

MARSHALL COUNTY COMMISSION
JANUARY 4, 2011

The Commission convened this day in Regular Session as the law directs. Notice of time and place of this Session was posted at the front door of the Courthouse on the 30TH day of January, 2011, in compliance with the West Virginia "Sunshine" Law.

PRESENT: Jason Padlow, President; Donald K. Mason and Brian L. Schambach, Commissioners; Jan Pest, County Clerk; and Betsy Frohnafel, County Administrator.

COMMISSION PRESIDENT – On motion of Commissioner Mason, seconded by Commissioner Schambach, Commissioner Padlow was elected Commission President. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

COMMISSIONER PADLOW wished everyone a Happy New Year, continued success for Marshall County, and welcomed Commissioner Schambach. Commissioner Padlow also thanked Commissioner Mason for his guidance and leadership while serving as Commission President over the last 4 years, and congratulated retiring Commissioner Byard on his 30-year career with Marshall County.

With all the successes we also need to remember the tragedies in 2010: the Upper Big Branch Mine accident killing 29 miners; the passing of Senator Robert C. Byrd; and the Health Care issue, which continues.

We are looking to the future with the Marcellus shale drilling, and learning more about the Utica shale. Even through the rough times, Marshall County continued to grow, changing 2 classes in three years, from Class III to a Class I County. It has been a team effort with all our Elected Officials. Commissioner Padlow thanked everyone for their cooperation.

The Special Election was another big event in 2010, and Commissioner Padlow wished newly elected Senator Manchin luck in the Capital.

COMMISSIONER SCHAMBACH will take the next few months to listen and learn, and he thanked Commissioners Padlow and Mason for their help and support in speeding along that process. The budget process, as well as the Board of Equalization and Review, will help in learning the infrastructure of the County Government.

Commissioner Schambach hopes to address the concerns of residents and is looking forward to the next few years. Hopefully he will be able to meet with local representatives before they head to Charleston.

COMMISSIONER MASON thanked County Clerk Jan Pest and County Administrator Betsy Frohnafel, and their staffs, for their help and support over the past 4 years, and is looking forward to the New Year with potential projects in the works.

The budget season starts, as well as the Board of Equalization and Review; immediately after annual meetings in Charleston in February. The budget session is a great way to get caught up on what is going on throughout the County through our outside Agencies.

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This year is looking good for revenues, especially due to the oil & gas activity. Boone County is the only County in West Virginia producing more coal than Marshall County. The Commission will be working with our local Legislators to protect our tax payers and fight unfunded mandates, to keep from putting the burden on local taxpayers.

GRAND VUE PARK – UPDATE – Craig White, Manager of Grand Vue Park, appeared before the Commission to introduce the Park’s new Operations Director, Michael Ricci.

Mr. White stated they are starting to re-do the cabins, and the Ice Bowl has been scheduled for February 5, 2011, which will benefit the Salvation Army this year. Other than that, everyone is just getting ready for spring.

Mr. Ricci stated he grew up in Ohio County and is happy to be back in the area with experience from the Greenbrier.

E-911 ADDRESSING – COMPLAINT – John Toth of the Dallas Community appeared before the Commission concerning the addressing project in Marshall County. Mr. Toth’s complaint is that the project is not completed, and deliveries and emergency personnel have difficulties locating residences.

The Commission stated the process has been moving slow, but is near completion. However, the new addresses need to be approved by the Post Office in Pittsburgh. Larry Newell, E-911 Director, explained over 6,000 new addresses were submitted for approval.

Commissioner Padlow stated he was unaware of emergency personnel having difficulty responding. Mr. Newell stated there have been situations where there have been problems, especially when back-up units need to respond. The Commission thanked Mr. Toth for his concerns and offered to conduct a workshop with Mr. Toth.

HELPING HEROES – UPDATE – Jeremy Harrison appeared before the Commission with an update on the Helping Heroes. Mr. Harrison stated they have received 501C3 Tax Exempt status, and have three apartments ready to be remodeled. They are in the process of getting bids.

There is a Federal Program to eradicate homelessness for veterans, and Helping Heroes will be applying for funds. Mr. Harrison also stated they are interested in applying for a Small City Block Grant and will need the Commission to act as the pass-through agency.

Betsy Frohnafel, County Administrator, stated previously Governor Manchin placed a moratorium on the SCBG funds, to be used specifically for water or sewer projects. However, with upcoming meetings in Charleston, the Commission will see if the moratorium has been lifted.

Mr. Harrison invited the Commission to a Board meeting January 19, at 7:00 PM, at the CASA Center.

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RECESS – On motion of Commissioner Mason, seconded by Commissioner Schambach, the Commission took a short recess. Commission reconvened.

CORRESPONDENCE:

THANK-YOU – Paul Kirby family

E L ROBINSON – Christmas card

WV SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BD – Mark Holstine, Executive Director

WV DEPT TRANSPORTATION - 2010 Recreational Trail Program application not accepted; 2011-2016 STIP available online

SHERIFF GRUZINSKAS – cc: ltr to Howard Coffield re: changes to new storage building

STEVEN H. EMERSON – accounting and audit consulting services

EXONERATIONS – On motion of Commissioner Mason, seconded by Commissioner Schambach, the Commission approved the following 6 erroneous assessments previously approved by the Prosecuting Attorney and Assessor:

Ziegler, Charles C & Joette	\$ 49.40
Ziegler, Charles C & Joette	122.22
McBee, Mathew	76.68
Gunn, David J Jr	29.02
LeMasters, Scott A & Paula J	44.10
Nielsen Media Research Inc	241.94

QUARTLERY BUSINESS – FIDUCIARY MATTERS – On motion of Commissioner Mason, seconded by Commissioner Schambach, the Commission accepted and approved all Fiduciary Matters received by the County Clerk for the previous quarter, and admitted them to the record. Motion carried.

2011 RECREATIONAL TRAIL PROGRAM – GRANT APPLICATION – Betsy Frohnafel, County Administrator, submitted an Application for the 2011 Recreational Trail Grant Program, in the amount of \$20,000, for maintenance of the Glen Dale-Moundsville Trail. Mrs. Frohnafel stated the grant has a 10% match.

On motion of Commissioner Schambach, seconded by Commissioner Mason, the Commission President was authorized to sign the Grant Application. Motion carried.

MARSHALL COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION – CONTRIBUTION – The Commission received a letter from Brad Varlas, President of the Marshall County Firefighters Association, requesting financial assistance in re-numbering Fire Stations and vehicles. The changes are due to a State mandate that the E-911 Center standardize their dispatching system.

On motion of Commissioner Mason, seconded by Commissioner Schambach, the Commission approved a contribution to the Marshall County Firefighters Association in the amount of \$16,000 to cover the costs of changing numbering of Stations and vehicles. Motion carried.

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CLAIMS AUDITED – The Commission, this day, approved the following claims:

<u>GENERAL COUNTY FUND</u>	13,155.05
<u>COAL SEVERANCE FUND</u>	107,446.78
<u>E-911 FUND</u>	641.07
<u>HOME CONFINEMENT FUND</u>	272.00
<u>MAGISTRATE COURT FUND</u>	56.02

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business to come before the Commission, upon motion of Commissioner Mason, seconded by Commissioner Schambach, the meeting was adjourned.

PRESIDENT