

**REGULAR SESSION**

**NOVEMBER 21, 2016**

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF PRESTON, Ss:**

The Preston County Commission met in Regular Session at 9:30 a.m., November 21, 2016, in the County Commission Meeting Room.

In the absence of President Craig Jennings, Commissioner Price moved that Don Smith serve as President pro-tem for today's meeting. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Discussion called for. Question called for. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioners Price and Smith voting yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Smith was administered the Oath of Office by Dianna Hartman, County Clerk's Office and then invited those present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Smith declared the following Commissioners present: Dave Price and Don Smith. Commissioner Craig Jennings was absent.

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  
Kendra Born  
Robert DeLauder  
Terri Sypolt

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

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

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

Administrator Kathy Mace advised that work on renovations to the jury room are continuing during night time hours. There is one modification on the hand rails but will meet ADA requirements.

Repair to the HVAC chiller in the Courthouse is complete with one new compressor installed.

A walk-thru was conducted for the sidewalk project with no punch list – everything appeared to be fine. Hand rails should be installed within the next two weeks.

Mike Scott has completed the concrete work at the Animal Shelter and the work to be done by Preston Machine will be done next week.

Ms. Mace presented and explained budget revisions needed. They will be considered later in today's meeting.

Ms. Mace told Commissioners that due to a death in the family of Jan Light, there will be a slight delay in the installation of new doors in the Courthouse and Deputies Building.

Under Miscellaneous Correspondence, Ms. Mace advised that there will be a change in the insurance carrier for employee's optical and dental insurance. The present carrier Guardian will change to Lincoln. There will be a change in the plan as well as an increase in premiums.

Under Old Business, Commissioner Price moved to dispense with the reading in open court of the minutes of the County Commission meeting held on November 7, 2016, and to approve the same as presented. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Discussion called for. Question called for. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioners Price and Smith voting yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Hartman advised that Commissioners have been furnished, by e-mail, copies of the minutes from the Regular Session of November 14 as well as the Continued Session of November 15.

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 9, 2016, through November 14, 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 and Smith 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 Dorothy L. Walls,** deceased – Waiver of Final Settlement – filed by Teresa Plumley, Executrix – filed on 11/07/2016

**Estate of Kathleen Marie Wiesepepe,** deceased – Waiver of Final Settlement – filed by Shawn Galusky, Executrix – filed on 11/07/2016

**Estate of Eberhard W. Teichmann,** deceased – Final Accounting – filed by Michelle L. Bechtel, Ancillary Administrator – filed on 11/07/2016

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

There were no Fiduciary Commissioner Reports or Referrals presented.

Commissioner Smith recognized Bob DeLauder, of the Terra Alta City Police Department.

Mr. DeLauder told Commissioners that he has spoken with Sheriff Loughrie who has given his approval to donate a no longer in use Sheriff's vehicle to the Terra Alta Police Department. Mr. DeLauder now requested Commissioner approval for the transfer of this vehicle.

Commissioner Price moved to approve the transfer of a 2004 Dodge Durango from the Sheriff's Department to the Terra Alta City Police Department. Commissioner Smith seconded

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

Commissioner Smith reported that he and Commissioner Price recently attended a meeting at the 911 center with representatives from the county fire departments concerning the possibility of holding a special election in supportive of a fire levy. The Assessor and County Clerk were in attendance at this meeting to discuss the procedure as well as the cost of holding a special election.

Many details need to be worked out such as how much money actually needs to be generated by the levy. It was determined that if such a levy were to pass, each fire department in the county would receive an equal share of funds raised by the levy.

Commissioner Price pointed out that many new mandates and regulations are being placed on the fire departments, causing financial burdens. Also the rotation and life of equipment and uniforms is costly to each department.

Commissioners Price and Smith do not believe such a special election could possibly be held until at least one year, or possibly longer, from now. This is merely under consideration at this time.

Kendra Born, in the absence of Duane Hamilton, requested Commissioner's permission to hire a part-time telecommunicator at the 911 center.

Commissioner Price moved to approve the request of Duane Hamilton to hire Anthony Powell as a part-time telecommunicator, effective December 1, 2016, starting at \$12. per hour, to be reevaluated after his 6 months probationary period. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Discussion called for. Question called for. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioners Price and Smith voting yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Price moved to approve the following budget revisions:

Decrease	001-401-217	by	\$ 7,488.
Increase	001-401-223	by	\$ 7,488.

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

At 10:10 a.m., President pro-tem Smith called for a Recess until 4:30 p.m.

**R E C E S S**

At 4:30 p.m., Commissioner Smith recalled the meeting to order with Commissioners Price and Smith present, as well as Kathy Mace, Administrator.

Commissioner Price moved to certify the results of the November 8, 2016, General Election. 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 with Commissioner Jennings casting his vote by phone. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting as adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

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