

IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD  
APRIL 8, 1985

PRESENT: PRESIDENT PRO TEM, HOLMES R. SHAVER  
COMMISSIONER, LEWIS E. GUINN

This day the County Commission convened at 9:00 a.m. Daily business was first on the agenda. County Administrator Mary Rader updated the Commission on the mail and daily activities. Maintenance Superintendent Emmett Pickens told the Commission that they were going to have to replace the hot water tank at the Correctional Center. He has been working on the problem, but the tank is simply burnt out. The Commission told Mr. Pickens to find the best price and make the purchase.

This day Birdie M. Wright petitioned the Commission to declare her sister, Nellie J. Marlow incompetent. David G. Palmer, attorney at law is Mrs. Wright's legal counsel. David Underwood served as guardian ad litem. Mr. Palmer called Mrs. Rose Smith to testify. Ms. Marlow lives on property owned by Ms. Smith in a trailer also owned by Ms. Smith. She (Ms. Marlow) eats her meals with Ms. Smith, and Ms. Smith helps her with her finances. Ms. Smith stated that many times after Ms. Marlow pays her bills and buys her medicine, she will send most of what is left to the "T. V. Preachers". She buys very little for herself. At this point Mr. Underwood asked Ms. Smith if Ms. Marlow had any checking or savings accounts. She said no, that she takes her to the bank to get her check (SSI) cashed. She charges Ms. Marlow \$230.00 for room and board per month. Mr. Underwood then asked her if she felt that Ms. Marlow understood her business transactions. Ms. Smith said that part of the time she thought she did, but there were times she could tell that she did not. Ms. Smith was excused at this point.

Next Mr. Palmer called on Mrs. Birdie Mae Wright, sister of Ms. Marlow to testify. Mrs. Wright stated that for years her brother, Maurice A. Marlow served as Committee for the financial affairs of Ms. Marlow. Attorney Palmer stated that the time period was July 3, 1948 to April 6, 1972. Ms. Wright also stated that her brother has recently passed away. In his will Mr. Marlow left money to provide for the care of Nellie Marlow provided Ms. Wright was appointed Committee for her finances. Mrs. Wright stated that she had heard that Nellie "gave" a lot of money to "TV" preachers. Mr. Underwood asked Ms. Wright if she knew why in April of 1972 Mr. Marlow was released as Nellie's Committee. She said she did not know. She said she knew that he did continue to help Nellie with her finances until the time of his death.

The County Commission by its own motion unanimously agreed that Ms. Nellie Marlow be declared incompetent. Hearing no one else in the room expressing a desire to be appointed committee for her finances, the Commission ordered that Ms. Birdie Mae Wright be appointed Committee for the finances of Nellie Marlow. Bond was posted in the amount of \$60,000.

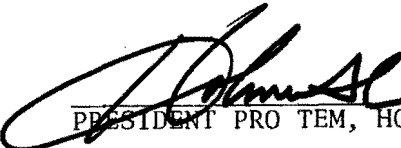
At 11:00 a.m. the Commission met with Chief Hoffman of the Wood County Sheriff's Department, Rodney Lynch of the Humane Society, and Wood County Assessor Eugene Knotts. The meeting was to clarify everyone's responsibility concerning stray dogs, dead animals on the county's roads, and vicious dogs reported by the public. Assessor Knotts suggested that the county's dog ordinance be revised to delegate more authority to the respective departments. He said that the licensing of dogs is going to be strongly enforced. Warrants will be issued for dogs found to be unlicensed. The Commission asked for suggestions from each of the departments as to what changes should be made in the County dog ordinance. Commissioner Shaver asked that these suggestions be turned in to the Commission within 60 days.

At 1:00 p.m. Mr. Willis Ridenour, coordinator for Little Kanawha R C & D came before the Commission to present them with their annual report and update the Commission of ongoing programs. Accompanying Mr. Ridenour were Jennings Hastings and Freddie Fields. Mr. Fields stated that he would like to see more emphasis by the Planning Commission put on soil erosion in developments out in the County. Mary Rader stated that Mr. Fields' office had been very helpful whenever the Planning Commission had asked their advice. Mr. Fields stated that he would be glad to come to a Planning Commission meeting and make a presentation to make members more aware of the importance of soil consevation. Mrs. Rader said that she would try to get him on the April or May agenda.

Since Commissioner Shaver had to attend a Development Authority meeting, and Commissioner Guinn had to go to a doctor's appointment, the Commission adjourned at 3:00 p.m. today.

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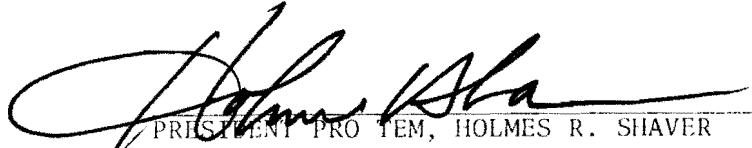
IN RE: COMMISSION MEETS WITH THE WOOD COUNTY SHERIFF'S  
DEPARTMENT AND THE HUMANE SOCIETY AND WOOD COUNTY  
ASSESSOR EUGENE KNOTTS

O R D E R

This day the County Commission met with Chief Deputy Hoffman of the Wood County Sheriff's Department and Rodney Lynch of the Humane Society concerning the ongoing problem of stray animals and removal of dead or vicious animals out in the county. Each department outlined their responsibilities. It was suggested by Assessor Knotts that the County needs to revise the current dog ordinance giving more authority to the Humane Society as well as the Sheriff's Department in certain areas. It was agreed by all parties that within 60 days suggestions would be on file with the County Commission and further meetings might be held.

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IN RE: WILLIS RIDENOUR OF LITTLE KANAWHA R C & D  
GIVES ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COUNTY COMMISSION

O R D E R

This day Mr. Willis Ridenour, Coordinator of the Little Kanawha R C & D, came before the Commission to give them his annual report and to update the Commission on ongoing programs. Accompanying Mr. Ridenour were Freddie Fields and Jennings Hastings.

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