

## Monroe Commission Holds September Meeting

The Monroe County Commission met in regular session on September 9<sup>th</sup> at the Courthouse. Commission President Joyce Pritt opened the meeting followed by prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Dennis White, representing the Second Creek Watershed Historic Landmark Commission met with Commissioners and provided them with an update on the activities of the Landmark Commission and the Friends of Second Creek.

Kermit and Cindy Stover appeared before Commissioners concerning the recent renaming of the Blue Lick road. Mr. Stover said he was representing Jim Gore who was unable to attend the meeting. He said he felt the name of the road should remain "Blue Lick" noting the history behind the name. To meet 911 mapping and addressing standards, 911 officials proposed to change the name of this road. Commissioners approved the proposal and changed the name of Blue Lick road to Hans Creek road. The standards call for a road to have the same name from the beginning of the road to an intersection. Commissioners also reviewed a petition containing several signatures of individuals wanting the road name changed back to "Blue Lick" road. After some discussion, Commissioners agreed to rename the road beginning at the "narrows of Hans Creek" to the Pine Grove intersection, "Blue Lick" road. Going the opposite direction and beginning at the "narrows of Hans Creek to the intersection of Rt. 122 will remain Hans Creek road.

The County Commission recently asked Dale McCutcheon, Registered Sanitarian for the Monroe Health Department to investigate several public health related complaints that the Commissioners had received. Mr. McCutcheon reported that the Health Department has refused to renew the permit to operate a mobile home park for Jones' Trailer Park in Peterstown. He also said that he has provided notice to the owner of Moody's mobile home park, also located in Peterstown, that he had 30 days to address some violations within this park. Mr. McCutcheon said that the Grimmert mobile home park in the Orchard Addition near Peterstown was still operating without a permit and he has turned the matter over to the Prosecuting Attorney. Mr. McCutcheon said he also had investigated a complaint of raw sewage flowing in a yard on the Orchard Road.

Commissioners have also received complaints on two dilapidated houses and lots. One is located just north of Peterstown on US Rt. 219 and the other is located in the Orchard Addition in Peterstown. McCutcheon said he has visited the property on Rt. 219 and he doesn't think this particular property is creating a public health hazard. He said he was conducting further investigation into the property in the Orchard Addition. Mr. McCutcheon said the county didn't have any ordinances in place to deal with dilapidated properties unless such properties were causing a public health hazard. McCutcheon said the county must first adopt a comprehensive plan for the county before they could enact an ordinance. The County Planning Commission plans to present a draft copy of the comprehensive plan to the County Commission at their October meeting.

An individual from Alderson appeared before Commissioners concerning a breaking and entering that occurred at his home. He said an individual who was incarcerated in the Federal Prison Camp in Alderson escaped and broke into a home he was building and the individual actually lived in the house for five or six days. He said

the individual caused substantial damage to the house. Mr. Thompson said the crime was investigated by a former deputy sheriff but the deputy sheriff didn't pursue the issue and the individual was never charged with a crime. He asked Commissioners for their assistance in getting the individual prosecuted. Commissioners advised Mr. Thompson they didn't have any authority over someone being prosecuted but they would talk to the Prosecuting Attorney about the matter.

Ben James and Julie Mundell, RN, representing the Monroe Health Center, met with Commissioners and provided with an update on the Health Center's preparations for the H1N1 virus. Commissioners also heard an update of the activities of the Day Report Center from Scott Wickline, Director of the Day Report Center.

The County Commission signed contracts for the following organizations that have been approved for a grant from the Governor's Community Participation Program; Peterstown Little League baseball, James Monroe High School baseball, Red Sulphur Community Building, Wayside Community Building, MedicOne Paramedic Unit and Sweet Springs Rescue Squad. Commissioners also adopted a resolution designating the Greenbrier Valley Economic Development Authority as the lead economic development agency for the county.

Commissioners reviewed the monthly meeting minutes of the Gap Mills and Red Sulphur Public Service District and the Board of Health. Keith Campbell was reappointed to the Gap Mills PSD Board of Directors and Joyce Pritt and Marguerite Fullen were reappointed to C.A.S.E.

The County Commission authorized the Clerk to prepare a grant application to Transportation Enhancement Grant Program seeking funds to replace the sidewalks on the Rt. 3 side of the Courthouse. They also authorized Region One Planning & Development Council to prepare and file a grant application with the WV Courthouse Facilities Improvement Authority seeking funds to make improvements to the Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

A resolution was adopted by the County Commission designating the Greenbrier Valley Economic Development Corporation as the county's lead economic development agency and a drawdown for the Greenville / Wikel Water Project was approved.

Commissioners reappointed Keith Campbell as a member of the Gap Mills PSD Board of Directors and reviewed the monthly meeting minutes of the Red Sulphur and Gap Mills Public Service Districts as well as the minutes of the Board of Health.

The County Clerk reported that he has received notice from the Public Service Commission of WV that the complaint the county previously filed against Windjammer Cable has been dismissed due to the fact that Windjammer has sold its cable service in the county to Vital Communications. Joyce Pritt and Marguerite Fullen was reappointed to C.A.S.E.

Commissioners awarded a bid to Duane Miller Construction Services to perform renovations to the Courthouse record room caused by a recent leak. This was the sole bid the County Commission received for this project.

Commissioners addressed five estate matters and approved seven final estate settlements and fourteen exonerations. Commissioners will meet again in regular session on October 7<sup>th</sup>.