

IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD  
APRIL 29, 1985

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

The County Commission convened in regular session today at 9:00 a.m. The first order of business was daily business with County Administrator Mary Rader. Invoices as well as purchase orders were signed for processing.

At 11:00 a.m. the Commission met with Assessor Gene Knotts and representatives of the Humane Society concerning the "Dog Fund." There is not enough money in the fund at this point in time to make the May and June payments for service to the Humane Society. The parties were trying to find a workable solution for all concerned. Commissioner Shaver told the group that the Commission would have to contact the State Tax Department to get approval to make the payments from another fund. He promised that he would try to get an answer for them today. If not, the Society indicated that they would have no choice but to discontinue service and lay off personnel due to lack of funds. Larry Wheatley of the Society stated that he was sorry, but that there is no way the Society can carry the County until the fund is built up from the sales of licenses. They don't have the funds themselves, which is why they depend so heavily on the County for their fee of \$2,000.00 per month.


At 1:30 p.m. the Commission heard a petition to prevent confirmation of a will recorded with the County Clerk for the estate of one Roy Kester Staats. The petitioner is the decedant's son, William K. Staats, represented by Attorney James Bradley. The petition alleges that there is a first will in the possession of Attorney William Crichton which leaves the bulk of his estate to Roy K. Staats' grandson. The will that has been


leaves the bulk of his estate, with the exception of some real property, to Roy K. Staats' niece and her husband, Gladys A. and Eugene Flinn. They are represented by Larry Sullivan. Testimony was taken from David G. Palmer, the attorney who prepared the recorded will, his father Dorsel Palmer, who witnessed the signing of the will, and Arley Parker who also witnessed the signing of the will. Also present was Ellen Douglass who has been appointed guardian ad litem for the grandson of Roy K. Staats. Testimony was quite lengthy. The session was taperecorded and available through the County Administrator's office. The matter has been continued to May 13, 1985 at 2:00 p.m.

The Commission adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Approved:

THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY

  
PRESIDENT PRO TEM, HOLMES R. SHAVER

  
COMMISSIONER, LEWIS E. GUINN