

IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: MINUTES OF MEETING HELD
MONDAY, MARCH 11, 1996

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

On this date, the County Commission of Wood County met in regular session. They signed invoices and other correspondence. They signed purchase order number 21014 to NOE Office Equipment in the amount of \$6,017.00.

On this date, the County Commission approved an Exoneration of Personal Property for Don Michael Linder - City District (1995).

At 9:45 A.M., the County Commission met with either K.D. Merritt or Charlie Johnson from the Sheriff's Department to discuss overtime for deputies. (Tape does not have this meeting on it.)

At 10:00 A.M., the County Commission met with the Lubeck Public Service District. Commissioner Grapes stated that they were asked to come here to give an explanation, due to the County Commission receiving a petition, on the rate increases; the County Commission realizes they have no jurisdiction on the increases, but they would like to be informed of what has been done. Jim Cox, Manager of the public service district stated that they have filed for an increase in both water and sewer rates, the water increase is to offset increases in the cost of operations since the last filing, which the rates that were filed last time, were based upon 1989 rates; the only other rate increases were in 1958-1960 and in 1991; they have been losing money due to the State underestimating costs; Corrosion Control requires now that they have an additive put in called Calgon

C3, which coats the lines and cuts down on the Corrosion, this costs approximately \$24,000.00 per year (this wasn't in the increase in 1991); the Public Service Commission requires that a district put up forty-two months of an average bill if anyone wants to extend water service to their areas, they haven't in recent times had the money to do that, and have required the people to put up the entire amount and then rebate after they start service, they (Lubeck PSD) has requested this amount of money so that they will be able to do that upfront, the way it is supposed to be done; Federal and State requirements for testing, increases and changes daily and definitely yearly; an estimate for special tests would be in the excess of two thousand dollars, just for the special tests this year; they have also asked for money to connect some ends of the existing system together; there is slippage in land that need repaired (replacing lines); part of the reason they have asked for money, they can either take their own crew and do it as they get time or they can pay an engineer to design the system, then pay a contractor and put the lines in, they would rather do it themselves. James Smith stated that due to the increase in customers, some of the lines need to be bigger because customers are losing pressure. Mr. Cox stated that the last pay increase for district employees was November 1, 1994 which was 3% and before that it was March 1, 1993 and was a 2 1/2% increase; the employees deserve an increase; they have recently purchased six new vehicles, the oldest one they had was a 1978 and the newest was a 1987 model; there was nearly one hundred thousand miles on each vehicle, one had an excess of one hundred thousand,

they were worn out and unsafe; they still have their dumptruck. Mr. Sinnett stated that they had to borrow money from the bank. Mr. Cox stated that the sewer increase is to pay operating and testing costs; most of the systems are twenty or more years old; they need repairs and they have asked for a tv camera to go in and look at the lines, so that they will know which ones need to be repaired; the money will also go to slip lining and/or line replacement, manhole repairs. Mr. Smith stated that the plants are supposed to last twenty years and all of theirs are twenty years old; they don't know at what time they will go bad. Philip Postlewait, Jr., Accountant for the public service district stated that they are requesting a fifty percent increase in water rates and fifty percent increase in sewer rates. More discussion took place. Mr. Smith stated that none of this money will be used to extend water to future customers. Mr. Postlewait stated that is true except the money for the forty-two months of the average bill as stated earlier. Rick Alcott, Pahlhurst Plaza Homeowner stated that the public service commission has answered his questions during this discussion. Larry Wright, Hopewell resident stated that he doesn't object to their rate increase, he understands it, however, he doesn't want Hopewells projected rates to increase. A list of those in attendance is attached to these minutes. Commissioner Grapes thanked the public service district commission for their time. A Public Hearing will be held on March 22, 1996 at 10:30 A.M. in the City Building (2nd floor).

At 11:00 A.M., the County Commission met with Judge Jeffrey B. Reed; Steven George, Chief Adult Probation Officer; Dale

Wilcox, Wood County Sheriff's Department and Carol Barth, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer. Judge Reed first discussed the juvenile probation office; the employees cannot see who is coming in the door; they would like some sort of buffer zone so that they know who and how many people are coming in; another concern is the panic buttons, sometimes they buzz the wrong place. Mr. George stated that they would like to come up with a package proposal of what they would like to do in the Adult and Juvenile Probation Offices to increase the security. More discussion took place. They discussed getting pepper spray to keep at the desks. The Commission stated they had no problem with getting the buzzers. The Commission asked if they could get the pepper spray from the Sheriff's Department. Mr. Wilcox stated that he saw no problem with that. Judge Reed stated that Mr. George and Ms. Barth will get a proposal together.

