

REGULAR SESSION

NOVEMBER 28, 2016

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF PRESTON, Ss:

The Preston County Commission met in Regular Session at 9:30 a.m., November 28, 2016, in the County Commission Meeting Room.

The meeting was called to order by President Craig Jennings who invited those present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Jennings then declared the following Commissioners present: Don Smith, Dave Price and Craig Jennings.

Also present were Dianna Hartman, County Clerk's Office and Kathy Mace, Administrator/Grant Writer.

The following persons registered their attendance during the meeting:

Kathy Plum
Theresa Marthey
Linda Huggins
Terri Funk Sypolt

No one registered prior to the meeting to address the Commission.

Commissioner Smith moved to authorize payment of all properly presented and approved invoices. Commissioner Price seconded the motion. Discussion called for. Question called for. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioners Smith, Price and Jennings voting yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the Preston County Tax Correction List, dated November 28, 2016, as presented by Assessor Terri Funk Sypolt. Commissioner Price seconded the motion. Discussion called for. Question called for. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioners Smith, Price and Jennings voting yes. Motion carried.

There were no Notices of Apportionment for Jointly Owned Motor Vehicles, Consolidations of Land or County Court Splits presented.

President Jennings recognized Kathy Mace for the Administrator's report.

Ms. Mace advised that a letter has been received from the IRS concerning the civil penalty that the county has been paying on. The abatement letter from the county has been reviewed and denied by the IRS. The bottom line is that the county must still pay the amount assessed to be owed. An appeal process is now possible by the county. In order to appeal, the county will have to give a detailed written statement as to why it is believed this amount is not owed.

It was the decision of the Commission at this time that the county continue making the agreed upon monthly payments but to appeal the decision of the IRS.

Ms. Mace told Commissioners that some payments have been received from the Animal Shelter restitution letters that were sent several weeks ago. Some letters have been returned for various reasons, such as incorrect addresses. Ms. Mace will continue to monitor and work on this project. \$8,752.25 has been received in full and \$249. received to date in payments

Commissioners discussed employees optical/dental plan. Currently, Guardian is the carrier for dental and Davis is the carrier for vision coverage. It has been researched to possibly move to Lincoln as the new dental carrier and Eye-Med Vision for the vision carrier. It appears that providers under Eye-Med Vision are very limited in our area. All plans are being explored and it appears that no matter which carriers are selected, employees will see an increase in premiums for this coverage. Further research will be done before making a decision.

No action was taken on the 2016 official ballot for Farm Service Agency committee elections.

Ms. Mace told Commissioners that work is being done today in the jury room for removal of asbestos and work will continue Wednesday evening on the renovations.

Work on the kennels at the Animal Shelter is continuing today.

Under Old Business, Commissioner Smith moved to dispense with the reading in open court of the minutes of the County Commission meetings on November 14 and 15, and to approve the same as presented. Commissioner Price seconded the motion. Discussion called for. Question called for. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioners Smith, Price and Jennings voting yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Hartman advised that Commissioners have been furnished, by e-mail, copies of the minutes of the November 21, 2016, County Commission meeting.

Under New Business, Commissioner Price moved to dispense with the reading in open court of the proceedings of the Clerk of this Commission, had in vacation on **November 16 through November 21, 2016**, inclusive, and to approve and confirm the same as presented by the County Clerk, there having been no exceptions or objections filed thereto. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Discussion called for. Question called for. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioners Price, Smith and Jennings voting yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Price moved that the following estate settlements and/or waivers thereof, having been filed for a period of ten (10) days prior to the commencement of this term and there being no exceptions or objections filed thereto, be approved and confirmed.

Estate of Wanna C. Engle, deceased – Waiver of Final Settlement – filed by Stephanie L. Hibbs, Personal Representative – filed on 11/14/2016

Estate of Patricia Ann Haney, deceased – Report of Receipts, Disbursements and Distribution – filed by Kenneth Haney, Administrator – filed on 11/17/2016

Estate of Mary Jo Collins, deceased – Report of Receipts, Disbursements and Distribution – Filed by Lucy E. Metz, Administrator – filed on 11/18/2016

Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Discussion called for. Question called for. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioners Price, Smith and Jennings voting yes. Motion carried.

There were no Fiduciary Commissioner Reports or Referrals presented.

Reappointment of Alcinda Shockey as a representative on North Central WV Community Action Association will be placed on next week's agenda.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, President Jennings declared the meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

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