

Monroe Commission Holds March Meeting

The Monroe County Commission met in regular session on March 3, 2014 at the Courthouse. Shane Ashley, President of the County Commission, called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

At the request of Doris Taylor, President of the county's Community Education Outreach Service (CEOS), the County Commission adopted a resolution declaring the week of May 18-25 as Community Outreach Education Service Week in Monroe County.

Commissioners scheduled budget meetings and approved a request from Tim Wilson, 911 Director, to retain the services of an Interpreter Service for the 911 Center on an as needed basis. This service will be used when someone making a 911 call speaks a foreign language.

Tim Wilson, 911 Director, appeared before the County Commission and provided an update of 911 Center activities. Wilson reported the center received 115 law enforcement calls for the month of February, 200 EMS calls and 36 fire calls. He also provided the monthly Wrecker Response Report. Wilson said Galford's received seven calls, Neel's received five, Clarkson's three and Lee's received one call.

The County Commission selected Thrasher/Pentree to serve as the architect for the installation of the Courthouse sprinkler system. The county was recently awarded a grant from the WV Courthouse Facilities Improvement Authority in the amount of \$100,000 to install this system.

Assessor Norb Netzel and Hayes Lambert, President of Atlas Geographic Data, appeared before the Commission. Mr. Hayes explained the benefits of getting the Assessor's tax maps digitized. Netzel previously selected Atlas Geographic to digitize the maps. Monroe County is one of seven counties throughout the state that doesn't have their tax maps digitized.

The County Commission authorized the Clerk to place an ad in the local newspaper advising the Commission was accepting applications for the county's Emergency Management Director.

Commissioners prioritized projects for funding consideration from the Small Cities Block Grant Program and met with a delegation of individuals who have concerns over a cell tower that is proposed to be installed near Rock Camp.

Four final estate settlements were approved, as was one exoneration. The County Commission will meet in regular session again on April 2, 2014. Those needing to be placed on the Commission's agenda should call 772-3096.