

MARSHALL COUNTY COMMISSION
JANUARY 3, 2017

NOTICE OF REGULAR SESSION

The County Commission of Marshall County, West Virginia convened this day pursuant to the following call: Robert A. Miller, President; Scott G. Varner, Commissioner; John Gruzinskas, Commissioner; Jan Pest, County Clerk; Betsy Frohnafel, County Administrator; and Jeanne Shook, Deputy Clerk.

The County Commission of Marshall County, West Virginia will meet in Regular Session at the Courthouse thereof, on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 9:00 AM 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/Robert A. Miller, President

Posted at the front door of the Courthouse on the 29th day of December, 2016.

S/Jan Pest, County Clerk

COMMISSION PRESIDENT APPOINTMENT – On motion of Commissioner Varner, seconded by Commissioner Gruzinskas, Commissioner Miller was elected President of this Commission. Motion carried.

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MINUTES –

On motion of Commissioner Varner, seconded by Commissioner Gruzinkas, the Commission approved the minutes of the Regular Session held December 20, 2016. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS –

COMMISSIONER GRUZINSKAS stated he is excited to be here and is looking forward to working with Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Varner, staff, elected officials, and the citizens of Marshall County. COMMISSIONER GRUZINSKAS stated this is an exciting time for us all and he invited everyone to participate in this process.

COMMISSIONER VARNER welcomed Commissioner Gruzinkas and is looking forward to working with him. COMMISSIONER VARNER stated he had no formal meetings, but dealt with constituent phone calls.

COMMISSIONER MILLER apologized for missing the last meeting, he had sewer problems. COMMISSIONER MILLER stated he wanted to thank Stanley Stewart for the wonderful job he did as Commission President and wished him the best.

COMMISSIONER MILLER also welcomed Commissioner Gruzinkas and is looking forward to working with him. COMMISSIONER MILLER dealt with constituent concerns and had no events since his last meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE –

MARSHALL COUNTY ANTIQUE POWER ASSOCIATION – The Commission received a letter from Gary Shreve, President, Marshall County Antique Power Association, requesting a donation, in the amount of \$7500, in order to help with the cost of renovating a building to be used for yearly shows and swap meets.

On motion of Commissioner Varner, seconded by Commissioner Gruzinkas, the Commission approved a donation, in the amount of \$7500, to the Marshall County Antique Power Association. Motion carried.

West Virginia State Tax Department – Authorization for Assessor to receive up to 2% of previous year's projected tax collections.

WASHINGTON LANDS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT – The Commission received a letter from Chad Gump, Washington Lands VFD Chief, requesting funds, in the amount of \$25,000, to help with the cost of a new fire truck.

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On motion of Commissioner Varner, seconded by Commissioner Gruzinskas, the Commission tabled the request to allow time for further review. Motion carried.

EXONERATIONS – On motion of Commissioner Gruzinskas, seconded by Commissioner Varner, the Commission approved the following 5 erroneous assessments previously approved by the Prosecuting Attorney and Assessor.

Norman Darrow	\$ 8.56
Susan E Gore	3.70
Susan E Gore	3.74
Susan E Gore	3.86
Henry Graydon III	40.46

FIDUCIARY MATTERS – On motion of Commissioner Varner, seconded by Commissioner Gruzinskas, the Commission approved and accepted all Fiduciary Settlements received by Jan Pest, County Clerk, for the month of December, 2016. Motion carried.

PREVIOUSLY TABLED FILES – On motion of Commissioner Varner, seconded by Commissioner Gruzinskas, the Commission rejected a request for funds from Phil Remke for a Mural Sponsorship. Motion carried.

On motion of Commissioner Gruzinskas, seconded by Commissioner Varner, the Commission rejected requests for funds from The American Red Cross, City of Moundsville Community Days, AirMedCare Network, and Helping Heroes, Inc. Motion carried.

MARSHALL COUNTY COMMISSION 2017 BOARD APPOINTMENTS – On motion of Commissioner Varner, seconded by Commissioner Gruzinskas, the Commission approved the following Board Appointments, Motion carried.

Bob Miller – Animal Shelter, Bel-O-Mar, Regional Economic Development Partnership
Scott Varner – Airport Authority, City-County Library Board, Regional Economic Development Partnership Executive Committee, WVU Extension Service
John Gruzinskas – Bel-O-Mar, Grand Vue Park, Northern Panhandle Workforce Development Board

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GLEN DALE HEIGHTS PSD MERGER W/ MARSHALL COUNTY PSD #1 – The Commission received a letter from Glen Dale Heights PSD Board Members, Harold Dombrowski, Michael Young, and Alice Cook, stating they wish to have their district absorbed by Marshall County Public Service District #1.

On motion of Commissioner Gruzinkas, seconded by Commissioner Varner, the Commission approved the request to move forward with merging the districts, and set a date of January 31, 2017 @ 9:30 am, in the Commission Chambers, for a public hearing on the matter. Motion carried. The Commission will follow the process per WV Code 16-13a-2.

PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE FOR CHRISTOPHER BORDER, CONVICT – Taylor Frankovitch of Bowles Rice LLP, appeared before the Commission. Christopher Border is currently incarcerated at the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation & Correction, Trumbull Correctional Institution, and has a share in mineral rights. In order for TH Exploration, LLC, to move forward, the Commission needs to appoint a Committee (attorney) to oversee the estate of Christopher Border, Convict.

On motion of Commissioner Varner, seconded by Commissioner Gruzinkas, upon the recommendation of Prosecuting Attorney, Rhonda Wade, the Commission appointed Mr. Michael Baum, Attorney, to oversee the estate of Christopher Border, Convict, and the bond was waived. Motion carried.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST, VETERANS PLAZA & ANIMAL SHELTER – Betsy Frohnapfel, County Administrator, submitted four (4) Expressions of Interest - McKinley & Associates, Wheeling, WV; The Thrasher Group, Inc., of Bridgeport, WV; Silling Assoc. Inc., Charleston, WV; and Kayafas Architects, of Wheeling, WV. On motion of Commissioner Gruzinkas, seconded by Commissioner Varner, the Commission appointed a committee to review these qualifications which consists of Betsy Frohnapfel, County Administrator; Howard Coffield, Building & Grounds Supervisor; Scott Varner, Commissioner; Joe Parriott & Jim Stultz of the Veterans Memorial Committee. The Committee will interview and select an architect for these projects.

HOWARD COFFIELD, SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY – Howard Coffield, Solid Waste Authority, appeared before the Commission. Howard stated January 15, 2017 @ 1:00 pm in the Courtroom, the American Legion will be hosting an Oratorical Competition among high school students. January 19, there will be a Wheeling Creek Watershed Meeting @ 10:00 am at Cabela's. The Solid Waste Authority will be having a roadside

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cleanup in Dallas, in conjunction with Chevron, Noble Energy, WV Department of Highways, and many volunteers in March.

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

<u>GENERAL COUNTY FUND</u>	\$ 11,114.39
<u>E-911 EMERGENCY COMMISSION</u>	2,371.27
<u>COAL SEVERANCE FUND</u>	32,445.90
<u>AIRPORT AUTHORITY FUND</u>	79,315.20

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

PRESIDENT