

IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: MINUTES OF MEETING HELD
MONDAY, JULY 28, 2003

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

At 9:30 A.M., the County Commission of Wood County met in regular session. They signed purchase orders, invoices and other correspondence.

Upon a motion made by Robert K. Tebay, seconded by Rick Modesitt and made unanimous by K.D. Merritt, approved minutes for June 12, 2003. The County Commission, upon a motion made by Rick Modesitt, seconded by K.D. Merritt and passed, approved minutes for June 16, 2003 and June 19, 2003.

At 10:30 A.M., the County Commission met with Sharon Lynch, Susan Galvin, Judi Ball, Ann Pifer and Scott Carpenter to discuss the Family Crisis Intervention Center and their Kids First Program. Ms. Galvin gave the Commission a handout in regard to the Child Exchange and Monitored Visitation Center. (A copy is attached.) After discussion, the County Commission of Wood County, upon a motion made by Robert K. Tebay, seconded by K.D. Merritt and made unanimous by Rick Modesitt, did hereby ORDER that the request from The Family Crisis Intervention Center of Region V, Inc. would be taken under advisement, and the Commission did further request that The Family Crisis Intervention Center check with other entities for consideration of possible funding. The request for funding was in the amount of seventy-four thousand six hundred eight dollars and 00/100ths cents (\$74,608.00) to enable the continuation of The Kids First Program, a Child Exchange and Monitored Visitation Center, with thirty-one thousand four hundred twenty-five dollars and 00/100ths cents (\$31,425.00) being used for operating expenses and forty-three thousand one hundred eighty-three dollars

and 00/100ths cents (\$43,183.00) being used for the salary of four (4) part-time employees. An Order was prepared regarding this matter.

The County Commission discussed the Board of Review and Equalization hearing that went to Circuit Court. Ginny Conley, Prosecuting Attorney and Steven Grimm, Assessor were present and discussed how they can handle these cases in the future.

The County Commission met with Ginny Conley to discuss insurance, vacation and benefits for part-time employees.

Ms. Conley was sworn in as a member of the Community Criminal Justice Board.

Jeremy Sams was sworn in as a temporary full-time Holding Center Officer.

Marcia Ogilvie was sworn in as a member of the Wood County Development Authority.

Jack Stewart was sworn in as a member of the West Virginia Little Kanawha River Parkway Authority.

Larry Godfrey was sworn in as a member of the Wood County Parks and Recreation Commission (Mountwood Park).

Ron Buchanan was sworn in as a member of the Wood County Civil Service Commission for Deputy Sheriffs.

The County Commission of Wood County, upon a motion made by K.D. Merritt, seconded by Rick Modesitt and passed, adopted a Resolution in reference to Budget Revision No. 1 in the General County Fund Budget for the fiscal year 2003/2004. 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 Rick Modesitt, President of the Wood County Commission. An Order was prepared regarding this matter.

Mary R. Rader, Director of the Wood County Planning Commission, presented to the County Commission of Wood County, a plat of Worthington Terrace II. The said Worthington Terrace II is located in Parkersburg Taxing District, consists of four (4) lots and is being developed by Headlee Builders. Water facilities and sewage facilities for Worthington Terrace II will be provided by the City of Parkersburg; the respective utility companies will provide all other facilities; a construction sediment control plan has been completed; and a homeowners' association has been prepared. The Planning Commission of Wood County set a bond in the amount of forty thousand three hundred dollars and 00/100ths cents (\$40,300.00) to insure that the road providing access to the said Worthington Terrace II is constructed in accordance with the Subdivision Regulations for Wood County. The developer, Headlee Builders, will post a bond running to the County Commission of Wood County at a later date. The Wood County Planning Commission has given approval to the Worthington Terrace II at their regular monthly meeting held on July 2, 2003. The County Commission of Wood County, after consideration and review, did hereby give APPROVAL to the plat of Worthington Terrace II for recordation upon a motion made by Robert K. Tebay, seconded by Rick Modesitt and made unanimous by K.D. Merritt. An Order was prepared regarding this matter.

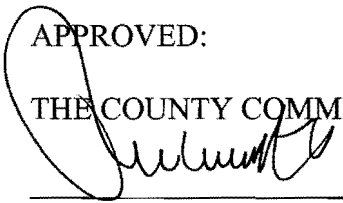
Ginny Conley, Prosecuting Attorney for Wood County, presented unto the County Commission of Wood County an Application in which it is requested that the Honorable Robert E. Wise, Jr., Governor of the State of West Virginia, issue a requisition on the Governor of the State of Illinois for the extradition of Barbara J. McNemar, who stands charged with Felony Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card, which offense was committed in the County of Wood, in the State of West Virginia, in July, 2002, and who is now a fugitive from justice of the State of West Virginia and, as the Prosecuting Attorney is informed, is now within the jurisdiction of

the said State of Illinois, and in the County of Mason. The date of birth of the said Barbara J. McNemar is December 25, 1948; Social Security Number [REDACTED] white female, 5' tall, 138 lbs. The said Application was signed by Rick Modesitt, President of the Wood County Commission, upon a motion made by Robert K. Tebay, seconded by Rick Modesitt and made unanimous by K.D. Merritt. An Order was prepared regarding this matter.

