

IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: MINUTES OF MEETING HELD
THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2004

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

ABSENT: 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.

The County Commission, upon a motion made by Rick Modesitt, seconded by K.D. Merritt and passed, approved minutes from November 10, 2003, November 13, 2003, November 20, 2003, November 24, 2003 and December 1, 2003.

The County Commission, upon a motion duly made, seconded and passed, approved Erroneous Assessment Applications in regard to real property for Janet M. Walk – Williamstown District (2003); Broadway Industrial Park – Parkersburg City District (2002); Don Wright – Parkersburg City District (2001) and David A. and Margaret Gnegy - Parkersburg District (2003).

At 10:30 A.M., the County Commission met with Cindy Black from the Problem Gamblers Help Network of West Virginia. Ms. Black discussed issues associated with all of the video lottery establishments coming to Wood County. A copy of literature Ms. Black handed out is attached to these minutes.

At 11:00 A.M., the County Commission met with Susan McCloud, Ken Westfall, Harold Taylor, Cindy Musser, Will Neff, Steve Bayer, John Lichiello and Ron Levine to discuss countywide cleanup. There will be one-day collection of batteries, household trash, hazardous materials, etc. at local fire departments and the recycling center on April 17, 2004.

It has not been determined as of today about tires. They will come back and update the County Commission.

The County Commission called Commissioner Tebay. Pursuant to an Order appearing in Order Book 51, at Page 433 and bearing the date of April 1, 1991, dealing with the procedure policy for appointments to Boards and Authorities, the County Commission of Wood County, upon a motion made by Robert K. Tebay, (by phone), seconded by K.D. Merritt and made unanimous by Rick Modesitt, placed Paul W. Smith in nomination to fill a vacancy on the Lubeck Public Service District Board. The term will expire December 31, 2009. An Order was prepared regarding this matter.

K.D. Merritt nominated K.C. Linder for a full time position as Compliance Officer/Enforcement Officer, Robert K. Tebay seconded (by phone) and Rick Modesitt made it unanimous.

Lee "Ox" Johnson was sworn in to the Region V Emergency Medical Services Commission.

Bob Stephens was sworn in as a reappointed member of the Wood County Planning Commission.

Malcolm Doolittle was sworn in to the Wood County Community Resources.

Pursuant to an Order appearing in Order Book 51, at Page 433 and bearing the date of April 1, 1991, dealing with the procedure policy for appointments to boards and authorities, the County Commission of Wood County, announced to all concerned that a vacancy exists on the Mid Ohio Valley EMS Board of Directors due to Jeff Goode moving out of Wood County. The term will expire December 31, 2004. An Order was prepared regarding this matter.

The County Commission of Wood County, upon a motion made by K.D. Merritt, seconded by Rick Modesitt and passed, reappointed Gene Burns, Roberta Cox and Larry Edwards to the Wood County Local Emergency Planning Commission. Said announcement is pursuant to an Order appearing in Order Book 66, at Page 132 putting Gene Burns, Roberta Cox and Larry Edwards in nomination for reappointment. Said announcement is further 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 to boards and authorities. Their new terms will expire December 31, 2005. An Order was prepared regarding this matter.

Pursuant to an Order appearing in Order Book 61, at Page 433 and bearing the date of April 1, 1991, dealing with the procedure policy for appointments to boards and authorities, the County Commission of Wood County, announced to all concerned that a vacancy exists on The Area Roundtable due to the illness of Jim Wakely. The Commission upon a motion made by Rick Modesitt, seconded by K.D. Merritt and passed, put Mark Kury, of the McDonough Foundation, in nomination to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Wakely. The term will expire December 31, 2004. An Order was prepared regarding this matter.

The County Commission of Wood County, upon a motion made by K.D. Merritt, seconded by Rick Modesitt and passed, did hereby AUTHORIZE Rick Modesitt, in his official capacity as President and on behalf of the County Commission, to EXECUTE the Employer's Acceptance of Volunteer Benefits Program and the Employer's Acceptance of Payroll Deduction Plan for Individual Retirement Accounts from American General Financial Group; and to EXECUTE the Payroll Deduction Employer Billing and Information Services

and the Payroll Deduction Agreement from Western-Southern Life Insurance. An Order was prepared regarding this matter.

