

IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: MINUTES OF MEETING HELD  
MONDAY, MARCH 30, 1992

PRESENT: PRESIDENT STEVEN A. GRIMM  
COMMISSIONER HOLMES R. SHAVER  
COMMISSIONER JEAN GRAPES

On this date, the County Commission met in regular session. They signed purchase orders, invoices and correspondence. The Commission approved Personal Property Improvers for Parkersburg Nissan, Inc. and Roy W. Wildman. Upon a motion made by Steven A. Grimm, seconded by Jean Grapes and made unanimous by Holmes R. Shaver, the Commission approved minutes from Monday, March 23, 1992.

At 9:00 A.M., Gary Parsons failed to show for his appointment.

At 9:10 A.M., the County Commission met with Steve Valentine to discuss the costs of the mapping systems. Mr. Valentine told the Commission that they shouldn't spend the money on equipment now if they are later going to change to digital mapping. Mr. Valentine stated that Xerox has a machine that will do both mylars and blue ink. Commissioner Grapes thinks that it can be bought through the State. Mr. Valentine stated that he wasn't sure. Ed Mackey from the State has told Mr. Valentine that his office would help them in regard to these maps. Commissioner Grapes stated that they need to find out more before they make a decision. President Grimm agreed with this and wants to know what equipment is needed. Mr. Valentine stated that it would be the same list that he submitted before minus the copier and he has been checking on prices. Mr. Valentine stated that he would check with the State about the purchase of the machine and also check with the City of Parkersburg to see what type of machines they use.

At 10:00 A.M., the County Commission met with the Citizens for Decency. Brian Harroll asked Lon Chenowith to speak. Mr. Chenowith described a dump in Mineral Wells that stinks, is an eyesore and attracts flies; he also stated

that this analogy should be applied to the adult bookstore in Mineral Wells. Mr. Chenowith also stated that they just want an ordinance enacted by the Commission so that eventually a jury of Wood County citizens can decide the pornography issue. Mr. Harroll stated that the citizens have the right to say what meets the community standards. Mr. Harroll also stated that the Citizens for Decency is being victimized by a smear campaign. Mr. Harroll stated that their organization does not support censorship; has not attacked the Parkersburg High School student newspaper, the Journal; is not trying to censor Parkersburg's two newspapers; is not trying to ban books in the schools; is not conducting an organized boycott; is not trying to censor radio and television programming; and is victimized by lies in the media. Renee Peerman told the Commission that West Virginia is one of three states in the nation without an obscenity law and that the Citizens For Decency is considering forming a support group for individuals who have been sexually abused. Commissioner Grapes asked if they could bring lawsuits against the bookstore. Mr. Chenowith stated that there are no laws, so they have no power to do this. Mr. Harroll stated that somebody has to take a stand. Commissioner Shaver stated that contrary to what other people say, we take this serious and want to wait for the Supreme Court to make a decision on this matter. President Grimm stated that he concurs with Commissioner Shaver. President Grimm suggested that maybe this issue can be placed on a ballot for Wood County voters to decide. There was further discussion before the Commission called this meeting to an end.

At 11:00 A.M., the meeting with Shiela Hunt was cancelled.

At 1:15 P.M., Larry Border was sworn in to the Wood County Planning Commission.

At 1:30 P.M., the County Commission met with Dennis Cain, Tim Null, John Scott, Mark Smitherman and Don Bowling to discuss the Tri-Community Sports Association. Tri-C covers the Lubeck, Washington and Blennerhassett areas. They currently have thirty-four teams on six fields. They need to

move from the field of DuPont to a GE Plastics field. They explained that their program focuses on the kids, everyone plays. There are already two fields at the new site and there is room for six baseball fields and one soccer field. They are trying to get volunteers to do a lot of the work. They are planning fund raisers and they also receive money from concessions. This would be a one time funding request. President Grimm stated that the Commission will discuss this and let them know.

On this date, the County Commission was in receipt of additional petitions objecting and protesting the presence of Adult Video and Pornography Stores in Wood County. Said petitions containing three hundred and one signatures were presented by the Citizens for Decency group while appearing before the Wood County Commission. An Order was prepared regarding this matter.

On this date, the County Commission was in receipt of the Approval of the Request for Revision to Approved Budget from the Department of Tax and Revenue, Charleston, WV, in regard to Revision No. 25 of the General County Fund budget for the fiscal year 1991/1992. An Order was prepared regarding this matter.

On this date, the County Commission was in receipt of a letter from Boyce Griffith, Chairman of the Public Service Commission of WV, in which Rita N. Vasta, who resides at 4400 Grand Central Avenue, Apartment 15, Vienna, WV 26105, is being appointed to the Wood County Solid Waste Authority. Ms. Vasta is being appointed to serve the remainder of the unexpired term created by the resignation of Earl Burgess of the Mid-Ohio Valley Board of Health. The unexpired term will run through June 30, 1992. An Order was prepared regarding this matter.

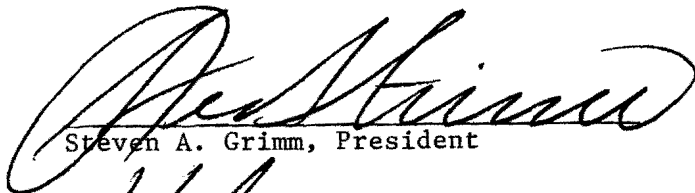
On this date, the County Commission was in receipt of a letter from Barbara Lobert, Highway Safety Specialist of the Criminal Justice and Highway Safety Office, Charleston, WV. Said letter gives approval to the County's request to increase the overtime rate from \$17.00 per hour to \$20.00 per hour in regard to the Sobriety Checkpoints Grant No. AI91-14. The letter of request

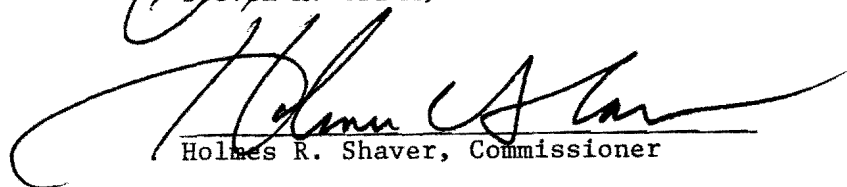
was signed by S.F. Greiner, Sheriff on March 23, 1992. An Order was prepared regarding this matter.

Having no scheduled appointments or further business to attend to, the County Commission adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

Approved:

THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY

  
Steven A. Grimm, President

  
Holmes R. Shaver, Commissioner

  
Jean Grapes, Commissioner

PURCHASE ORDERS SIGNED ON MARCH 30, 1992

No. 15699	Parkersburg Office Supply	\$ 55.00
15703	Lowe's Home Centers	9.93
15789	Continental Research Co.	137.10
15833	Parkersburg Office Supply	4.60
15846	Parkersburg Lumber Co.	73.18
15847	Phar-Mor	124.50
15857	Parkersburg Office Supply	108.00