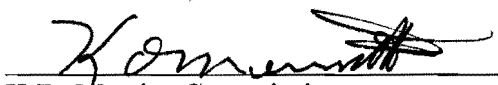
Having no further scheduled appointments or business to attend to, the County Commission adjourned at approximately 2:00 P.M.

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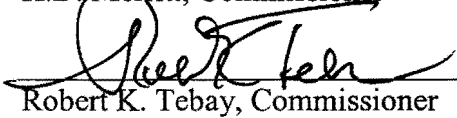
THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY



Rick Modesitt, President



K.D. Merritt, Commissioner



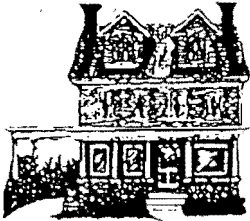
Robert K. Tebay, Commissioner

PURCHASE ORDERS APPROVED ON JULY 28, 2003

28947	S/W Graphics	13.00
28961	Parks Hardware	10.95
28969	Parks Hardware	4.79
28973	Broadwaters Motorcar	28.80
30650	Assurance Business Forms	74.48
30672	Parkersburg Office Supply	105.23
30690	Wal-Mart	26.75
30692	State Electric Supply	54.00
30696	Parks Hardware	7.44
30702	NOE Office Equipment	9.88

To listen to this meeting, please refer to Tape #283 and Tape #284.

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THE FAMILY CRISIS INTERVENTION CENTER OF REGION V, INC.

P.O. Box 695, Parkersburg, WV 26102 (304) 428-2333 24-hour Hotline
Serving: Calhoun, Jackson, Pleasants, Ritchie, Roane, Tyler, Wirt and Wood Counties

KIDS FIRST PROGRAM A CHILD EXCHANGE AND MONITORED VISITATION CENTER

1100 Market Street
Suite 2
Parkersburg, WV 26102
(304) 428-8721

The Kids First Program allows monitored visits and exchanges in a neutral environment where the child is the client. Visits and exchanges are ordered by the Family Court Judges in protection orders, divorce agreements, when there are allegations of child abuse and other circumstances when it is deemed that a monitored site is needed in order to foster safe and orderly visitation and/or exchanges. Even though this program is an outreach effort of the Family Crisis Intervention Center, it is not only for victims of domestic violence but the community as a whole and is not gender-specific in its delivery of services.

The Kids First Program was begun in April of 2000 with a grant received from the Sisters of Saint Joseph. The following year the program was funded by excess TANF funds awarded to the Family Crisis Intervention Center. Last year, as you may be well aware, those funds were deleted from our budget and we have operated this program from general operating funds. The demand for our services increased and, because of restricted space and limited staff time, we developed a backlog forcing needy parents to find other alternatives to their visitation needs. In most cases self-arranged visits are dangerous and put children in situations they are not able to control or benefit from. Kids First needs to expand its hours and hire additional staff to meet the growing needs of Wood County children.

The following statistics document the growth of the program since its inception:

	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03
Child Visits	396	478	423
Child Exchanges	653	1069	1127
TOTAL	1049	1547	1550

As you can see, the numbers show a neutral growth from the previous year to the current year and this is because of the above-mentioned circumstances. Some of the kids were sent to other counties for the service after waiting for an opening at our program for months. In addition, some judges quit making referrals to our program due to the long wait for an opening.

Family Court Judges in Wood County are committed to using this program and will send many more children if they can be assured of expanded service hours and staff time.

We are requesting \$74,608 to keep this program operating and expand our services to children who are suffering further abuse from parents who cannot agree on exchanges or where to hold a monitored visit. These funds would be spent on the following:

Operating expenses - \$ 31,425
Salary/Wages (4 part time employees) - \$ 43,183

TOTAL - \$ 74,608

Thank you for allowing us to present our request to the Commission. We hope you will seriously consider funding this project in order to provide Wood County children better and safer access to their visiting parent. The mission of Kids First Program is to communicate with the parents to always put the "Kids First".

Sharon Lynch, FCIC Board President
Susan Galvin, FCIC Board Member
Judi Ball, FCIC Executive Director
Ann Pifer, Director, Kids First
Patrolman Scott Carpenter, Parkersburg Police

July 28, 2003

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Ron Pifer

Scott Carpenter,

Genny Conley

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