IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 1985

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

The County Commission of Wood County convened in regular session, Thursday, March 21, 1985, with Holmes R. Shaver, President Pro Tem, and Lewis E. Guinn, Commissioner.

The first item of business was a meeting with Jenny Moles from the State Tax Department. Ms. Moles explained to the Commission the monthly charges being assessed to Wood County for the Statewide computer system that is set up in the Assessor's office. The Commission and the Assessor did not understand the reason for the monthly charges since Wood County is not currently using the computer system. Ms. Moles stated that this was Wood County's shared expense for the computer system that is in place even though it is not being used. When the system is in use, the County will be billed for usage of the lines and for disk storage in addition to what is now being billed. It has been estimated by the State Tax Department that Wood County's on-line assessment for the fiscal year 1985-1986 would be \$37,000.00 Assessor Eugene Knotts, Chief Deputy Robert K. Mason, and Administrator Mary Rader were in attendance at this meeting.

The continuation of Prosecuting Attorney Harry Dietzler's budget hearing of Monday, March 18, 1985 which was set for Thursday, March 21, 1985 at 9;00 A.M. was continued until 9;00 A.M. March 25, 1985. See Order attached to these minutes.

Dr. Martin Garino from the Western District Guidance Center appeared before the Commission with the budget request for the Center for the fiscal year 1985-1986. Dr. Garino briefly went over the services provided by the Center and the percentage of said services to Wood County. The Commission said they would take the request under advisement.

The scheduled meeting between the Commission and the elected officials was the next order of business. The elected officials attending were, Eugene Knotts, Assessor; H. K. Smith, County Clerk; Juanita Coe, Circuit Clerk; and Steve Greiner, Sheriff. Prosecuting Attorney Harry Dietzler was unable to attend because he was in court. President Pro Tem Holmes R. Shaver explained to those present that the projected revenues for 1985-1986 were \$60,000.00 less than the revenues for 1984-1985, however, the expenditures for the fiscal year 1985-1986 had increased

considerably. He cited several reasons for the increase, the computer system in the Assessor's Office, liability insurance had doubled, inflation, and increase in benefits; such as Social Security, Worker's Compensation, etc; Elected officials voiced their pleasure to the Commission of being included in the budget process for the fiscal year 1985-1986. Sheriff Greiner was commended by elected officials for his endeavor in pursuing delinquent taxes. Elected officials pledged their assistance to Sheriff Griener if needed. President Pro Tem Holmes Shaver told the elected officials that if the Sheriff was successful in the collecting of delinquent taxes, estimated at \$400,000.00, the officials would be given additional monies for salary increases for their employees.

The Commission conducted routine business of signing purchase orders, signing invoices for payment, and going through the mail. Being no further business to discuss, the Commission adjourned at 12;00 noon.

APPROVED:

THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY

PRESIDENT PRO TEM, HOLMES R. SHAVER

COMMISSIONER, LEWIS E. GUINN