IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: MINUTES OF MEETING HELD MONDAY, MAY 3, 2010

PRESENT: RICK MODESITT, PRESIDENT DAVID BLAIR COUCH, COMMISSIONER WAYNE DUNN, COMMISSIONER

At 9:30 A.M., County Commission met in regular session. They signed purchase orders, invoices and other correspondence.

At 10:30 A.M., the County Commission met with Steve Nicely from the Mid-Ohio Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau, members of the Bureau and a few motel managers. They discussed the sports marketing initiative in the area. Mr. Nicely presented a logo that was developed by Stonewall Marketing for the Innovative Programming Grant program. A copy of a news release is attached to these minutes.

The 10:45 A.M. inspection of the Ivotronics was moved to 11:35 A.M.

The 11:00 A.M. bid opening for the HVAC system for the Holmes R. Shaver building was moved to May 20, 2010 at 11:00 A.M.

The 11:30 A.M. hearing in regard to the Margaret E. Mills estate was moved to Thursday, May 6, 2010.

At 11:45 A.M., the County Commission of Wood County, Jamie Six, Clerk for the Wood County Commission and Jim Leach and Ed Long, Ballot Commissioners conducted a public inspection of the Vote Recording Devices to be used for the May 11, 2010 Primary Elections. Upon a motion made by David Blair Couch and seconded by Wayne Dunn the devices were declared ready for voting and the devices were locked under two locks with David Blair Couch, Commissioner possessing one key and Jamie Six, Clerk

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possessing the second key. Commissioner Rick Modesitt did not participate. An Order was prepared regarding this matter.

At 11:50 A.M., the County Commission of Wood County, Jamie Six, Clerk for the Wood County Commission and Jim Leach and Ed Long, Ballot Commissioners conducted a public inspection and test of the Vote Tabulating Device to be used for the May 11, 2010 Primary Elections. Upon a motion made by Wayne Dunn, seconded by David Blair Couch, the device was declared accurate. All items used for testing including reports, PEBs and computer were locked with each Commissioner and the Clerk possessing one key each. Equipment will be unlocked a 7:00 P.M. May 11, 2010 to repeat test prior to tabulating result for the Primary Election. Commissioner Rick Modesitt did not participate. An Order was prepared regarding this matter.

The County Commission of Wood County, upon a motion made by David Blair Couch, seconded by Wayne Dunn and made unanimous by Rick Modesitt, did hereby AUTHORIZE Rick Modesitt, in his official capacity as President and on behalf of the County Commission, to sign the Request for Reimbursement in regard to the Governor's Highway Safety Program Grant Number F10-HS-03-408. The Request for Reimbursement is in the amount of zero dollars and zero cents (\$0.00) for the month of April, 2010. The Request for Reimbursement form, the Project Financial Report and the Monthly Progress Report have been submitted. Documentation pertaining to the Governor's Highway Safety Program Grant is on file in the Office of the County Administrator. An Order was prepared regarding this matter.

The County Commission of Wood County, upon a motion made by David Blair Couch, seconded by Wayne Dunn and made unanimous by Rick Modesitt, did hereby

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AUTHORIZE Rick Modesitt, in his official capacity as President and on behalf of the County Commission, to sign the Request for Reimbursement in regard to the Governor's Highway Safety Program Grant Number F10-HS-03-406. The Request for Reimbursement is in the amount of zero dollars and zero cents (\$0.00) for the month of April, 2010. The Request for Reimbursement form, the Project Financial Report and the Monthly Progress Report have been submitted. Documentation pertaining to the Governor's Highway Safety Program Grant is on file in the Office of the County Administrator. An Order was prepared regarding this matter.

The County Commission of Wood County, upon a motion made by Rick Modesitt, seconded by Wayne Dunn and made unanimous by David Blair Couch, did hereby AUTHORIZE the donation of the following bicentennial items to the Wood County Historical Society: 3 books (2 white, 1 brown), 1 clock and 3 postcard sets. An Order was prepared regarding this matter.

The County Commission of Wood County was in receipt of a check from the State of West Virginia in the amount of five thousand eight hundred eighty-eight dollars and sixty-eight cents (\$5,888.68) of which the amount of four hundred fifty-eight dollars and fifty cents (\$485.50) represents reimbursement to Wood County for expenses incurred during the month of December, 2009 in regard to the Stop Violence Against Women Grant Number 08-VAW-013. Receipt of the aforementioned check is pursuant to an Order appearing in Order Book 69, at Page 174, bearing the date of March 29, 2010, at which time Rick Modesitt, in his official capacity as President, and on behalf of the County Commission, was AUTHORIZED to EXECUTE the Request for Reimbursement.

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Documentation pertaining to the Stop Violence Against Women Grant is on file in the Office of the County Administrator. An Order was prepared regarding this matter.

