## IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

## IN RE: MINUTES OF MEETING HELD MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2002

## PRESENT: ROBERT K. TEBAY, PRESIDENT RICK MODESITT, COMMISSIONER K.D. MERRITT, COMMISSIONER

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

At 10:00 A.M., the County Commission met with Jim Mylott from the Mid-Ohio Valley Regional Council; Andrew Woofter, Counsel for Mid-Ohio Valley Regional Council; Heidi Laughery, Sequelle Communications; Fred Rader, Mid-Ohio Valley Regional Council; Ken Wilkinson, CAS Cable; Michael McPeek and Judith Sutton, Mountain State College and David Bell, WVU Parkersburg, to discuss the Sequelle Project. Mr. McPeek spoke first and explained why the College was involved in this matter. (His handout it attached to these minutes and shall be made a part thereof.) Ms. Laughery spoke next and explained that job creation is an important part of this project. (Others spoke, but the tape has been misplaced.) After discussion, the County Commission of Wood County, upon a motion made by Rick Modesitt, seconded by K.D. Merritt and made unanimous by Robert K. Tebay, did hereby ORDER that a RESOLUTION be EXECUTED which hereby formally endorses the submittal of an Application to the West Virginia Development Office requesting Small Cities Block Grant funding. Funding is being requested in the amount of six hundred thousand dollars and 00/100<sup>th</sup> cents (\$600,000.00) for the purchase of equipment for the Mid-Ohio Valley Regional Council Regional Telecommunications Center project, in conjunction with Sequelle Communications Alliance, Inc. Execution of the aforementioned RESOLUTION resolves that Robert K. Tebay, in his official capacity as President and on behalf of the County Commission, is hereby AUTHORIZED to execute all necessary documents in regard to the Small Cities Block Grant Program. An Order was prepared regarding this matter.

The County Commission of Wood County was in receipt of a check from the State of West Virginia in the amount of six thousand one hundred eighteen dollars and fifty-five cents (\$6,118.55) which represents reimbursement to Wood County for expenses incurred during the month of March, 2002, in regard to the Combating the Underage Drinking Program Grant Number 01-UD-55. Receipt of the aforementioned check is pursuant to an Order appearing in Order Book 65, at Page 181 and bearing the date of April 8, 2002, at which time the Request for Reimbursement was EXECUTED by Robert K. Tebay, in his official capacity as President and on behalf of the County Commission. The aforementioned Request for Reimbursement was in the amount of six thousand two hundred seventeen dollars and sixty-four cents (\$6,217.64); however, an error had inadvertently been made. Documentation pertaining to the Combating Underage Drinking Program Grant is on file in the Office of the County Administrator. An Order was prepared regarding this matter.

The County Commission of Wood County was in receipt of a check from the State of West Virginia in the amount of twenty-five thousand seven hundred fifty-two dollars and seven cents (\$25,752.07) which represents reimbursement to Wood County for expenses incurred during the time period of January 1, 2002 through March 31, 2002 in regard to the Wood/Jackson Regional Highway Safety/Safe Communities Program Grant Number F02HS-13. Receipt of the aforementioned check is pursuant to an Order appearing in Order Book 65, at Page 191 and bearing the date of April 18, 2002, at which time Robert K. Tebay, in his official

capacity as President and on behalf of the County Commission, was AUTHORIZED to EXECUTE the Request for Reimbursement. The aforementioned Order requests the amount of twenty-five thousand seven hundred fifty-four dollars and ninety-eight cents (\$25,754.98); however, an error was inadvertently made. Documentation pertaining to the Combating Underage Drinking Program Grant is on file in the Office of the County Administrator. An Order was prepared regarding this matter.

