SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2017

PRESENT:
ROBERT L. BAILEY, PRESIDENT
JIM MORGAN, COMMISSIONER
NANCY CARTMILL, COMMISSIONER
BETH THOMPSON, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Robert L. Bailey, Commissioner, called the special meeting of the Cabell County Commission to order at 2:30 p.m.

APPROVE:

Nancy Cartmill, Commissioner, moved to approve the agenda as presented. Jim Morgan, Commissioner, seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

#315 CABELL COUNTY COMMISSION
RE: COLE, ET AL. VS. CABELL COUNTY COMMISSION
DECISION NOT TO APPEAL

Nancy Cartmill, Commissioner, stated she felt it would be a huge mistake if the Commission chose not appeal the decision. Commissioner Cartmill stated two of the elected officials had submitted substantially higher budget proposals than the last fiscal year, and it seemed as if no one wanted to help the commission cut the budget. Commissioner Cartmill stated it was the job of the commission to be fiscally responsible and that would not be possible if they had to continually settle with the elected officials.

Jim Morgan, Commissioner, asked if any other counties had offered to help Cabell County

Robert L. Bailey, President, stated there was no way to determine what the ruling in Charleston would be, and he was simply trying to utilize common sense. President Bailey stated he felt the elected officials were good people who knew the financial state of the county, and he felt they would be willing to work with the commission to reach a balanced budget.

Jim Morgan, Commissioner, moved to approve not appealing the decision in the matter of Cole, Et Al. Vs. Cabell County Commission. Robert L. Bailey, Commissioner, seconded the motion and the vote was as follows:

ROBERT L. BAILEY, PRESIDENT AYE
JIM MORGAN, COMMISSIONER AYE
NANCY CARTMILL, COMMISSIONER NAY
Irv Johnson, Assessor, appeared before the commission to present his 2017-2018 budget proposal. Assessor Johnson stated he has continually tried to be a team player, and felt the commission and elected officials needed to be on the same page. Assessor Johnson stated his office had been operating on a budget that was nearly a decade old, and would not be sustainable long term.

Robert L. Bailey, President, commended Assessor Johnson and stated he appreciated all of his continued efforts.

Nancy Cartmill, Commissioner, stated she would like the elected officials to all realize their budgets would probably be cut even more in the future. Commissioner Cartmill stated something had to be done in order to get the county over the hump.

Irv Johnson, Assessor, stated only so many cuts could be made before it became impossible to get necessary daily tasks completed.

Robert L. Bailey, President, adjourned the meeting of the Cabell County Commission at 2:42 p.m.