

IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD JUNE 3, 1985

PRESENT: PRESIDENT, DEXTER L. BUCKLEY, JR.
COMMISSIONER, HOLMES R. SHAVER
COMMISSIONER, LEWIS E. GUINN

Today the Commission and the County employees welcomed back Commission President Dexter L. Buckley, Jr., who has been recovering from surgery. President Buckley presided over the morning session, and went home at noon.

The Commission convened in regular session at 9:00 a.m. The first item on the agenda was daily business. County Administrator Mary Rader updated the Commission on daily business. The Commission compared invoices with the checks dated May 30, 1985. This is a periodic spot check as required by the State Code.

Today Dexter Buckley as President signed an application for NPDES Water Pollution Control Permit for Mountwood Park. This was No. WV0045616, and was sent to the Department of Natural Resources.

A letter was sent to the banks in Wood County concerning Depository Bonds. This is an annual procedure.

Mary Rader updated the Commission on the Jug Run Project. James Mylott of the Mid-Ohio Valley Regional Council has asked for an extension of 60 days for the Community Partnership Grant for this project. This grant is issued on a yearly basis, and was due to expire June 30, 1985. The City of Parkersburg estimates the completion date to be July 12, 1985.

Wood County Assessor Eugene Knotts, his Chief Deputy R. K. Mason, and Roscoe F. Lockney, General Manager of Ad-Mail came before the Commission to discuss the large mailing for the Assessor's office. Mr. Lockney explained that this mailing could take advantage of the Post Office's Bulk rate. Ad-Mail will pay the two fees which total \$100.00. Our cost will be \$0.12 per piece mailed. This will include all handling charges by Ad-Mail. The

savings to the County will be \$0.10 per piece mailed. Assessor Knotts suggested that Mr. Lockney talk to the Chief Tax Deputy Diana Joachim, and explain the package to her for the Tax Office's large mailing of tax tickets. The Commission agreed to contract Ad-Mail for the Assessor's office. Mr. Lockney said that he would bring the contract to the Commission Thursday, June 6, 1985, for their signatures.

At 10:00 a.m. representatives of the Fine Arts Council addressed the Commission. President-elect Allan McVey told the Commission that they were here to request monies that would be collected by the County from area hotels when the Hotel Tax goes into effect July 1, 1985. He gave the Commission a run-down of the services and activities of the Fine Arts Council and their members. He especially wanted to point out the economic impact the arts have on an area trying to attract new business and tourism. The Commission told Mr. McVey that they appreciated him taking the time to come in, and that when it came time to allocate the monies, they would take a hard look at the Fine Arts Council and their needs.

At 10:30 a.m. Attorney William Pfalzgraf, Development Authority President Elmer Balnkman and Robert K. Tebay were here for a Public Hearing on the Inducement of Revenue Bonds for Tebay Country Dairy Store for the purpose of expanding the present facilities to include a Deli, seating area and parking facilities, as well as additional shopping area. The total expansion area will be approximately 2550 square feet. The issuance of these bonds is not to exceed \$25,000.00. Hearing no objection, Commission Shaver moved that this bond issue be approved. Commissioner Guinn seconded, and President Buckley made the vote unanimous.

Prosecuting Attorney Harry Deitzler brought Cynthia Santoro to the Commission to be sworn in as Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for Wood County.

Next Chief Tax Deputy Diana Joachim brought the following in to be sworn in as tax deputies for the summer: Carolyn Hess, Linda Davitian, Catherine M. Dunn and Diane G. Dearman.

The Commission adjourned at noon for lunch.

At 1:00 the Commission heard the continued contested will of Roy Kester Staats, deceased. Testimony was taken from Gladys Flinn as to how she came to move in (along with her husband) and take care of Mr. Staats. She answered questions about Mr. Staats hospitalization, his daily habits and his drinking habits (alcohol). She testified that he had quit drinking beer approximately one week before his executed the will that is now on file with the County Clerk. Also testifying were the decedent's sister Isabelle Flinn, and Gladys Flinn's mother, Ethel Moore. Finally Donald Eugene Flinn was called to the stand. There was an objection by Attorney Bradley based on Davis vs. Davis but the Commission overruled the objection because his testimony was not to prove the will as was the case of the beneficiary in Davis vs. Davis. At approximately 3:15 p.m. the Commission rendered its decision. The decision was that the will offered for Probate and on file with the County Clerk at the present time will stand as the last will and testament of Roy K. Staats. There was not sufficient evidence offered to indicate that Mr. Staats was in any way coerced or not in control of his mental faculties. Attorney Bradley requested that the record reflect that his clients, the petitioners, would appeal the decision to the Circuit Court.

Testimony was quite lengthy in this case. It was tape recorded and is available through the County Administrator's office.

In other matters, earlier in the day President Buckley signed a letter approving the proposed merger of the Health Care Fund and REIT, Inc. Attorney William Pfalzgraf is checking into the situation for the Commission.

An ORDER was signed today by the Commission transferring the kitchen and the cooks at the Correctional Center to the Sheriff's jurisdiction.

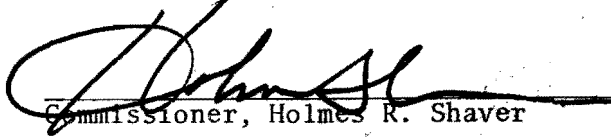
A copy of the ORDER is attached.

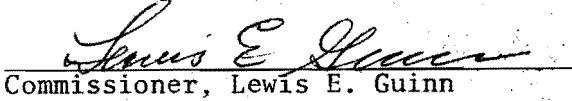
The Commission adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

APPROVED:

THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY


President, Dexter L. Buckley, Jr.


Commissioner, Holmes R. Shaver


Commissioner, Lewis E. Guinn