The County Commission of Wood County was in receipt of Monitoring Visit Number One in regard to the fiscal year 2000 Small Cities Block Grant, Project Number 00SCB60019X, Claywood Park Public Service District Water Extension. The aforementioned Monitoring Visit was conducted on April 12, 2002 by Angela White Negley, Community Development Specialist with the West Virginia Development Office, Charleston, WV. During Ms. Negley's Monitoring Visit, she found that income survey forms contained in the Project files were Rural Utilities survey forms; therefore, the income survey information should be transferred to the Small Cities Block Grant "Sample Area Income Survey Forms" within thirty (30) days of the receipt of Ms. Negley's letter. Ms. Negley's concerns during her Monitoring Visit were that a grievance procedure is not included in the County's Equal Employment Opportunity Plan, is not in place for the entire period of the Small Cities Block Grant, and no details of any equal opportunity complaints that the County Commission of Wood County has received to date. The project files did not contain a workforce analysis of all County employees. Ms. Negley requested that such analysis be completed and forwarded to her. In conclusion, Ms. Negley stated that no apparent problems exist, other than those mentioned above, which would delay the Water Extension Project. The aforementioned Small Cities Block Grant is for the period of September 13, 2001 through September 13, 2003. Total for the funding of such Project is in the amount of nine

hundred fifty thousand dollars and 00/100ths cents (\$950,000.00) with one drawdown in the amount of eight thousand two hundred forty-six dollars and sixty-five cents (\$8,246.65) being completed to date. The aforementioned Small Cities Block Grant is being administered by the Mid-Ohio Valley Regional Council, on behalf of the County Commission of Wood County, by an intergovernmental agreement signed by both parties. Documentation pertaining to the Small Cities Block Grant is on file in the Office of the County Administrator. An Order was prepared regarding this matter.

The County Commission of Wood County, upon a motion made by Rick Modesitt, seconded by K.D. Merritt and passed, did hereby AUTHORIZE Robert K. Tebay, in his official capacity as President and on behalf of the County Commission, to sign the Request for Reimbursement in regard to the STOP Violence Against Women Grant Number 00-VAW-028. Wood County incurred expenditures in the amount of four thousand seven hundred eighty-nine dollars and eighty-eight cents (\$4,789.88) during the month of April, 2002. However, the Request for Reimbursement is in the amount of three thousand three hundred seventy-eight dollars and twenty-four cents (\$3,378.24) which represents payment of contractual services provided by Michael D. Farnsworth, Jr., Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, who is responsible for enhancing the Silence Affects Families Everywhere (S.A.F.E.) Team to improve the criminal justice system's response to violence against women, for overtime compensation paid to law enforcement personnel of the Wood County Sheriff's Department in regard to the STOP Domestic Violence Program and for overtime compensation paid to law enforcement personnel of the Vienna Police Department in regard to the STOP Domestic Violence Program. Funds in the amount of one thousand four hundred eleven dollars and sixty-four cents (\$1,411.64) were utilized as cash funds, as set forth in the aforementioned Grant, and is being provided through the

remaining salary and benefits provided by the County to the said Michael D. Farnsworth, Jr., provided through the remaining salary and benefits provided by the County of Wood to law enforcement officials who participated in the STOP Domestic Violence Program and provided through the remaining salary and benefits provided by the City of Vienna to law enforcement officials who participated in the STOP Domestic Violence Program. In addition to the Request for Reimbursement, the Monthly Progress Reports for the Wood County STOP Team, the S.A.F.E (Silence Affects Families Everywhere) Committee, and the Prosecuting Attorney; the Prosecution Tracking Forms, the Monthly Demographic Reports submitted by the Prosecuting Attorney for Wood County, the City of Vienna Police Department and the Wood County Sheriff's Department; the Daily Time Records for the Prosecuting Attorney for Wood County, the City of Vienna Police Department and the Wood County Sheriff's Department; the Overtime Records for the City of Vienna Police Department and the Wood County Sheriff's Department; and the Project Financial Reports are being submitted to the Criminal Justice Services, Charleston, West Virginia. Documentation pertaining to the STOP Violence Against Women Grant is on file in the Office of the County Administrator. An Order was prepared regarding this matter.

