

**COMMISSION MEETING  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2014**

**PRESENT:**                                   **NANCY CARTMILL, PRESIDENT  
ROBERT L. BAILEY, COMMISSIONER  
ANNE YON, COMMISSIONER  
WILLIAM WATSON, COUNTY ATTORNEY  
CHRIS TATUM, COUNTY MANAGER  
RHONDA MONTANEZ, PURCHASING ASSISTANT**

Nancy Cartmill, President, called the meeting of the Cabell County Commission to order at 10:00 a.m.

**APPROVE:**

Anne Yon, Commissioner, **moved to approve the agenda as presented.** Robert L. Bailey, Commissioner, seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Robert L. Bailey, Commissioner, **moved to approve purchase orders #15-60689 through #15-61017 and pay jackets.** Anne Yon, Commissioner, seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Anne Yon, Commissioner, **moved to approve erroneous assessments, land consolidations, split tickets, and probate documentation.** Robert L. Bailey, Commissioner, seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Robert L. Bailey, Commissioner, **moved to approve handwritten checks to Highmark West Virginia, not to exceed \$100,000.00, from the Cabell County Medical Insurance Fund.** Anne Yon, Commissioner, seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

**CITIZENS REGISTERED TO SPEAK**

Mark Johnson, Business Manager Tri State Building Trades Council, appeared before the Commission to discuss the merger between St. Mary's Hospital and Cabell Huntington Hospital. Mr. Johnson stated the Tri State Building Trade Council members all felt the positive aspects of the unification far outweighed any negatives that might exist, and wished to encourage the Commission to support the merger.

Robert L. Bailey, Commissioner, stated his only concern was how the merger would affect current hospital employees.

Mr. Johnson stated the Council felt a local company would care more about the local people and employees than an outside company would. Mr. Johnson stated all current employees would remain working in their existing capacities. Mr. Johnson explained all hospital employees the Council had spoken with fully supported the merger.

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**#546**

**PETITION TO RESIGN EXECUTOR & APPOINT  
SHERIFF**

**RE: ESTATE OF MABEL VIRGINIA FIELDS**

William Watson, County Attorney, explained there were procedures that must be followed before Danny Fields could resign as Executor of the Estate of Mabel Virginia Fields. Mr. Watson stated the County Clerk's Probate Department would need to be contacted so the process could be initiated.

Vickie Newman, daughter of Mabel Virginia Fields, stated she had not been made aware of the meeting until the previous day. Ms. Newman stated if her brother did not wish to serve, she would like to serve in his place; as opposed to the Sheriff being appointed as Administrator.

Mr. Fields stated he had tried on multiple occasions to complete his duties as Executor, but his sister continually tried to prevent him from doing so. Mr. Fields stated his sister would not even allow him entry into the home.

Mr. Watson stated that Danny Fields was Executor of the Estate and should be granted full access to the home at all times. Mr. Watson instructed Ms. Newman to provide Mr. Fields with a key to the home as soon as possible. Mr. Watson explained if Ms. Newman refused to do so, she could be held in contempt of court.

Robert L. Bailey, Commissioner, stated he felt the Sheriff should be appointed as Administrator, because he did not feel the siblings would be able to work the matter out on their own.

William Watson, County Attorney, stated it was his recommendation to table the item until the next regularly scheduled Commission meeting on Thursday, October 23, 2014.

Nancy Cartmill, President, **moved to approve tabling the item until the October 23, 2014, Commission meeting.** Robert L. Bailey, Commissioner, seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

**#547**

**MEMORANDUM TO KAREN COLE, CABELL COUNTY  
CLERK**

**RE: ESTABLISHMENT OF ACCOUNTS- 2014  
COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION GRANTS & STATE  
HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT**

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Anne Yon, Commissioner, **moved to approve establishment of 2014 Community Participation Grant and Homeland Security Grant Accounts.** Robert L. Bailey, Commissioner, seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

**#548 LETTER, SEAN HAMMERS, PROSECUTING ATTORNEY**  
**RE: EMPLOYMENT**  
**SARAH DIXON- FULL TIME ASSISTANT**  
**PROSECUTOR**

Robert L. Bailey, Commissioner, **moved to approve the employment of Sarah Dixon as a full time Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, effective October 20, 2014, at a rate of pay of \$48,500.00 per year.** Anne Yon, Commissioner, seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

**#549 LETTER, IRV JOHNSON, ASSESSOR OF CABELL COUNTY**  
**RE: ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION- SHEEP/GOAT TAX- SEPTEMBER 2014- \$5.40- DOG TAGS- SEPTEMBER 2014- \$329.20**

Anne Yon, Commissioner, **moved to accept the letter from Irv Johnson, Cabell County Assessor, regarding additional compensation for sheep/goat tax and dog tags for September 2014.** Robert L. Bailey, Commissioner, seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

**#550 RESOLUTION, CABELL COUNTY COMMISSION**  
**RE: IN THE MATTER OF CHANGES TO VOTING PRECINCTS 62 & 66**

Chris Tatum, County Manager, explained precincts 62 & 66, previously housed in Culloden Elementary, would be temporarily moved to the First Missionary Baptist Church. Mr. Tatum stated notices would be mailed to all voters in those precincts alerting them of the location change.