The County Commission of Wood County, upon a motion made by K.D. Merritt, seconded by Rick Modesitt and passed, did hereby AUTHORIZE Rick Modesitt, in his official capacity as President and on behalf of the County Commission, to sign the Request for Reimbursement in regard to the Project Heavy Metal Grant Number 03-PSN-02. Expenditures in the amount of eight hundred twenty-eight dollars and 00/100ths cents (\$828.00) were incurred by Wood County during the month of December, 2003, which represents payment of contractual services provided by Greg Collins, Project Safe Neighborhoods Coordinator. In addition to the Request for Reimbursement; the Monthly Reports; the Grant Progress Report; the Daily Time Records for the Project Safe Neighborhood Coordinator; and the Project Financial Report are being submitted to the Criminal Justice Services Office in Charleston, West Virginia. Documentation pertaining to the Project Heavy Metal 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 K.D. Merritt, seconded by Rick Modesitt and passed, did hereby ORDER the Approval of the 2004 Fertilization Program for the lawn adjacent to the Wood County Judicial Building and submitted by T&S Lawn-Landscape, Vienna, WV. The total amount of four hundred sixty-seven dollars and forty cents (\$467.40) is for six (6) lawn applications of fertilizing, weed control and insect control, which reflects a five percent (5%) discount if paid before March 1, 2004. An Order was prepared regarding this matter.

The County Commission of Wood County was in receipt of the New Pledged Security Notification from Wachovia Bank (United National Bank), Parkersburg, West Virginia, which has pledged securities as a County Depository. The New Pledged Security Notification reflects two hundred fifty thousand dollars and 00/100ths cents (\$250,000.00) in Plymouth County Massachusetts G/O at 4.2% interest with a maturity date of December 15, 2018. Cusip Number is 729501CP9. An Order was prepared regarding this matter.

The County Commission of Wood County was in receipt of the Pledged Security Release Notification from Wachovia Bank (United National Bank), Parkersburg, West Virginia, which has pledged securities as a County Depository. The Pledged Security Release Notification reflects two hundred fifty thousand dollars and 00/100ths cents (\$250,000.00) in Du Page & Will CNTYS ILL CMNTY SCH, Cusip Number 262608JF0, 5.25% interest with a maturity date of December 30, 2004. An Order was prepared regarding this matter.

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. 7 in the General County Fund budget for the fiscal year 2003/2004. Rick Modesitt, President of the Wood County Commission, signed the Request for Revision to the Approved Budget, being submitted to the West Virginia State Auditor - Chief Inspector Division, Charleston, West Virginia. An Order was prepared regarding this matter.

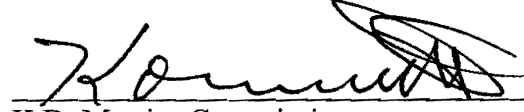
Having no further scheduled appointments or business to attend to, the County Commission adjourned at 12:00 Noon.

APPROVED:

THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY



Rick Modesitt, President



K.D. Merritt, Commissioner

To listen to this meeting, please refer to Tape #308 and Tape #309.

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January 15, 2004

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1. Cindy Black
2. SUSAN McCloud
3. WILL NIEFF
4. Harold Alice Taylor
5. STEVE BAYER
6. John Lichfield
7. Cindy Musser
8. Ron Levine
9. Ken Westfall
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The Problem Gamblers Help Network of West Virginia

Wood County Commissioner

January 15, 2004

Problem/Pathological Gambling

Cindy Black, MSW, LSW, Clinical Coordinator

Who Is the Problem Gamblers Help Network of WV

Symptoms of Problem Gambling

How We Help Our Callers

How You Can Help

24-Hour Help Line • 1-800-GAMBLER

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The Problem Gamblers Help Network of West Virginia

What is the Problem Gamblers Help Network?

