

IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: Minutes of the Meeting held January 27, 1981

PRESENT: President, Holmes R. Shaver
Commissioner, William C. Parrish
Commissioner, Dexter L. Buckley, Jr.

At 1:32 p.m. the Commission met with Mr. James Mazella from St. Joseph's Hospital, and Dr. Robert Cowan from Camden Clark Memorial Hospital. The purpose of the meeting was to request \$59,608.00 from the Wood County Commission to be expended to complete the implementation of a county wide emergency medical communications system of which will potentially affect the lives of all the citizens of Wood County. Dr. Cowan stated that the equipment was available to install. Commissioner Parrish also suggested splitting the amount requested with the City of Parkersburg. Mr. Jim Denowitz from Emergency Medical Services, stated that the City of Parkersburg had already given \$44,000.00 in kind. The representatives from the hospital's presented the Commission with a written request (PROPOSAL). Commission President asked the group if it would be possible for the hospitals to supply the funding for the system to be reimbursed by the County Commission. Mr. Shaver further commented that funding would have to come from Revenue Sharing and would have to be split over two (2) entitlement periods. Both Dr. Mazella, and Dr. Cowan, agreed to meet with their hospital boards and get back with the Commission. A copy of this PROPOSAL is in attachment.

Also, the Commission received three (3) 1981 Personal Property Tax Tickets to be impropered for clerical errors. The Commission received and approved the tickets and forwarded them to the Commission to be recorded. Copies are attached.

On this the 27th day of January 1981, two (2) letters was forwarded to Mrs. Nola M. Fultz, Securities Department, Federal Reserve Bank, Richmond, VA 23261, ORDERING that the following municipal bonds; \$200,000.00 Municipal Asst. Corp. N.Y., 9.25% 8-1-25, and \$200,000.00 West Virginia Roads, 7.90% due March 1, 1987, be released to the free control of the Union Trust National Bank. Copies are attached.

The following Purchase Orders were received and approved by the County Commission of Wood County:

Purchase Order #4590, to Sherwin-Williams, in the amount of \$30.76, for the Maintenance Department.

Purchase Order #4591, to W. H. Smith Hardware, in the amount of \$23.76, for the Sheriff's Department.

Purchase Order #4592, to Park Chem, in the amount of \$45.25, for the Correctional Center.

Purchase Order #4593, to Parkersburg Office Supply, in the amount of \$217.08, for the Circuit Clerk's Office.

Purchase Order #4594, to Parkersburg Office Supply, in the amount of \$13.06, for the County Commission.

Purchase Order #4595, to Parkersburg Office Supply, in the amount of \$15.30, for the Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

Purchase Order #4596, to The Barracks, in the amount of \$60.00, for the Sheriff's Department.

Purchase Order #4597, to Byers Lock & Key, in the amount of \$3.00, for the Correctional Center.

Purchase Order #4598, to Parkersburg Restaurant Supply, in the amount of \$20.95, for the Correctional Center.

Purchase Order #4599, to Globe Printing, in the amount of \$42.50, for the Sheriff's Department.

Purchase Order #4600, to Kestersons Laundry & Cleaners, in the amount of \$64.00, for the Correctional Center.

Purchase Order #4601, to Sherwin-Williams, in the amount of \$11.00, for the Correctional Center.

Purchase Order #4602, to Mullen Motors, in the amount of \$25.00, for the Sheriff's Department.

Purchase Order #4603, to H & I Wholesale, in the amount of \$23.60, for the Correctional Center.

Purchase Order #4604, to Big Mac Printing Co., in the amount of \$5.65, for the Correctional Center.

Purchase Order #4605, to Parkersburg Office Supply, in the amount of \$18.28, for the County Commission.

Purchase Order #4606, to Sherwin-Williams, in the amount of \$89.90, for the Maintenance Department.

Purchase Order #4607, to The Barracks, in the amount of \$140.00, for the Sheriff's Department.

Purchase Order #4608, to The Barracks, in the amount of \$420.00, for the Sheriff's Department.

