

IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: MINUTES OF MEETING HELD THURSDAY,  
MAY 22, 1986

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

The County Commission met with the Volunteer Firefighters Association. This was a Public Hearing. President Holmes R. Shaver stated that the Commission was concerned about the fire protection for Wood County. The departments have worked very hard to get their rating up so that they could receive a discount on their insurance. A real concern to the Commission and the Fire Fighters is what the future is for the departments. He stated that he felt the fire fee was an important issue and the Commission felt that it should be placed on the ballot. This was done and it failed. It seems the public misunderstood and were misinformed on the Fire Protection Fee. There was also a time constraint on informing the Public. The Commission is willing to put the Protection Fee on the November ballot, based on the feedback from the people if they can get more information on the fee that would help. The problem is what are the Fire Departments going to do until then, President Shaver stated that the Commission would help them get through this time. The Commission will know in mid-June what the third & fourth allocations will be from Revenue Sharing. The Commission will hold a hearing on the disbursement of the allotments. He asked the Fire Departments to come back in 30 days with the funds they need. Commissioner Dexter L. Buckley, Jr. stated that he felt it should be placed on the ballot in November and that

the Commission was in support of the fire fighters and since 1973 the Wood County Commission has dispursed \$1,190,462 to all Volunteer Fire Departments in Wood County. Commissioner Lewis E. Guinn stated that this is the last of Revenue Sharing there is no more, and the Public had better realize the situation. Bill Ferguson stated that they have come to this meeting not as a protest group, they were here to talk with the Commission about how serious this situation is, and to inform the Commission that the fire departments will stay open as long as they can. Snowden Kesterson read a letter to the Commission. A copy of this letter is attached. This hearing continued until 9:45. The hearing was taped and is on file in the Administrator's Office, Room 205.

The Commission met with Prosecuting Attorney, Harry Deitzler to discuss the legality of the fire protection fee being put on the ballot in November.

Attorney William Pfalzgraf submitted James L. Duvall's name to be sworn in to the Lubeck PSD. He will be replacing James Scott.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Dexter L. Buckley, Jr. and seconded by Commissioner Lewis E. Guinn and made unanimous by Commission President Holmes R. Shaver the Commission agreed that the pay rate of the Janitors that worked the May 13, 1986 Primary Election be \$20 per Janitor per precinct. A copy of the Order is attached.

The Commission set a date for the sealed bid opening for June 9, 1986 at 11:00 a.m. for the two Chevorlett cars from the Assessor's Office.

Having no further business or appointments the Commission adjourned at noon.

  
PRESIDENT, HOLMES R. SHAVER

  
COMMISSIONER, DEXTER L. BUCKLEY, JR.

  
COMMISSIONER, LEWIS E. GUINN

MAY 22, 1986

IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: PRIMARY ELECTION - MAY 13, 1986 -- RATE OF  
PAY FOR JANITORS FOR THIS ELECTION ONLY.

O R D E R

On this date, upon a motion made by Commissioner, Dexter L. Buckley, Jr. and second by Commissioner, Lewis E. Guinn and made unanimous by President, Holmes R. Shaver, the Wood County Commission Ordered that the rate of pay for all services performed by all Janitors in the Primary Election held in Wood County be set at Twenty (\$20.00) Dollars per Janitor per precinct. This rate of pay is in effect for the Primary Election that was held on May 13, 1986.

Approved:

THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY

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PRESIDENT, HOLMES R. SHAVER

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COMMISSIONER, DEXTER L. BUCKLEY, JR.

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COMMISSIONER, LEWIS E. GUINN

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Wood County Commission  
Wood County Courthouse  
Parkersburg, WV 26101

Dear Commissioners,

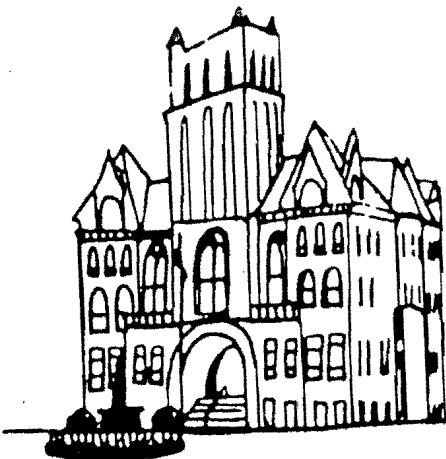
The vote against the fire fee was a "backlash" vote against the County Commissioners for their recent 30 per cent increase in property taxes, which go into effect July 1, of this year. In no way was it a vote against our fine volunteer fire departments.

Enough is enough, and a 30 per cent increase was five times what was necessary! The president of the Tea Party asked the County Commissioners to rescind the 30 per cent increase, or resign. They did neither,

A representative from the Citizens to Improve Wood County, Inc. asked the County Commissioners to take back the 30 per cent increase, and to ask our State Delegates, and Senators to introduce legislation to change the State Formula, or resign, The Commissioners were told at that time, if they insisted on putting the 30 per cent property tax into effect, they might as well "kiss the fire fee goodbye." Kim Marshall was also told the same thing, not once but twice, in the halls of the famous old Wood County Courthouse.

All of these officials evidently fall into Patrick Henry's description of those having eyes, and not seeing, and having ears, and not hearing. The people also voted against an appointed fire board.

What is the solution? What can we do to get the people to vote for the fire fee? I recommend two things; 1) The County Commissioners resign, and 2) the fire board be elected, (one from each volunteer fire district.) If these two things are done, the fire fee will stand a good chance of passing.



Sincerely,

*Snowden Kesterson*

Snowden Kesterson, president  
Citizens to Improve Wood County, Inc.

It belongs to the people!

Meeting 5/22/86

Name

Tom Smith Washington Bottom VFD  
Herbert G. Lillard Pond Creek VFD  
Bernard Cothem P.M.B.S. V.F.D.  
Bill Ferguson Blennerhessett U.F.D.  
John Louden East Wood V.F.D.  
Ralph M. Glenn Lubock VFD  
Bill Fulton East Wood VFD.  
Linda Swisher Lubek VFD (Aup.)  
Larry Swisher Lubek VFD  
Dave Stewart Lubek VFD  
Sharon Stewart Lubek VFD (Aup.)  
Nancy Vaughn Lubek VFD (Aup.)  
Jerry Tenson Eastwood Attyer  
Greg Stephens Washington Bottom  
Kenneth Harris Wood Co. Emergency Services (COMMUNICATIONS)  
Mike Jarvis Blennerhessett U.F.D.  
Larry Sullivan Pond Creek VFD  
Don Vaughn Lubek V.F.D.  
Richard Fulton Blennerhessett VFD  
John D. Brular B.V.F.D.  
Delphine Parsons WB VFD (EMT)  
DR. Metz WB VFD  
Donald Smith WB VFD  
Pete McMullen P.M.B.S.  
Marcus W. Hendershot Deerwalk V.F.D.  
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