Anne Yon, Commissioner, **moved to approve the changes to voting precincts 62 & 66.** Robert L. Bailey, Commissioner, seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.  
**Exhibit (A)**

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**RESOLUTION, CABELL COUNTY COMMISSION**

**RE: IN THE MATTER OF THE PUBLIC TEST OF THE  
ELECTION TABULATION EQUIPMENT**

Chris Tatum, County Manager, explained the Public Test would be held on Tuesday, October 28, 2014, at 1:00 p.m., in room 108.

Robert L. Bailey, Commissioner, **moved to approve the advertisement of the Public Test of the election tabulation equipment.** Anne Yon, Commissioner, seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. **Exhibit (B)**

**#552**

**RESOLUTION, CABELL COUNTY COMMISSION**

**RE: PATH TO THE CURE- "CABELL COUNTY  
COURTHOUSE CARES"**

Chris Tatum, County Manager, explained the "Cabell County Courthouse Cares" group had been the highest fund raising group involved with the Path to the Cure event. Mr. Tatum stated Carla Rowsey, Cabell County Assessor's Office, had been in charge of the group and had done a wonderful job.

Carla Rowsey, Assessor's Office, explained to the Commission the group representing the Courthouse had doubled in size from the previous year. Ms. Rowsey stated the group had also managed to double the amount of funds raised for the cause. Ms. Rowsey encouraged everyone in attendance to support the event by walking, running, or simply cheering on those participating. Ms. Rowsey stated the event had been a huge success, bringing the community together to rally against a common cause.

Robert Bailey, Commissioner, stated he would like to thank Ms. Rowsey for all of her efforts and the wonderful job she had done heading up the "Cabell County Courthouse Cares" team.

Nancy Cartmill, President, stated she would also like to congratulate Ms. Rowsey on a job well done.

Robert L. Bailey, Commissioner, **moved to approve the resolution honoring Courthouse employee's Path to the Cure team, "Cabell County Courthouse Cares."** Anne Yon, Commissioner, seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. **Exhibit (C)**

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**SENIOR CITIZEN LEVY FUNDING REQUEST- FY 2014-2015**

Chris Tatum, County Manager, explained a request had been received from the Green Bottom Community and Senior Center in the amount of \$5,500.00 for various programs, upgrades to the facility, and also upcoming events.

Robert L. Bailey, Commissioner, **moved to approve the Senior Citizen tax levy funding request FY 2014-2015.** Anne Yon, Commissioner, seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

**#554**

**RESOLUTION, CABELL COUNTY COMMISSION**

**RE: CABELL HUNTINGTON HOSPITAL/ ST. MARY'S  
CENTER ACQUISITION**

David Graley, COO and Vice President of Cabell Huntington Hospital; Monty Ward, CFO and Senior Vice President of Cabell Huntington Hospital; Dr. Hoyt Jeffrey Burdick, CMO of Cabell Huntington Hospital; Kevin Fowler, COO of Cabell Huntington Hospital; Todd Campbell, Senior Vice President and COO of St. Mary's Medical Center; Tom Craig, Attorney, all appeared before the Commission in support of the merger of Cabell Huntington Hospital and St. Mary's Medical Center.

Kevin Fowler, COO Cabell Huntington Hospital, explained the merger will allow great cost savings by creating the opportunity to avoid duplication of equipment and services offered.

Dr. Hoyt Jeffrey Burdick, CMO Cabell Huntington Hospital, stated the merger would create a fully integrated patient system, which would allow a much greater ease of sharing patient information between doctors and facilities. Dr. Burdick also explained the merger would allow for greater flexibility and choice for patients. Dr. Burdick explained by essentially becoming one medical staff, the patients in the health care community would have greater flexibility to move amongst the various practitioners.

Monty Ward, CFO and Senior Vice President Cabell Huntington Hospital, explained that in West Virginia, hospital rates are regulated by the West Virginia Health Care Authority.

Robert L. Bailey, Commissioner, stated he had spoken with union heads throughout the region and also Senator Joe Manchin, who were all in support of the merger. Commissioner Bailey stated he was also in support of the merger.

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Nancy Cartmill, President, thanked the representatives of both Cabell Huntington Hospital and St Mary's Medical Center for always keeping the Commission informed and allowing them to be involved in discussions regarding the merger.

Robert L. Bailey, Commissioner, **moved to approve the acquisition of St. Mary's Medical Center by Cabell Huntington Hospital, Inc.** Anne Yon, Commissioner, seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. **Exhibit (D)**

**GOOD AND WELFARE CABELL COUNTY**

Mike Davis, Director CCERC, announced that in January 2015, a class would be offered at the Cabell County Vocational Technical Center for training in telecommunications dispatch. Mr. Davis explained this course would provide the center with a highly trained applicant pool in the future.

Nancy Cartmill, President, adjourned the meeting of the Cabell County Commission at 10:45 a.m., until the next regularly scheduled meeting.

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**PRESIDENT, COUNTY COMMISSION**

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