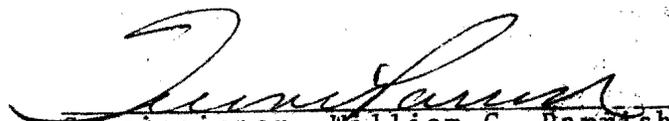
Purchase Order #4609, to The Barracks, in the amount of \$1,180.00, for the Sheriff's Department.

Approved:

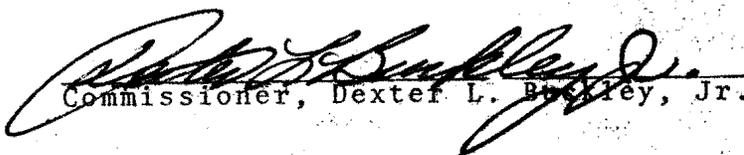
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Proposal

Since Wood County remains the only one in West Virginia which provides no financial support for the operation of an emergency medical services system, and since Article 15, Section 4 of the Ambulance Service Act of 1975 clearly establishes the responsibility of county government to provide ambulance services for county residents, and since the two hospitals in this county should no longer solely bear the costs of operating and maintaining an ambulance service program, it is requested that \$59,608 of Wood County funds be expended to complete the implementation of a county-wide emergency medical communications system which potentially can affect the lives of all citizens of this county.

In December, 1972, when citizens of Wood County confronted a crisis in emergency medical services occasioned by the suspension of all private ambulance service operations within the county, a comprehensive plan for the development of a city/county emergency medical service system was presented to members of the County Commission. The essential components of that system included:

- 1) acquiring and equipping emergency vehicles,
- 2) training ambulance service personnel to meet or exceed the requirements of the National Emergency Medical Technician Registry,
- 3) maintaining hospital emergency services according to the criteria of the American Medical Association,
- and 4) developing a county-wide emergency services communication system.

Many of the components of the county-wide emergency medical service system, originally presented to the Commission in 1973, have been implemented by St. Joseph's and Camden-Clark Memorial Hospitals in the past eight years. For example,

- 1) Currently the two hospitals operate a total of 13 ambulances to serve citizens of this county. Last year, more than 12,000 runs were completed by ambulance service personnel from both hospitals. No tax revenue from Wood County has been provided to purchase, equip, or maintain these vehicles.
- 2) Both hospitals recruit and provide financial support for the training and retention of ambulance service personnel. Their level of training far exceeds the requirements of the National Emergency Technician Registry. No financial support for the training of ambulance service personnel has been provided by Wood County.
- 3) Both hospitals operate emergency departments where citizens of this county receive efficient, effective emergency medical care. More than 65,000 visits to emergency rooms of both hospitals were recorded in 1980. Both hospitals provide 24-hour medical staff coverage.
- 4) The first steps toward the establishment of a county-wide emergency communications system were completed in 1979 with the installation of a central dispatching system in the new Municipal Building. For the first time, Parkersburg

residents were provided access to all emergency services-- fire, police, and medical--by dialing one telephone number. The implementation of this central dispatching system, with upgraded communications equipment, required the expenditure of more than \$30,000 by the county's two hospitals. No public tax monies from this county were expended to implement this phase of the comprehensive emergency medical services system.

In March, 1980, representatives from the two hospitals in this community appeared before members of this Commission to outline the financial realities regarding the operation of both hospitals' ambulance services. The consolidated operating statement which accompanied last year's report is reproduced below:

ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL/CAMDEN-CLARK MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

AMBULANCE SERVICE

CONSOLIDATED OPERATING STATEMENT

	1979	Projected 1980
Gross Revenue	\$ 399,712	\$ 437,358
Less: Allowances & Uncollectibles	<u>159,386</u>	<u>174,942</u>
Net Revenue	\$ 239,326	\$ 262,416
Expenses:		
Salaries & Wages	\$563,993	\$628,793
Fringe Benefits	92,303	103,559
Maintenance and Repair	13,513	42,302
Medical Supplies	5,795	5,136
Vehicle Oper. Expense	10,748	34,209
Insurance	15,427	12,485
Travel & Meeting	1,915	2,696
Misc'l. Supplies & Exp.	10,353	12,691
Depreciation	35,744	47,975
Rental of Satellite Stations	6,200	7,200
Overhead	<u>34,539</u>	<u>34,315</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>883,332</u>	<u>992,321</u>
Operating Deficit:	<u>\$ (643,206)</u>	<u>\$ (730,305)</u>
Capital Acquisitions:		
Ambulances	\$ 34,516	\$ 41,082
Lifepak & Defibrillators	13,107	
Sony Recorders	271	
Red Crystal Mobile Radios	1,514	1,514
Radios		2,500
Monitoring Equipment		11,300
Cots		<u>1,300</u>
	<u>\$ 101,613</u>	<u>\$ 57,296</u>