A program created by the Legislature to identify and provide services to people who suffer from problem, compulsive or pathological gambling. The Problem Gamblers Help Network is administered by First Choice Health Systems, Inc. in cooperation with West Virginia DHHR and funded by the WV Lottery.

Who is eligible?

Any West Virginian who is concerned that he/she has a gambling problem, OR that a loved one has a gambling problem, may call.

What they get:

Information about the symptoms of pathological gambling and/or a referral for a free two-hour assessment/consultation with a trained clinician.

How?

Through a 24-hour, toll-free help-line (1-800-GAMBLER) that offers a confidential telephone screening intake and referral service.

Then what?

Where indicated, a recommendation/referral for outpatient treatment will be made.

Where needed, clients will be referred to area Consumer Credit Counselor for free assistance. Consumer Credit Counselor can coordinate payment arrangements with creditors in order to relieve financial pressure on the gambler.

Where available, clients will be referred to area Gamblers Anonymous (GA) meeting and/or other related self-help, support group.

Case management will be provided by the Problem Gamblers Help Network.

Cost to caller?

The call is toll-free and initial two-hour assessment/consultation is free.

For those who qualify, payment for any follow-up treatment may be paid for by the network.

Who are the clinicians?

They are credentialed therapists with licensure in Social Work, Counseling, Psychology and/or Certified Addictions Counseling. They have completed over 30 continuing education hours of training and diagnosis and treatment of gambling addictions. Most of these clinicians are employed by First Choice Health Systems provider members while others are in private practice.

What is First Choice Health Systems, Inc?

First Choice is a provider network, incorporated on August 9, 1995. It is made up of West Virginia's core comprehensive behavioral health providers and specialty hospitals.

How does someone access the Problem Gamblers Help Network?

Call toll-free hotline 1-800-GAMBLER for confidential help, 24 hours per day.

DSM-IV-TR
Diagnostic Criteria
For
Pathological Gambling

Code 312.31

A. Persistent and recurrent maladaptive gambling behavior as indicated by five (or more) of the following:

- (1) Is preoccupied with gambling (e.g., preoccupied with reliving past gambling experiences, handicapping or planning the next venture, or thinking of ways to get money with which to gamble.**
- (2) Needs to gamble with increasing amounts of money in order to achieve the desired excitement**
- (3) Has repeated unsuccessful efforts to control, cut back, or stop gambling**
- (4) Is restless or irritable when attempting to cut down or stop**
- (5) Gambles as a way of escaping from problems or of relieving a dysphoric mood (e.g., feelings of helplessness, guilt, anxiety, depression)**
- (6) After losing money gambling, often returns another day to get even ("chasing" one's losses)**
- (7) Lies to family members, therapist, or others to conceal the extent of involvement with gambling**
- (8) Has committed illegal acts such as forgery, fraud, theft, or embezzlement to finance gambling**
- (9) Has jeopardized or lost a significant, relationship, or job, or educational or career opportunity because of gambling**
- (10) Relies on others to provide money to relieve a desperate financial situation caused by gambling**

Problem Gamblers Help Network of WV CONTINUUM OF CARE APPROACH



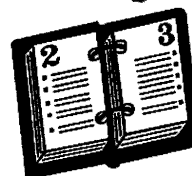
Problem Gambler or Loved One Calls 24-Hour Help-line
1-800-GAMBLER
Call is answered by a trained, licensed clinician



Telephone Intake completed by trained clinician
(County "911" emergency centers notified for suicidal/homicidal callers.)



Appointment offered and immediately scheduled for a FREE two-hour consultation
with a licensed counselor, trained in gambling addiction and is given detailed directions.
(Those who refuse appointment are referred to GA, CCC and mailed additional information.)
Clients are then given a pre-appointment reminder call, a post-assessment follow-call.



Counselor provides assessment AND offers information about the disorder AND:



A treatment plan for individual therapy



Referral to GA, Gam-Anon or Chat



A referral to Consumer Credit Counseling
for Debt Repayment and Budget/Financial Management



The Problem Gamblers Help Network provides treatment funding as payer of last resort, case management to track
client progress, conducts 6-month and 1-year outcome calls, conducts continuing counselor education and tracks and
reports demographic and clinical data.





