

IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: MINUTES OF MEETING HELD
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2000

PRESENT: HOLMES R. SHAVER, PRESIDENT
DAVID A. COUCH, COMMISSIONER

ABSENT: ROBERT K. TEBAY, COMMISSIONER

On this date, the County Commission of Wood County met in regular session. They signed purchase orders, invoices and other correspondence.

At 10:00 A.M., Stephen Greiner was sworn in as Sheriff of Wood County.

The County Commission of Wood County, upon a motion made by David A. Couch, seconded by Robert K. Tebay and passed, did hereby AUTHORIZE Holmes R. Shaver, in his official capacity as President and on behalf of the County Commission, to EXECUTE the GOVERNOR'S COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP GRANT PROGRAM CONTRACT between THE WEST VIRGINIA DEVELOPMENT OFFICE and the WOOD COUNTY COMMISSION in regard to funds allocated to the Adventure Pursuit, Inc. The aforementioned funds are in the amount of ten thousand dollars and 00/100ths cents (\$10,000.00) and are to be utilized for the construction of an accessible picnic shelter complex with a wheelchair lift at the Adventure Pursuit, Inc. facility. The aforementioned Grant Program shall be completed by June 30, 2001 and may only be extended by mutual written agreement of both parties dependent on the reappropriation of funds under the Governor's Community Partnership Grant Program. Any changes to the scope of the services of the work to be performed, as stated above, shall be mutually agreed upon by and between the West Virginia Development Office and the County Commission, and shall be incorporated in written agreements to this Contract. The

aforementioned Contract may be terminated by giving written notice, one party to the other party, and specifying the effective date of such termination. Sealed bids must be solicited for all commodities or supplies related to this Project, which have an estimated value of over ten thousand dollars and 00/100ths cents (\$10,000.00). An Order was prepared regarding this matter.

The County Commission of Wood County, upon a motion made by David A. Couch, seconded by Holmes R. Shaver and passed, reappointed Cynthia Buskirk to the Wood County Historic Landmarks Commission. Said announcement is pursuant to an Order appearing in Order Book 51, at Page 433 and bearing the date of April 1, 1991 which deals with the procedure policy for appointments being made by the County Commission and further pursuant to an Order bearing the date of December 11, 2000, at which time Ms. Buskirk was placed in nomination. Ms. Buskirk's new term will expire December 31, 2005. An Order was prepared regarding this matter.

The County Commission of Wood County, upon a motion made by David A. Couch, seconded by Holmes R. Shaver and passed, adopted a Resolution in reference to Budget Revision No. 6 in the General County Fund budget for the fiscal year 2000/2001. The Request for Revision to the Approved Budget, being submitted to the West Virginia State Auditor - Chief Inspector Division, Charleston, West Virginia, was signed by Holmes R. Shaver, President of the Wood County Commission. An Order was prepared regarding this matter.

The County Commission of Wood County, upon a motion made by David A. Couch, seconded by Holmes R. Shaver, and passed, AUTHORIZED Holmes R. Shaver, in his official capacity as President and on behalf of the County Commission, to EXECUTE the Resolution Adopting the Flexible Benefits Plan which allows American Family Life Insurance to be

included in our cafeteria plan. The Flexible Benefits Plan includes the Adoption Agreement, the flexible benefits plan document and the component benefit plans and policies for Wood County employees. Said benefits under the plan are Cancer Insurance, Group Dental Coverage, Accident Insurance, Hospital Indemnity Insurance and specified Health Event and qualify as a cafeteria plan. An Order was prepared regarding this matter.

The County Commission of Wood County was in receipt of the resignation of Commissioner David A. Couch. Commissioner Couch is resigning due to recent health problems. The effective date of his resignation is December 26, 2000. A copy of Commissioner Couch's resignation is attached to these minutes and shall be made a part thereof. An Order was prepared regarding this matter.

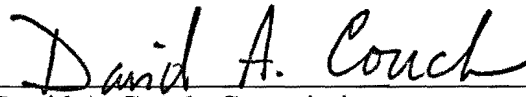
Having no further scheduled appointments or business to attend to, the County Commission adjourned at 12:00 Noon.

Approved:

THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY



Holmes R. Shaver, President



David A. Couch, Commissioner

PURCHASE ORDERS APPROVED ON DECEMBER 21, 2000

27212	Midwest Micro	1770.99
27214	Office Depot	998.89

27246

Parkersburg Office Supply

81.60

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To Mr. Holmes R. Shaver, President of the Wood County Commission:

It has been both a privilege and honor to serve Wood County as a Commissioner these past four years. However, due to my recent health problems, I find I no longer have the strength and energy to perform my responsibilities as Commissioner up to my standards. Therefore, this letter will serve as my resignation effective 12/26/2000.

My goals when I became a Commissioner were to represent all of the residents of Wood County to the best of my ability, and to treat everyone with respect and kindness.

I certainly have enjoyed working with Holmes "Butch" Shaver and Bob Tebay - two fine Commissioners, other elected officials, the wonderful court house employees, and the many volunteers working in Wood County that make this such a special place to live.


I am pleased that during the last four years many important projects have been completed. These projects include a county wide E-911 system with one of the lowest fees in the state, increased funding to the volunteer fire departments, ongoing positive economic development within the county, maintaining the integrity of our beautiful Court House, property purchases to develop a Court House Annex, continued work for improved parks and completion of the Rails-to-Trails system. I am happy that the county is in sound financial condition and continues to maintain one of the lowest tax levy rates in the state.

We have been most fortunate that Governor Underwood and the State Highway Department have helped Wood County with many road improvements, from Corridor D to accepting county roads into the orphan roads program. I was fortunate to have the cooperation of the area City Councils and Mayors - Jimmy Colombo, David Nohe, Mike Butcher, and Jean Ford.

I leave office with just a few disappointments concerning the correctional center. When I became a commissioner in January 1997, the inmate cost per diem was \$39.98 per day. It is now \$53.62 per day. We were unable to get control of these expenses. Also, the commission called for an investigation into missing funds totaling at least seventeen thousand dollars from the jail commissary fund. To date, the matter is unresolved with funds still missing. I hope that the new commission, working with the new sheriff, will be able to get these costs under control and complete the investigation into the commissary fund and bring the guilty parties to justice.

Finally I wish to thank everyone associated with county government and citizens throughout the community who have expressed acts of kindness and helped me this past year. The support my family and I have received has been overwhelming and much appreciated.

Sincerely,


David A. Couch

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