

Monroe Commission Meets in Regular Session

The Monroe County Commission met in regular session on May 2, 2012 at the Courthouse. President Shane Ashley called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer.

At the recommendation of the Greenbrier Valley Soil Conservation District, the County Commission appointed Tara Helmick to the county's Farmland Protection Board, representing the GVSCD.

Planning Commission members Rod Graves and Rocky Parsons appeared before the County Commission providing an update of Planning Commission activities. The enactment of the Unsafe and Unsanitary Structures and Refuse Ordinance was discussed. It was agreed that a meeting needed to be held with members of the UUSRO Enforcement Agency board to discuss how complaints will be handled by the agency. The ordinance calls for the following to be represented on the enforcement agency; a consulting engineer, the county health officer, a fire chief from a county fire department, two members at large selected by the County Commission and the Sheriff. The members of this board, which were previously appointed by the County Commission, are Melvin Young and Wes Sheridan, the two members at large appointed by the County Commission, Sheriff Mike Gravely, J.D. Brackenrich, consulting engineer, Dr. Travis Hansbarger, County Health Officer, and Richard Miller, Chief, Lindsie Volunteer Fire Department. This agency is charged with accepting and reviewing written complaints from the general public and other county agencies and shall identify unsafe and unsanitary structures as well as refuse and debris, toxic spills, or seepage on private land. Complaint forms can be obtained from the county's website at www.monroecountywv.net or picked up at the County Clerk's Office.

The County Commission accepted the resignation of Helen Graves as a member of the Board of Health and agreed to send her a letter of appreciation for her years of service on this board. Commissioners approved a request from Sheriff Mike Gravely to purchase grille guards for the deputies' cruisers at a cost of \$1,257.00.

The Commission awarded a bid to Tri-State Roofing and Sheet Metal of Charleston to replace the Courthouse roof for a cost of \$162,854.00. Work should begin on the roof replacement sometime in June.

The County Clerk advised the construction of the sidewalk at the new Gap Mills voting precinct has been completed. This project will provide handicap access to the precinct entrance. It was funded from a grant from the Help America Vote Act.

Paul White, representing Commercial Insurance Services, met with the County Commission and provided them with a proposal for life insurance benefits for county employees. Mr. White explained that Commercial just recently started offering life insurance for employees. The county presently has dental / vision insurance through Commercial Insurance.

The County Commission discussed repairing the steps leading up to the Probation Office and replacing the awning at the downstairs entrance of the

Courthouse. Commissioner Gum volunteered his service in repairing the steps and replacing the awning and the county will pay for the necessary materials.

Tisha Terry, accounts payable / receivable clerk for the County Clerk's Office, provided Commissioners with the monthly financial report and a gas usage report for the month of April.

The County Commission entered into an agreement with the WV Division of Culture and History. This agreement is for two grants the county is to receive, one for the Circuit Clerk's Office in the amount of \$2,173.00. These funds will be used to purchase two document scanners. The County Clerk's grant is for \$4,702.00 and will be used to rebind and encapsulate some of the earliest deeds on record dating back to 1799.

Commissioners approved a drawdown request for the Greenville Water Project in the amount of \$117,0119.13 and adopted resolutions of support for two Governor's Community Participation grants.

The County Commission reviewed the monthly meeting minutes of the Gap Mills PSD and heard a report on Early Voting turnout from the County Clerk.

Shannon Parker, CEO of the Monroe Health Center, appeared before the County Commission and provided a financial report for the Health Center.

The County Commission approved the annual incremental pay increases for the Deputy Sheriffs as required by WV Code and amended pay increase amounts for five employees that were included in the 2012-2013 budget.

Commissioners reviewed a request from the Monroe County Solid Waste Authority requesting funding to purchase an additional recycling trailer. Solid Waste officials state that more and more people are recycling and another trailer is desperately needed. Commissioners agreed to assist the Solid Waste Authority in purchasing this trailer and Commissioner Ashley said he would check to see if any grant funds are available to assist in making this purchase.

Bruce Power, 911 Director, appeared before the County Commission and provided the monthly wrecker call report. For the month of April, Galford's received eight calls, Offenberger and Dunbar had two each and Neel's, Clarkson and Wilson each had one call.

Five estate final settlements were approved as was four exonerations. The County Commission will again meet in regular session on June 6, 2012.