

MARSHALL COUNTY COMMISSION
MARCH 27, 2012

The Commission convened this day pursuant to the following call: Jason E. Padlow, President; Donald K. Mason and Brian L. Schambach, Commissioners; Jan Pest, County Clerk; Betsy Frohnafel, County Administrator; and Winnie Reilly, Chief Deputy of the County Clerk's Office.

At a Special Session of the Commission of Marshall County, West Virginia, held at 9:30 A.M., the Notice of the time and purpose of this Special Session had been posted at the front door of the courthouse for more than two days before the commencement of the Special Session, it is ordered that said Notice together with the certification of the Clerk of the time when it was posted, be entered of record, which is done accordingly in words and figures as follows:

NOTICE OF SPECIAL SESSION

The County Commission of Marshall County, West Virginia will meet in Special Session at the Courthouse thereof, on Tuesday, March 27, 2012, at 9:30 A.M. for the following purposes, that is to say:

To Audit Claims
To Act upon Rebates
To consider any other matters
Which may properly come before
The Commission.

Called by the President of the Commission with the Concurrence of the other two members.

s/Jason E. Padlow, President

Posted at the front door of the Courthouse on the 22ND day of March, 2012.

s/Jan Pest, County Clerk

COMMISSION GUEST – By request of the Commission, Rev. Mitch Johnston, Pastor of the McMechen First Church of God, led the Commission in prayer.

MINUTES – On motion of Commissioner Schambach, seconded by Commissioner Mason, the Commission approved the minutes of the Special Session held March 20, 2012. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

COMMISSIONER SCHAMBACH stated the budget process is fun and interesting; hopefully he participated more this year. The talk and concerns over the

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increased values led Commissioner Schambach to ask what if the values decreased, instead of increased?

Commissioner Schambach continues in his position as the 'good roads liaison', stating Goshorn is in good shape; however, Loudenville Road needs work, which TransEnergy is addressing.

COMMISSIONER MASON, along with Commissioner Schambach, was invited to attend the John Marshall Mock Republican Convention, the Democrat Convention being held later in the day. It was great to see the enthusiasm among the students.

Friday, the Commission completed work on the budget, and Commissioner Padlow will deliver the Budget Message later this morning.

COMMISSIONER PADLOW thanked everyone for their work on the budget, it just gets better by the year, and the County keeps growing. All Elected Officials, employees and outside agencies cooperate during the process. A special thanks to County Clerk Jan Pest for making the process easier, and simpler. Even though the funds are growing, everyone is very prudent with their budgets.

GRAND VUE PARK – UPDATES – Grand Vue Park Manager Craig White appeared before the Commission stating the water is back on at the Park, and the back half is open to the public. The City of Moundsville helped locate and fix a few holes in driveways.

Mr. White, along with 5 other key personnel from the Park, attended the Sky Warn Class conducted by OEM Director Tom Hart and Deputy Director Mike Muckeck. With the zip line opening this spring, Mr. White felt that would be a good idea.

Wedding season has started at the Park, and a Basketball Banquet was held over the weekend. The spiral stairs for the #7 ramp for the zip line will be delivered and up this week. This site will also contain 7 landings.

The POS System will be installed in the Golf Shop this week, and everything will be electronic for the summer. Credit cards will be taken at all locations.

CORRESPONDENCE:

BENWOOD VFD – thank-you for grant for ladder truck

SEWERAGE DIST – Board meeting highlights March 2012

WV DEVELOPMENT OFFICE – TIF district project for Franklin Dist approved - \$19,700

TR 2/I 68 AUTH – minutes of Feb 27 2012 meeting

E-911 – WHEELING POSTAL ROAD NAME CONFLICTS – E-911 Director Larry Newell appeared before the Commission concerning road name conflicts with the Wheeling Postal Service. Mr. Newell was recently contacted by the Wheeling Post Office pointing out the conflicts.

Mr. Newell requested Commission guidance in handling the situation.

On motion of Commissioner Mason, seconded by Commissioner Schambach, the Commission will schedule a workshop with Mr. Newell within the next week to review the conflicts and make decisions. Motion carried.

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SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT – CRUISER BID – The Commission received two cruiser bids following the recent publication, as follows:

Bob Robinson Chevrolet Buick	\$25,988.00
Whiteside	26,931.90

The bids were given to Chief Deputy Kevin Cecil to review for published specifications. Chief Deputy Cecil will report back shortly.