Terry L. Brown, Director of Wood County Emergency Services/E-9-1-1, presented to the County Commission of Wood County, a New Road Name Request Form from James W. Holcomb and Dixie L. Holcomb to name the road to their residence. The said Request does not interfere with the scheduled readdressing and mapping for the E-9-1-1 Master Street Addressing Guide. James W. Holcomb and Dixie L. Holcomb, along with resident W.R. Duerr, requested the road be named DUERR LANE. The road to be known as DUERR LANE provides access to the aforementioned residences as stated in the Holcomb's Request Form. The road to be known

as DUERR LANE is located off Mill Run Road, <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> mile west of Dutch Ridge Road in Clay Taxing District, Tax Map 140, Parcel Number 00A1. The request by James W. Holcomb and Dixie L. Holcomb is in accordance with Chapter 7, Article 1, Section 3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, which deals, in part, with the County Commission naming or renaming thereof of roads, ways, streets, avenues, drives and the like to assure uniform, nonduplicative conversion of all rural routes to city-type addressing on a permanent basis. The County Commission does hereby find that the said request, made in writing, by James W. Holcomb and Dixie L. Holcomb, and the approval from the Wood County Emergency Services/E-9-1-1, is in proper form and is hereby ORDERED to be filed. NOW, THEREFORE, the County Commission of Wood County, upon a motion made by Rick Modesitt, seconded by K.D. Merritt and made unanimous by Robert K. Tebay, does hereby ORDER that the aforementioned road be named DUERR LANE. The County Commission does further ORDER that a copy of the ORDER, along with the New Road Name Request Form, be certified by the Clerk of the County Commission for entry in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission.

Having no further scheduled appointments or business to attend to, the County Commission adjourned at 3:00 P.M.

Approved: THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY Tebay, President Robert Modesitt, Commissioner ĸ

K. D. Merritt, Commissioner

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ACICS is identified as a Nationally Recognized Accrediting Agency by the United States Department of Education. Gentlemen, these are points for consideration regarding Sequelle and Wood County, WV.

- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Sequelle, by providing bandwidth to institutions, municipalities, and businesses, bandwidth that is either currently unavailable or cost prohibited, will allow the entire region to compete in the global marketplace. It will attract new industry and facilitate Wood County to bill itself as a location to host seminars, conventions and workshops utilizing quality streaming video and encourage the creation of high-tech conference centers in our area. There will be a multi-county ripple effect similar to that created by the location of the FBI Center in Clarksburg.
- JOB CREATION In the long term, Sequelle will create much needed high-tech jobs for IT (Information Technology) grads of local colleges, grads that currently must relocate to other states in order to find real careers.
- IMMEDIATE EMPLOYMENT Sequelle, by locating it's NOC (Network Operations Center) in Wood County, will provide immediate employment for approximately 15 local residents at relatively high rates of compensation.
- MONEY MAGNET Sequelle, as a result of collaborations and alliances with other FCC license holders in other markets, will be deploying systems in many locales across the US, all of which will be provisioned and operated from Wood County, WV thereby bringing "foreign" revenues into our area (in contrast to all other telecommunications providers who take money from Wood County).
- eBUSINESS and iBUSINESS NURTURING Sequelle, as a result of its roots in the mid-Ohio Valley and its arrangement with local higher education and economic development entities, will be providing money for ebusiness startups and other web-based infrastructure through its alliance and close ties to The Sequelle Foundation.
- TIMING Sequelle's inception is opportune for Wood County to help offset current and future plant closings or reductions ala Schott or Ames.
- INCREASED TAX BASE -- Heck, I'll leave this issue and its benefits to the far more knowledgeable readers' extrapolation.

As a resident, a provider of higher education and a businessman meeting payrolls in Wood County for the past 28 years, I can state unequivocally that Sequelle is the best hope (perhaps last hope) we have of "leveling the playing field" for us and our children, stopping the exodus of our best and brightest and becoming a growing, vibrant, relevant community. Looking forward to the evolution Sequelle will create for us all, I am ...

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