

Monroe Commission Meets

The Monroe County Commission met in regular session on September 19, 2015 at the Courthouse. President Clyde Gum, Jr., called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

At the recommendation of the county's Solid Waste Authority, the County Commission appointed Robert Allen to the Solid Waste Authority. Mr. Allen will replace Lewis Buckland, who recently resigned from the board.

President Gum provided an update on the Courthouse Sprinkler System Project. He advised the State Fire Marshall will inspect the new sprinkler system tomorrow.

Commissioners reviewed an order from the WV Division of Highways advising that 0.04 miles of County Route 15/7 (old County Route 15-Old Zenith Road) has been abandoned. According to the order the total new length of this road will be 0.11 miles.

The County Commission reviewed a letter from the WV Department of Environmental Protection advising the bid of Hoke Brother's Construction to construct the concrete foundation for the Solid Waste Authority's future recycling building was accepted. The bid amount is \$45,983. The recycling facility will be located at the HAM Landfill. The County Commission was recently awarded a grant from the Department of Environmental Protection Agency to in the amount of \$49,477 to construct this foundation.

Donald J. Evans, County Clerk, advised that a resident of Cashmere recently spoke to him about getting some renovations done on the old school building at Cashmere. She said the building is in rough shape and the community may have an interest in helping with these renovations. This building, which is owned by the county, also serves as one of the county's voting precincts and the community also uses this facility for community events. The Commission agreed to appropriate \$2,500 toward making renovations to this building.

The Commission voted to enter into an agreement with the WV Development Office for a grant in the amount of \$5,000 that was recently awarded to the Monroe Day Care Center by the Governor's Community Participation Grant Program.

The proposed Memorandum of Agreement (MOU) between the Commission and Board of Education was also discussed. This MOU details the responsibilities of the Commission and Board of Education for the reimbursement of expenses the county will incur with the hiring of three Prevention Resource Officers for the county's schools. In 2014 the voters of the county passed an excess levy. Included in this levy was the hiring of these three officers. The county and Board of Education have been unable to agree to the amount of reimbursement the board will provide the county for the salaries and equipment for the Prevention Resource Officers and a few other matters in the MOU. The Commission stated they would agree to the most recent MOU contingent upon the Board amending two items. Section 1.0 deals with the amount the Board will deduct from its reimbursement amount when an officer is absent. The current language in the MOU states the board will deduct \$404.65 per day, per officer when an officer is required to be in court or absent for any other reason. The Commission agreed to an amount of \$235.85 per officer per day. In addition, the Commission wants the five day

limit that an officer can be absent language removed. Commissioner Gum will notify the Superintendent of these two amendments the county wants and to advise her if the Board should agree to such amendments, the County Commission will sign the MOU.

The County Commission will meet again in regular session on October 7, 2015 at the Courthouse beginning at 9:00 am. To be placed on the Commission's agenda, please call 772-3096.