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

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT – CRUISER BID AWARD – Chief Deputy Kevin Cecil reported to the Commission that the bids received from Bob Robinson Chevrolet Buick and Whiteside are the same. However, the specifications were for a 2011 vehicle and the Whiteside bid is for a 2012 vehicle. Therefore, Chief Deputy Cecil recommended the bid from Bob Robinson Chevrolet Buick.

On motion of Commissioner Mason, seconded by Commissioner Schambach, the Commission approved the bid from Bob Robinson Chevrolet Buick for a 2011 Caprice Police Patrol vehicle in the amount of \$25,988. Motion carried.

2012-2013 BUDGET MESSAGE – Commissioner Padlow read the following 2012-2013 Budget Message:

ON BEHALF OF THE MARSHALL COUNTY COMMISSION, I AM PRESENTING TODAY THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2012 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2013.

I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR THANKS TO OUR COUNTY CLERK JAN PEST AND HER STAFF AND OUR COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR BETSY FROHNAPFEL FOR THEIR HELP IN DEVELOPING THIS PROPOSED BUDGET.

WE ALSO THANK OUR OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS, DEPARTMENT HEADS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF OUR OUTSIDE AGENCIES FOR THEIR INPUT.

CURRENTLY WE ARE IN A VERY SOUND FINANCIAL POSITION. OUR PUBLIC UTILITY FUNDS HAVE STARTED TO LEVEL OUT FROM THE LARGE DECREASE WE SAW LAST YEAR AND OUR VALUES CONTINUE TO GROW, PRIMARILY FROM NEW FACILITIES RELATED TO THE GAS INDUSTRY AND IMPROVEMENTS MADE BY EXISTING COMPANIES. BECAUSE OF THIS YEAR'S INCREASE OF OUR PROJECTED REVENUE WE ARE ABLE TO AGAIN REDUCE THE LEVY RATE TO 11.25. THIS IS A 13.4% REDUCTION FROM THE CURRENT RATE AT 13.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT DURING THE PAST 6 YEARS OUR LEVY RATE HAS BEEN REDUCED FOUR TIMES FOR A TOTAL REDUCTION OF MORE THAN 20%.

WE HAVE PROJECTED GENERAL COUNTY REVENUES TO BE AT \$10,960,535.00. THIS IS A 5.5% INCREASE OVER THE ORIGINAL BUDGET

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PROPOSAL OF THIS CURRENT YEAR. WE ARE PROJECTING COAL SEVERANCE REVENUES TO BE \$4,760,000.00 FOR A TOTAL BUDGET OF \$15,720,535.00.

WE BELIEVE THIS BUDGET ADEQUATELY FUNDS THE NEEDS OF OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS TO OPERATE THEIR OFFICES IN AN EFFICIENT AND PROFESSIONAL MANNER. HOPEFULLY WE HAVE PROJECTED PROPERLY FOR MAJOR EXPENSES SUCH AS INSURANCE, REGIONAL JAIL COSTS, AND UTILITIES.

WE CONTINUE TO WORK WITH OUR LEGISLATORS, PROSECUTOR, JUDGES AND MAGISTRATES, TO FIND WAYS TO REDUCE THE COST OF OUR REGIONAL JAIL BILL AND WE THANK THEM FOR THEIR PART IN THE EFFORT TO CONTROL THESE COSTS AND UTILIZE ALTERNATIVE SENTENCING PROGRAMS.

WE CONTINUE IN OUR EFFORTS WITH IMPORTANT WATER AND SEWER PROJECTS AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS. WE AGAIN ARE ABLE TO CONTINUE FUNDING FOR MANY AGENCIES THAT PROVIDE IMPORTANT SERVICES FOR OUR CITIZENS.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE BUDGET ARE AS FOLLOWS:

TAXES – WITH THIS YEAR’S REDUCTION OF THE LEVY RATE TO 11.25 CLASS I PROPERTIES WILL BE ASSESSED AT 11.25¢ PER \$100 OF VALUATION. CLASS II PROPERTIES, WHICH AFFECT INDIVIDUAL PERSONAL PROPERTY AND REAL ESTATE VALUES, WILL BE 22.50¢ PER \$100. CLASSES III AND IV, WHICH AFFECT COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES WILL BE 45¢ PER \$100.