As this consolidated statement reveals, both hospitals in this county have done their part to insure the health and well-being of citizens of Wood County. It is time for the county to assume its responsibility.

Hence, we appear before members of the Commission today to request sufficient monies to complete the implementation of a county-wide communications system for Wood County.

Through the cooperation of the Region V Emergency Medical System, a total of \$75,000 in state and federal matching grants has been secured for the construction of a microwave tower located on Winding Heights Road. However, an additional \$59,608 needs to be generated to make this system completely operational.

The construction of this tower will maximize the efficiency of the medical communication system. Patient data--including EKG's, pulse rate, blood pressure information--can be transmitted from the scene of a medical emergency to the professional staff in the hospital emergency rooms. Because such data is available to the physician, he can supervise paramedics in the field as they initiate life-saving procedures. The transmission of such information can result in the saving of additional human lives.

This communications system, with its potential for microwave transmission, represents the first link of an advanced life support system for citizens of this area. Because it utilizes the existing communications tower of the Consolidated Gas Company, this project commits private industry, local hospitals, and federal, state, and county government to the provision of high quality emergency health care services for all citizens of Wood County.

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PERSONAL PROPERTY

WOOD COUNTY

Carol Beauty Salon
407 1/2 - 37th St

DISTRICT Vienna

TICKET NO. 7127-1980

DATE January 27

This is to certify that this ticket or portion thereof, as noted, is improper for the following reason:

Imp del same as #7126

The erroneousess of this ticket has been checked by: C Brown
DEPUTY

Approved by EUGENE A. KNOTTS, Assessor, or his authorized deputy,

Commissioner [Signature]
Commissioner [Signature]
M.B. Richardson

No. _____

PERSONAL PROPERTY

WOOD COUNTY

Paperback Mat of Clarendon
119-4th Ave

DISTRICT City

TICKET NO. 26047-1980

DATE Jan 26, 1981

This is to certify that this ticket or portion thereof, as noted, is improper for the following reason:

Imp del same as # 26046 (Paperback Mat

The erroneousess of this ticket has been checked by: C Brown
DEPUTY

Approved by EUGENE A. KNOTTS, Assessor, or his authorized deputy,

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WOOD COUNTY

*Sutton John & C
PO Box 98
Chicago Ill*

DISTRICT Vienna

TICKET NO. 72

DATE January 27, 1981

This is to certify that this ticket or portion thereof, as noted, is improper for the following reason:

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The erroneousness of this ticket has been checked by:

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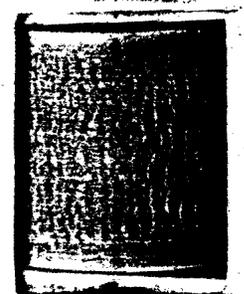
M. R. Anderson

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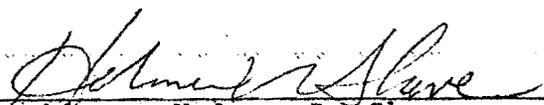
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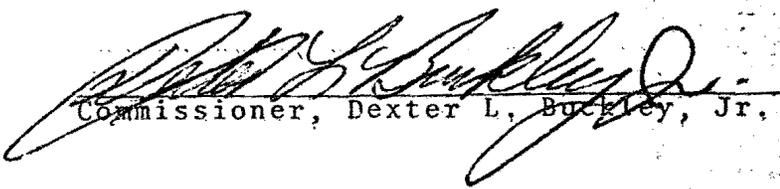
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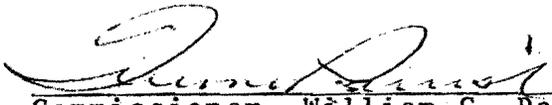
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