

## **TUCKER COUNTY COMMISSION**

August 17, 2016

### TUCKER COUNTY COURTHOUSE COURTROOM

#### **I. Call to order**

Lowell Moore called to order the regular meeting of the Tucker County Commission at 9:00 AM on August 17, 2016 at Tucker County Courthouse Courtroom.

#### **II. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

The July 27, 2016 Regular Meeting minutes approved with one correction by motion Hinkle/all in favor.

#### **III. Attendance:**

The following persons were present: Lowell Moore, Diane Hinkle, Patrick Darlington, Joel Goughnour, Sherry Simmons, Joe Long, Karen Jacobson, Darla Stemple, Beth Broschart, James Snyder, Shirley White, Vance Jackson, Tracy Fath, Pam Ruediger, Sheila Marsh, Tom Felton and Pat A. Nichols.

#### Audience/Guests:

Karen Jacobson, executive director of the Randolph County Housing Authority reported to the Commission that despite their name, the agency serves six counties including Tucker. The agency helps with housing construction and community development. The program deals with service enriched housing where it deals with seniors in the rental program and provide care coordination. Randolph County Housing Authority partners in a collaborative with Davis Health System, also working with Cortland Acres and Pineview Apartments. The goal is keeping aging people well at home.

Vance Jackson, CEO of Davis Health System spoke to the Commission about some emotional changes at the Parsons Clinic. Jackson expressed Davis Health System is committed to serving Tucker County but trying to figure out the best way to do it.

Jackson reported with the new St. George Clinic which opened at Tucker Valley Elementary School, Dr. Ed Radar at the Mountaintop Clinic, Dr. Schmitt, serving Parsons, the VA Clinic and Cortland Acres, "All of that has contributed to the utilization in our clinic with a drop of more than 1,000 visits, causing us a \$104,000.00 loss" stated Jackson. Davis Health System is trying to find the right mix of services for the area.

Commissioner Hinkle said the commission has concerns that there was no conversation about the change in services and that the commission was caught unaware of this

issue. "There has been some past history of this and I think in order to build any successful business or practice there has to be good community relations", stated Hinkle. The commission requested to be included in the future conversations, because this is a big impact on the community.

Pam Ruediger expressed her concern with Davis Health System and losing Kathy Kahlar.

Shirley White asked for support of the American Star Mothers who will be planning a 55 sugar maple tree planting in April, 2017. American Star Mothers are mothers who have lost children in the armed services to war.

#### **IV. Employee Reports:**

Dustin Luzier Community Correction Director gave his monthly report on the grant submission. The community service program was at the animal shelter and Camp Kidd Part.

Joe Long Maintenance Director reported on the progress at the Animal Shelter new facility and EMS Station II, and repairs to the water valve at St. George.

Darla Stemple OEM/E911 Director reported on the generator at Camp Kidd Part, and programming radios at the Davis Fire Department.

Signs for the new road off of Rt. 93 Corrido H, once the new road is open Old Rt. 93 will do cut overs, per Stemple.

Also, signs at Buffalo Coal on old Rt. 93 and the A-Frame road sign.

Joel Goughnour County Administrator report on the bid opening for the Restoration Grant for additional brick work was awarded to Mariani & Richards in the amount of \$87,290.00 by motion Moore all/in favor.

#### **V. Correspondence: Discuss/Approve**

**Commissioner Darlington read a letter from Kathy Kahler and concerned citizens about ESP Ambulance Service. Darlington explained ESP Ambulance Service has been invited to Commission and Ambulance Authority meetings, in such meetings ESP told the Commission they do not want to be on the 911 list, so until they request to be on the 911 list, the commission cannot act on this.**

**VI. Unfinished Business: Discuss/Approve**

**County Board Appointments:**

**Robert N. Gutshall re-appointed to the Animal Shelter for a 3 year term ending in 2018, motion by Moore/all in favor.**

**Rob Burns appointed to the Friends for the Animal Shelter to service on the 501C Board by motion Moore/all in favor.**

**Brent Easton appointed by the Public Service of WV to serve on the Tucker County Solid Waste Authority for a term ending June 30, 2019, this was reflected in a letter by the Public Service Commission of West Virginia.**

**Road Names/Addressing:**

**VII. New Business/Tabled Business:**

- 1. Randolph County Housing update by Karen Jacobson.**
- 2. American Star Mothers – Planting Trees update.**
- 3. Vance Jackson update on Tucker County Care Clinic.**
- 4. Mariani & Richards bid for the Restoration Grant in the amount of \$87,290.00 approved by motion Moore/all in favor.**
- 5. Hiring Catlyn Hebb and Lori Cale as part-time animal shelter workers by motion Moore/all in favor.**
- 6. Approval of the Triad Change Order by motion Moore/all in favor.**
- 7. Approval of Erroneous Assessments #17- #26, by motion Hinkle/all in favor.**
- 8. Approval of the Small City Block Restoration Grant – Payment for Region VII from the State in the amount of \$40,167.63 by motion Darlington/all in favor.**
- 9. Approval of Payment by motion Darlington/all in favor.**
- 10. Executive Session under personnel matters was call at 10:40 AM and at 11:04 AM no decision were made by motion Moore/all in favor.**

## **11. Commission Reports:**

**Commissioner Darlington reported on the Parks & Recreation Meeting and mentioned the WV County Commissioners Meeting.**

**Commissioner Hinkle reported speaking to Vincent Walton from Columbia Gas about the replacement of existing gas lines, Hinkle reported hydro-testing and some timbering will also take place as a result of the gas line replacement.**

**Hinkle reported on the Solid Waste Authority improvements at the landfill, being a wind fence, a covering issue and addressing the odor problem. Cannan Valley Public Service District is still working on the extension project.**

**Commission Moore reported speaking to Doug Toothman about the view at Centennial Park, apparently the land belongs to Western Pocahontas, speaking to Todd Lotter a Forester for Western Pocahontas they need permission from the Department of Highways before a view can be opened up. Calls were not returned to the commission in this matter.**

**Moore met with J. F. Allen about the Industrial Park land on Rt. 93, the land has been leveled and stone will remain also the fence remain.**

**Moore reported on the possibility opinions of a land swap on Rt. 93 by Bever Creek.**

Commissioner Moore adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m. all in favor.

The next scheduled Regular Meeting of the Tucker County Commission will be September 14, 2016 @ 9:00 a.m. held in the Tucker County Courthouse Courtroom.

Sherry Simmons  
Tucker County Clerk

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Lowell Moore, President