BASED ON THE ASSESSOR’S CERTIFICATE OF VALUATION THIS LEVY RATE WILL PROVIDE “AD VALOREM” TAX REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,968,880.00 WHICH IS AN INCREASE OF \$279,677.00. THE BALANCE OF PROJECTED REVENUES ARE FROM LICENSES, FEES, INTEREST, AND COAL SEVERANCE FUNDS.

SALARIES AND BENEFITS – THE INCREASE IN INVESTMENT IN MARSHALL COUNTY BRINGS AN ADDITIONAL WORKLOAD TO OUR EMPLOYEES. THIS BUDGET CONTAINS FUNDS TO GIVE EVERY EMPLOYEE AN ADEQUATE RAISE IN SALARY NEXT FISCAL YEAR, WHILE WE CONTINUE TO FUND A VERY ATTRACTIVE BENEFIT PACKAGE.

WE BELIEVE OUR EMPLOYEES ARE OUR BIGGEST ASSET AND DESERVE TO BE FAIRLY COMPENSATED FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND HARD WORK.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS- WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ALLOCATE FUNDS FOR NECESSARY EQUIPMENT IN MANY DEPARTMENTS SO THAT ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS HAVE THE ESSENTIAL TOOLS TO PERFORM THEIR DUTIES IN AN EFFICIENT MANNER. WE HAVE AGAIN BEEN ABLE TO PUT ASIDE FUNDS TO CONTINUE OUR PURSUIT OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MUCH NEEDED PUBLIC SAFETY ANNEX, WHILE BEING ABLE TO SET ASIDE SUFFICIENT FUNDS FOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS TO OUR COUNTY BUILDINGS.

OUTSIDE AGENCIES- I AM PROUD TO ONCE AGAIN ANNOUNCE THAT WE ARE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO CONTRIBUTE FUNDS TO SUPPORT OUR MANY AGENCIES THAT SIGNIFICANTLY ADD TO THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF OUR CITIZENS IN MARSHALL COUNTY.

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AGENCIES SUCH AS, THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT, CITY/COUNTY LIBRARY, GRAND VUE PARK, SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER, VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS, ANIMAL SHELTER, 4-H, AIRPORT AUTHORITY, EXTENSION SERVICE, AND OTHERS.

THESE AGENCIES ARE FUNDED BY REVENUES FROM COAL SEVERANCE. BECAUSE OF THE CONTINUING INVESTMENTS BY OUR COAL INDUSTRIES, WE BELIEVE THESE REVENUES WILL CONTINUE TO INCREASE IN THE SHORT TERM.

IN SUMMARY, WE BELIEVE MARSHALL COUNTY IS IN A SOUND FINANCIAL POSITON. THIS COMMISSION CONTINUES TO BE COMMITTED TO GIVE THE CITIZENS OF OUR COUNTY THE BEST SERVICE POSSIBLE FOR THEIR TAX DOLLAR. WE THANK ALL THE ELECTED OFFICIALS AND THEIR EMPLOYEES FOR THEIR CONTINUED PROFESSIONAL AND FRIENDLY SERVICE TO OUR CITIZENS.

MARSHALL COUNTY IS A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE, WORK AND RAISE OUR FAMILIES. BY WORKING TOGETHER WE INTEND TO KEEP IT THAT WAY!

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 27TH DAY OF MARCH 2012

On motion of Commissioner Mason, seconded by Commissioner Schambach, the Commission approved the 2012-2013 Budget and authorized the proper signatures to submit to the State Tax Department for approval. Motion carried.

CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE – COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – Councilman Dave Wood, City of Moundsville, appeared before the Commission to discuss their Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Wood explained the City of Moundsville is going to work with a multi-disciplinary program of WVU to update the Comprehensive Plan using a Community Design Team.

The program will be over the next 2 years with public meetings; visiting businesses, government agencies, schools and neighborhoods. The Community Design Team will provide opportunities for Community members to express opinions and provide input relating to strengths and needs of the City.

Mr. Wood requested cooperation and financial support from the Commission for the project.

On motion of Commissioner Mason, seconded by Commissioner Schambach, the Commission tabled action on the request to allow time for review. Motion carried.

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

GENERAL COUNTY FUND

16,059.44

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

PRESIDENT