The Problem Gamblers Help Network of West Virginia

January 14, 2004

Ken Merritt, County Commissioner
#1 Court Square
Parkersburg, WV 26101

Dear Ken:

Per your request, I have outlined some ideas that you might consider either for the National Problem Gambling Awareness Week (NPGAW) March 8th through 12th or for anytime or both, all of which would say something like "brought to you by or sponsored by the Wood County Commission or your Wood County Commissioners:

- 1) A county-wide billboard campaign, each with one of the 10 different symptoms and offering the number where help is available. We can help in the design and placement of these.
- 2) A newspaper ad campaign where two symptoms of the ten are listed each of the five days along with our help-line number. We can design the ads.
- 3) A radio campaign where the symptoms of problem gambling are listed and listeners are encouraged to call to get help for themselves or someone they know.
- 4) Help sponsor a free public one-hour seminar which we will conduct in downtown the eve of March 8th to kick off the week. It would be advertised as open to anyone interested in learning more about this addiction. By sponsorship, we would need ads that serve to invite the public in the newspapers and on radio plus you might also want to direct mail targeted audiences such as County employees, etc. We can write/design the ads.
- 5) A Responsible Gambling ad campaign on radio, TV, newspaper that gives players rules for gambling safely and also encourages folks who are not playing responsibly to call for help.

Problem gambling is considered a silent addiction and there has been little public awareness about its warning signs, symptoms, and what makes people at risk for developing the disorder. There is also little public information about where help is now available. Since August 1, 2000, this program has helped 1770 problem gamblers and their loved ones. We have received 124 callers from Wood Co. alone

Mia C. Moran-Cooper, LSW, Director

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National Problem Gambling Awareness Week

March 8th – 12th

Success of the National Problem Gambling Awareness Week is dependent upon the efforts of local individuals and organizations promoting the "Help and Hope" available in their area. Using the knowledge of your community, now is the time to plan special events and activities that will spread the message about problem gambling and the assistance available.

While these events are particularly appropriate for the awareness week, all of them can be utilized year round as reinforcement for the awareness activities taking place nationwide. These, of course, are suggested activities and should be tailored to meet each community's unique characteristics.

Event Examples

Press Conference: Have a proclamation signed by government officials. Have local experts present information in brief speeches. Have a recovering individual provide a testimonial to the effectiveness of treatment. Make sure the members of the problem gambling community in your area attend to demonstrate support.

Community Forum: Invite the public to attend a panel presentation on problem gambling and treatment. The panel can consist of local treatment providers, elected officials, recovering individuals, media, employers, and members of the faith community. Appoint a moderator to ensure that an agenda and timeframes are adhered to throughout the event. Partner with other interested individuals and organizations to host and promote the event.

Legislative Sessions: Hold a breakfast, lunch, or dinner with policymakers to educate them about problem gambling. Have local treatment providers and recovering individuals share their experiences with problem gambling and treatment at the local level. Make sure that you have packets with information to distribute to those in attendance.

Open House: Hold an open house at a treatment provider office or other interested organization. Have program alumni available to discuss the impact of treatment on their lives.

Prayer Breakfast: Coordinate a prayer breakfast with members of the faith community to discuss the impact of problem gambling and the role the faith community can play in supporting the goals of National Problem Gambling Awareness Week.

Op-Ed Pieces: Write to the editor of local newspapers and share the activities taking place in your community. Factually discuss the issues of problem gambling and the "Help and Hope" available to individuals and families.

Displays: Request permission from local government offices, healthcare providers, mental health and substance abuse service agencies, libraries, etc. to set up a display table in lobbies. Provide copies of proclamations, fact sheets, helpline number posters, and testimonials.

Public Service Announcements: Use the enclosed live read scripts and distribute to radio stations or write your own to distribute. Use caution in writing your own P.S.A. as you want to be sure that you are conveying the message accurately.