

COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2021

PRESENT: SEAN SIKORA, PRESIDENT
THOMAS BLOOM, MEMBER
JEFFREY ARNETT, MEMBER

1. Moment of Silent Meditation and Pledge to the Flag

2. Call to Order

The Monongalia County Commission met in regular session on the 20th day of January 2021 beginning at 10:00 A.M. in the Monongalia County Commission Meeting Room, at the Monongalia County Courthouse. Agenda attached. A video copy of the work session will be available upon written request to the County Commission at cost.

3. Consent and Approval – (see exhibit)

A motion was made by Commissioner Bloom, seconded by Commissioner Arnett and unanimously carried for the Commission to give their consent and approval to the following agenda items:

- a) Erroneous Assessments
- b) Minutes – December 30, 2020; January 6 and 13, 2021
- c) Pay Vouchers
- d) Miscellaneous Bonds, etc.
- e) Budget Revisions
- f) Vacancies for Boards and Authorities
- g) Fiduciary Orders

A motion was made by Commissioner Bloom, seconded by Commissioner Arnett and unanimously carried to approve the Fourth Quarter Status Report from Fiduciary Commissioner George Armistead.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bloom, seconded by Commissioner Arnett and unanimously carried to approve the Petition to Terminate Guardianship in West Virginia for Michelle Prete.

4. Introduction of new employees/personnel changes

a) A motion was made by Commissioner Arnett, seconded by Commissioner Bloom and unanimously carried to approve the change to part-time employment for Cara Parker at the Monongalia County Day Report Center and a change to permanent part-time employment for Kitty Porter at the Chestnut Ridge Park.

5. Comments from the Public - none

6. Grants - none

7. Correspondence - none

8. Unfinished Business – none

9. New Business-see agenda

a) A motion was made by Commissioner Bloom, seconded by Commissioner Arnett and unanimously carried to approve a request by Chief Judge Cindy Scott for the use of Courtroom No. 3 by Judge Clawges in conjunction with his Forensics class on certain dates in February, March and April, 2021.

b) A motion was made by Commissioner Bloom, seconded by Commissioner Arnett and unanimously carried to approve the following appointments to the Monongalia County Development Authority: Barry Pallay; Mark Estlack; Ed Cosner; Kim Haws; Sean Sikora.

c) A motion was made by Commissioner Bloom, seconded by Commissioner Arnett and unanimously carried to approve an extension of the supplemental funding provided to the Visit Mountaineer Country Convention & Visitors Bureau for an additional three-month period which supplemental funding represents the County's three percent share of hotel motel tax for the period.

d) A motion was made by Commissioner Bloom, seconded by Commissioner Arnett and unanimously carried to approve the following dates for the 2021 Board of Review and Equalization hearings: February 1, 2021 from 9:15 to 9:30 a.m.; and from 10:00 a.m. until noon on February 4, 9, 12 and 18, 2021.

e) A motion was made by Commissioner Bloom, seconded by Commissioner Arnett and unanimously carried to approve the granting of lifetime privileges to the Monongalia County Shooting Range for Robert Doyle in appreciation for his longtime service to the Monongalia County Commission.

f) A motion was made by Commissioner Bloom, seconded by Commissioner Arnett and unanimously carried to approve the cost proposal received from Aqua Pools regarding RFP# 2020MCCCM001.

10. Reports from Elected Officials

James Smith, MECCA 911 – Update on cellular tower at Catherine's Knob, vehicles accidents due to weather and Health Department vaccine distribution.

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11. Reports from County Commissioners

Commissioner Bloom – Ben Conley with Dominion Post covering meeting thru the live stream due to weather; recap of food giveaways on January 16th and thanks to Daniel Brewster with Medical and Dental Brigades.

Commissioner Arnett – Appreciation to Dr. Smith and the Health Department.

Commissioner Sikora –Request for Dr. Smith to be scheduled to answer the public’s questions regarding COVID-19 and the vaccine; Jumla meeting; RED team; Development Authority; Broadband meeting; Reception for Bobby Doyle; breakfast with Ron Lytle, Frank Devono and Joe Statler; attended swearing in ceremony for State Auditor JB McCuskey.

12. Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Bloom, seconded by Commissioner Arnett and unanimously carried to adjourn at 10:32 A.M.

SEAN P. SIKORA
President

THOMAS C. BLOOM
Member

JEFFREY L. ARNETT
Member

Approved on: January 27, 2021

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