

SPECIAL SESSION

State of West Virginia, County of Jefferson, to-wit:

At a Special Session of the County Commission of said County and State continued and held in the County Commission meeting room of the Old Charles Town Library, 200 E. Washington Street, Charles Town, West Virginia on Thursday, March 23, 2017, beginning at 9:30 o'clock a.m.

PRESENT: Peter Onoszko, President
Jane Tabb, Vice President
Josh Compton, Commissioner
Caleb Hudson, Commissioner
Patricia Noland, Commissioner
Stephanie Grove, County Administrator
Michelle Gordon, Finance Director
Jessica Carroll, Administrative Assistant

In re: FY18 Budget Approval

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m. by Commissioner Onoszko.

Commissioner Tabb led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Discuss sending a letter to the West Virginia Public Service Commission concerning action taken on utilities consolidation.

President Onoszko inquired as to whether the County Commission should send formal communication to the West Virginia Public Service Commission regarding utilities consolidation since the Commission, during their last regularly scheduled meeting, moved to direct counsel to meet with the counsel for the Cities of Charles Town and Ranson, the Jefferson County Public Service District, and the Charles Town Utility Board to formulate the ground rules to form a larger working group and develop options and recommendations for sewer consolidation in an effort to make sewer service in Jefferson County more efficient and cost effective. It was the consensus of the Commission to delay decision on this matter until the March 30, 2017 regularly scheduled meeting pending the WVPSC's decision regarding Case No. 16-0616-PSD-PC-CN.

2. Discuss any changes to the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget regarding public comment that was received at the Public Hearing on March 16, 2017/Approval of the FY18 Budget.

Each Commissioner provided his or her view regarding the public comment received concerning the ambulance fee during the FY18 Budget Public Hearing. After much discussion, it was decided by the majority of the Commission to fund two additional positions for the Jefferson County Emergency Services Agency by

eliminating the employee grade scale realignment for FY18 and providing a COLA instead. It was also decided the Commission would continue with the \$5.00 reduction in the ambulance fee.

- **Motion by Mr. Compton to approve the FY18 Budget with the following stipulations: removal of the employee grade scale realignment, adding \$164,000 to the JCESA budget to fund two new positions, and using the remainder of the funds from the grade scale realignment to provide a COLA for all county employees. Motion seconded and passes on a vote of 3-2 with Ms. Noland and Ms. Tabb opposing.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:16 am.

PETER ONOSZKO, PRESIDENT

Respectively Submitted:
Jessica D. Carroll
Administrative Assistant