On this date, Gerald Spears showed the Commission a letter he received from the Prosecuting Attorney's Office concerning their ability to talk to him and explain what the Commission had in mind in denying his petition; they (Prosecutor's Office) told him they couldn't talk to him. Mr. Spears stated that Steve Compton was out of town and wants to know what he can do. Commissioner Grapes stated that she didn't know. Commissioner Grimm stated that, because of the width of the road, that by the County Commission accepting or participating in some fashion in that petition, we (Commission) would be adjoined with you in the improvement of the road; he's not sure what advice to give Mr. Spears; he and Commissioner Shaver looked at the road. Commissioner Grapes stated that his petition was to

improve the road and asked the Commission to sign off on the way that he was going to improve it and we didn't do it because it was a dead end and because it was fifteen feet; what Mr. Spears wants to know, is what he can do. Commissioner Shaver stated that they will ask the Prosecuting Attorney for some answers. Commissioner Grapes stated that the County Commission did not say he could not improve the road, they said they weren't part of what he was doing. More discussion took place. Commissioner Grimm stated that the Commission has no right to cause Mr. Shaffer to be able to use the right of way; the Commission did not agree to participate in the improvement. Mr. Shaffer asked who can tell him what he can do. The Commission stated maybe an attorney or the Department of Highways could tell him what to do. Commissioner Grapes stated that they (the Commission) cannot tell him or give him legal advice. Mr. Shaffer stated that some of the property owners are blocking the right of way. The County Commission stated that is up to the property owners to work out; the Commission is not a law enforcing body. More discussion took place. The Commission stated that they would hypothetically ask for a legal opinion on what could happen to Mr. Shaffer if he went ahead and improved the road.

On this date, the County Commission of Wood County, upon a motion made by Steven A. Grimm, seconded by Holmes R. Shaver and passed, authorized Jean Grapes, as President and on behalf of the County Commission to sign the letter giving authorization to United National Bank (Wachovia Bank) to release the following securities pledged to the County as County Depositories.

\$500,000.00 WV Bd/Regents Tuition RV 7.375 4/1/1997
966593CV7 Receipt 3202010

\$125,000.00 Roane Co WVA Bd/ED MBIA 5.300 5/2/2013
769775BW6 Receipt 175005001

An Order was prepared regarding this matter.

On this date, the County Commission of Wood County, upon a motion made by Holmes R. Shaver, seconded by Steven A. Grimm and passed, authorized Jean Grapes, as President and on behalf of the County Commission to sign the letter addressed to Ms. Mila Plosky, Transportation Specialist, Federal Highway Administration, Washington, D.C. Said letter states that Wood County is submitting the progress report for the month of February, 1996 for the Wood County Red Light Running Campaign. All documentation pertaining to said Red Light Campaign is on file in the Office of the County Administrator. An Order was prepared regarding this matter.

Pursuant to the Order appearing in Order Book 56, at Page 405 and bearing the date of February 28, 1996, the following correction needs to be reflected in the changes ORDERED to be made by the County Commission in Property Assessments for the year 1996. Said correction is due to an error in calculation.

Page 36 - Pierce, Daniel D. (Mini-Warehouse)
Clay District
Map 130, Parcel W1A
Adjust total assessment from
\$144,120.00 to \$69,921.00.

should read

Adjust total assessment from
\$144,120.00 to \$113,482.00.

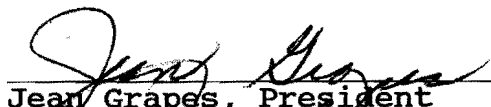
An Order was prepared regarding this matter.

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, West Virginia, in regard to Revision No. 14 in the General County Fund budget for the fiscal year 1995/1996. Receipt of said Approval is pursuant to an Order appearing in Order Book 56, at Page 386 and bearing the date of February 8, 1996, at which time the Request for Revision was signed by Jean Grapes, President of the Wood County Commission. An Order was prepared regarding this matter.

On this date, the County Commission of Wood County, was in receipt of a letter from the Governor of West Virginia, Gaston Caperton, in which the County Commission is advised the Criminal Justice and Highway Safety Grant proposal in the amount of Seven Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100ths cents (\$7,500.00) has been approved. Said amount will be used for a Youth Highway Safety Program. All documentation pertaining to said Criminal Justice and Highway Safety Grant is on file in the Office of the County Administrator. An Order was prepared regarding this matter.

Approved:

THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY



Jean Grapes, President



Steven A. Grimm, Commissioner



Holmes R. Shaver, Commissioner

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Representative</u>
John	NOUR
Gary Wright	Hopewell Water District
Rick Alcott	Pahlhurst Plaza Homeowner - self
Charles Huffman	LPSD COMMISSIONER
Jim Smith	" "
Philip R. Kottewand PA	" Accountant
James M Cox	" Manager