approving a grant for court security for the courthouse in the amount of \$35,196.00. Commissioner Scott said a meeting will be held with everyone involved to determine how best to utilize the funds.

Commissioner Scott said they were notified by the PSC that there had been an increase in the wireless 911 fees. He said it has been increased from \$3.34 to \$3.83 per month per subscriber. He said this was done on the State level. He wants the citizens of Randolph County to know that this wasn't an increase done by them, but by the PSC.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Commissioner Scott announced that the last meeting of the fiscal year will be held on Friday June 21st at 1:30 pm. He said Thursday June 20, 2019 is a holiday, WV Day.

Commissioner See said the electronic recycling has been changed from June 8, 2019 to Saturday June 29, 2019, however the tire recycling is still being held on June 8th.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION:

PRESENTATION: ROBBIE MORRIS, MICRO-LOGIC

Robbie Morris appeared before the Commission. He said the Community Connect grant that they received a couple of years ago is in the implementation stage. The first tower was put up in Mabie and the last count he had there were 44 subscribers in Mabie. The

next tower is to be put up in East Dailey and construction should start on that on Monday. He said starting Tuesday the second round of construction contracts will begin advertising and that will bring an additional tower to Cassity and the south side of Beverly. He said that will pretty much round out the first phase of the towers for the County. He said they have another one that they have been approved for in the Ellamore area but they are having trouble finding a site location for that. Mr. Morris said there were 178 applications sent in for the grants and our application scored the highest in the Country and we received the maximum 3 million dollars. He said with that they are in the implementation stage of the reconnect program with the United States Department of Agriculture. He said that the project they have been having public meetings on and working on getting towers and so forth. He said they changed some of the rules and requirements from the first grant to this grant. He said they would have had to do all new maps and submit them which would have been 1100 maps. He said they did not submit an application. He said the program is already federally funded for next year. He said then they will apply with the next grant cycle once they work out all the bugs. He said they also have the abandoned mine land grants and that grant is already awarded and it is designed to build towers throughout the State. He said there are 5 sites in Randolph County where they could put towers. He said they just have to have property owners sign the leases and those could be started. Mr. Morris said guaranteed right now is 8-9 towers in the County and with the reconnect program next year that should add an additional 10.

PRESENTATION: SETH YOUNG, AUGUSTA HERITAGE

(See copy attached)

Seth Young, Executive Director of Augusta Heritage Center, appeared before the Commission. He said Randolph County is his home and he is honestly invested in trying to make it a better place. He said he is very happy about his new appointment as Executive Director of the Augusta Heritage Center. He said in case anyone doesn't know what they do, they have four weeks of quality folk arts programming right here in Randolph County housed at Davis and Elkins College. He said three of those weeks take place in July and one of those weeks takes place in October. He said in those four weeks they have over 1,500 participants which includes students and instructors that come in from all 50 States and from around the world. He said the people that come are considered a class of tourism that is called cultural tourists. He said some of those people stay in hotels and eat at restaurants in the County. Mr. Young said he would like to make some changes now that he is the Executive Director and take it off the hill and bring it to downtown. He said he has already been talking to some businesses. He would like to have some events at the new amphitheatre. He said any of the County Commission's continued support would go towards local arts programming and also programming that brings tourists into the area with the goal that they are spending money here in our restaurants and they are staying here in our hotels so that we can start to contribute a lot more value to this community. Commissioner Scott said they received a letter requesting \$20,000.00 in funding which is more than they usually give. Commissioner See moved to approve funding of \$5,000.00 to Augusta Heritage Center and that is to be taken out of Hotel/Motel Tax funds.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER FUNDING REQUEST FROM JIM ROSSI FOR COALTON DAYS

(See copy attached)

Jim Rossi, Mayor of Coalton, appeared before the Commission. He said this will be the 25th year for the annual Coalton Days Celebration. This is an old fashioned get together of friends and families. He said there are 20 kids in the pageant this year. Mike Carry is going to be the Parade Marshall this year. There will be a car show and music performances and Bob Huggins will be there. Commissioner Kesling moved to approve the funding request of \$5,000.00 to the Town of Coalton for the Coalton Days Celebration and that is to be taken out of Hotel/Motel Tax funds.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER RE-APPOINTING JILL SNYDER TO PIONEER MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

(See copy attached)

Commissioner See moved to re-appoint Jill Snyder to the Pioneer Memorial Public Library Board for a five year term beginning on July 1, 2019 and ending on June 30, 2024.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER RE-APPOINTING BILL HARTMAN, TOM WILLIAMS AND HOY FERGUSON TO THE RANDOLPH COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD

(See copy attached)

Commissioner Kesling moved to re-appoint Bill Hartman, Tom Williams and Hoy Ferguson to the Randolph County Development Authority Board for a term of three years beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2022.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER RE-APPOINTING LINDA ZICKEFOOSE TO RUSSELL MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

(See copy attached)

Commissioner See moved to re-appoint Linda Zickefoose to Russell Memorial Public Library Board of Trustees for a five year term beginning on July 1, 2019 and ending on June 30, 2024.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER APPOINTING KATHY VANCE TO RANDOLPH COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD

(See copy attached)