The County Commission of Wood County was in receipt of a check from the State of West Virginia in the amount of five thousand eight hundred eighty-eight dollars and sixty-eight cents (\$5,888.68) of which the amount of five thousand four hundred thirty dollars and nineteen cents (\$5,430.19) represents reimbursement to Wood County for expenses incurred during the month of February, 2010 in regard to the West Virginia Criminal Justice Services Victims of Crime Advocate Grant Number 09-RAJ-55. Receipt of the aforementioned check is pursuant to an Order appearing in Order Book 69, at Page 174, bearing the date of March 29, 2010, at which time Rick Modesitt, in his official capacity as President, and on behalf of the County Commission, was AUTHORIZED to EXECUTE the Request for Reimbursement. Documentation pertaining to the Stop Violence Against Women Grant is on file in the Office of the County Administrator. An Order was prepared regarding this matter.

The County Commission of Wood County was in receipt of a check from the State of West Virginia in the amount of seven thousand nine hundred dollars and one cent (\$7,900.01) of which one thousand six hundred eighty-three dollars and fifty-two cents (\$1,683.52) represents reimbursement to Wood County for expenses incurred during the month of January, 2010, in regard to the West Virginia Division of Criminal Justice Services Victims of Crime Advocate Grant Number 09-RAJ-89. Receipt of the aforementioned check is pursuant to an ORDER appearing in Order Book 69, at Page 150 and bearing the date of February 22, 2010 at which time Rick Modesitt, in his official capacity as President and on behalf of the County Commission, was AUTHORIZED to

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EXECUTE the Request for Reimbursement. Documentation pertaining to the WVDCJS Victims of Crime Advocate Grant is on file in the Office of the County Administrator. An Order was prepared regarding this matter.

The County Commission of Wood County, upon a motion made by David Blair Couch, seconded by Wayne Dunn and made unanimous by Rick Modesitt, did hereby AUTHORIZE Rick Modesitt, in his official capacity as President and on behalf of the County Commission, to sign the Request for Reimbursement in regard to the Governor's Highway Safety Program Grant Number F10-HS-03-410. The Request for Reimbursement is in the amount of zero dollars and zero cents (\$0.00) for the month of April, 2010. The Request for Reimbursement form, the Project Financial Report and the Monthly Progress Report have been submitted. Documentation pertaining to the Governor's Highway Safety Program Grant is on file in the Office of the County Administrator. An Order was prepared regarding this matter.

Having no further appointments, the County Commission adjourned.

APPROVED: THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY Rick Modesitt, President

David Blair Couch, Commissioner

Wayne Dann, Commissioner

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CVB sports marketing initiatives net \$1.4 million in economic impact for region

PARKERSBURG, WV (May 3, 2010) – It's a trend that the Greater Parkersburg Convention & Visitors Bureau along with area hotels anticipate will play a significant role in marketing the area now and in the future.

Youth sporting tournaments are growing by leaps and bounds and communities across the country are paying attention to them. In fact, CVBs like Parkersburg are working hard to attract their business.

Today the Greater Parkersburg CVB appeared before the Wood County Commission and provided an update on its strategic sports marketing initiatives and current economic impact. Several area hotel general managers also appeared with Nicely.

Greater Parkersburg CVB President Steve Nicely indicated that Wood County hotel room nights sold in 2009, directly related to sporting events, generated \$1.4 million in economic impact.

"The CVB began focusing a portion of its marketing budget and efforts toward attracting and servicing sporting events a few years ago," Nicely said. "The result is that 50 percent of room nights sold in Wood County just last year were tied to these events. The benefit of sports related events taking place in our region is tremendous. Hotels fill up and shops and restaurants experience an increase in traffic. On average \$267.91 is spent per room, per day in the area."

Hotel general managers indicated the Wood County Innovative Grant Program, developed and administered by the Wood County Commission, has proven to be a tremendous help in promoting and attracting visitors for special events. In 2009, more than 5,000 hotel room nights were generated through events funded by the Wood County Innovative Grant Program.

"The Commission has been a partner with the sports marketing and innovative grant program from the beginning. This is a project that has been a total success, especially by bringing sports visitors to Wood County during the normally slow winter months. We are excited about the future possibilities and additional sporting events that will be hosted in Wood County," Wood County Commissioner President Rick Modesitt said.

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The number of sporting events that the bureau has worked with grows each year. In 2008 the bureau worked with 13 events; in 2009 19 events; and as of April 1, 2010 the bureau has assisted more than 45 sporting events.

"A recent article in The New York Times indicated that the popularity of youth tournaments has intensified over the past decade, particularly for girls' sporting events," Nicely said. "There is a tendency for those who attend a sporting event to also visit area attractions, seek out entertainment and enjoy local restaurants. For some families, traveling to youth tournaments has become the new family vacation."

The Greater Parkersburg CVB also manages an area sports calendar. The calendar features events that specifically bring overnight guests. There are currently more than 45 total sporting events taking place in 2010. Twenty-nine of those events are new. Seventeen events are scheduled to take place at the new ELITE Sports complex with other new events taking place at the WV Motor Speedway and USSA Softball tournaments in the area.

To learn more about the bureau's sports marketing program and upcoming events, visit <u>www.GreaterParkersburg.com</u> or call Steve Nicely 304-428-1130.

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