Commissioner Kesling moved to approve the appointment of Kathy Vance to the Randolph County Housing Authority Board for a three year term beginning on July 1, 2019 and ending on June 30, 2022.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER SIGNING APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER FOR 911

Commissioner Scott said they received a change order for the 911 project and this has been discussed by Silling and Associates and the contractor, Lombardi for quite some time. He said there was a range and range hood that they thought they would be able to use but it logistically doesn't work so they need to add that for \$1,509.00 in addition to that there was a request to move some mailboxes from one side to the other which Lombardi did that for free and they also moved some of the stuff around in the kitchen area for free. Commissioner See moved to approve the change order for 911 as presented in the amount of \$1,509.00.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER SIGNING A LETTER FOR SMOKER FRIENDLY FOR A LIQUOR LICENSE

Commissioner Scott said they received a request from Smoker Friendly. He said Smoker Friendly reached out to the City of Elkins to find out about zoning and they received everything they need from the City but they also need a letter from the County Commission. Commissioner Scott said they need it from the City and the County. Commissioner Scott moved to approve the signing of a letter for Smoker Friendly for a liquor license and the letter being about zoning which there is no zoning in Randolph County.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER SIGNING CONTRACT WITH RANDOLPH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Scott said Senate Bill 522 was enacted by the Senate in the year 2000, article two was amended in Chapter 16 of the WV Code and basically what it does is state that each County must support their County Health Department. He said the Commission has been supporting the Health Department for the last several years in the amount of \$83,000.00. That is paid to them quarterly.

Commissioner Kesling moved to sign the contract with the Randolph County Health Department in the amount of \$83,000.00 which is to be paid quarterly.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER SIGNING CONTRACT WITH ELKINS LODGE #108 FOR PARKING

Commissioner Scott said the County has been leasing the lot behind the Elkins Lodge #108 for parking for a number of years now. He said the original lease agreement was signed years ago. They were looking through all of their leases and noticed that this lease had not been renewed since 2014. To get everything up to date they are renewing all of the leases and contracts. Commissioner Scott said the amount doesn't change which is \$500.00 per month. Commissioner See moved to approve signing of a contract with Elkins Lodge #108 in the amount of \$500.00 per month for use of their parking lot.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PLANTS FOR COURTHOUSE

Commissioner Scott said this is a renewal of the plant contract with Delmonte Market for all of the plants out front for the entire summer. This covers all the hanging baskets and

all the beautiful plants that we have outside. Commissioner See moved to approve the request from Delmonte Market in the amount of \$1,275.00 for the plants outside of the Courthouse buildings for the entire summer.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER HIRING FOR A POSITION IN PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

Randolph County Prosecuting Attorney, Michael Parker, appeared before the Commission. He said they advertised for this position the same time they advertised for the previous position that he just hired someone for at the last meeting. He said they received a number of good qualified candidates and conducted interviews. The person he chose was Allyson Smoak and she is currently employed by the Randolph County Board of Education. He would like her to begin working on June 26, 2019 with a salary of \$33,800.00 per year, which is the amount allocated in the VOCA grant, and he would also like her to have full benefits. Mr. Parker said Jayne Rawl who is the current victim services coordinator will be retiring on June 28, 2019.

Commissioner See moved to approve the hiring of Allyson Smoak as victim services coordinator with an effective date of June 26, 2019 with a salary of \$33,800.00 per year with full benefits and she will be placed on a 90 day probationary period.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

ADDITIONAL CHANGE ORDER FOR 911 CENTER

Commissioner Kesling moved to approve the punch list for the 911 Center in the amount not to exceed \$5,000.00.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously .

FINAL SETTLEMENTS:

Commissioner Kesling moved to approve the fourteen final settlements/annual accountings as submitted on the following estates:

Ted Elmer Been

Anna May Booth

Walter Ray Channels

Freda Katherine Currence

Richard W. Dye

John James Haheer

Jean Isner

Jack M. Lewis

Ann G. Maxwell

Lucy Etta McGee

Mary Lou Roy

Albert E. Settle, II

Patricia Ann Taylor

Ronald Edward White

All yes - Motion passed unanimously

BUDGET REVISIONS:

(See attached copies)

Commissioner Kesling moved to approve an in house budget revision in the amount of \$5,800.00 for roof repair.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Kesling moved to approve an in house budget revision in the amount of \$1,260.00 for the Assessor's Office.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner See moved to approve an in house budget revision in the amount of \$360.00 for the County Clerk's Office.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Kesling moved to approve an in house budget revision in the amount of \$20,000.00 for the Community Corrections Office.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner See moved to approve a state budget revision in the amount of \$3,379.00 for the Dog Warden funds.

Commissioner See voted yes

Commissioner Kesling voted yes

Commissioner Scott voted yes

Motion passed

Commissioner See moved to approve an in house budget revision in the amount of \$550.00 for magistrate cell phones.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Kesling moved to approve an in house budget revision in the amount of \$8,650.70 for the Sheriff's Office.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner See moved to approve a state budget revision in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

Commissioner See voted yes

Commissioner Kesling voted yes

Commissioner Scott voted yes

Motion passed

Commissioner See moved to approve an in house budget revision in the amount of \$3,500.00 for the Prosecutor's Office.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Kesling moved to approve an in house budget revision in the amount of \$8,500.00 for the Prosecutor's Office.