#### A G E N D A PRESTON COUNTY COMMISSION FEBRUARY 5, 2025 9:00 A.M.

Call to order by President and Pledge of Allegiance

**Roll call of Commissioners** 

**Recognition of Public** 

**Review of Bills** 

Assessor's Office

Tax Correction - Clarkson, Robert B & Tammy L - Personal Property Pyles, Joseph W & Rebecca L - Real Estate

Apportionments - None

#### Recognition of Scheduled Appointments -

9:01 a.m. Duane Hamilton and Justin Wolfe, OEM/E911

A. Budget Revision

B. Award Wireless Tower Access Assistance Grant Agreement

9:05 a.m. Sheriff Scott Spiker and Becky Zuchowski, Tax Office - Financial Statements

Approval of Minutes - January 29, 2025

Estate Settlements List – January 22, 2025 thru January 22, 2025 ESTATE NAME: TERRY LYN DONK

#### Proceedings in Vacation/Clerk's Fiduciary Report

A. January 23, 2025 through January 29, 2025

Fiduciary Commissioner Motion(s) - None

Old Business - Consideration and/or action

## New Business - Consideration and/or action

- A. Employee Hire, Facilities Supervisor, Preston County Commission
- B. Preston County EMS Association request to appoint Robin Feather and Shawna Knotts to the 911 Advisory Board – Terms expiring December 31, 2025

## Sheriff's Tax Office - Consideration and/or action

#### County Administrator's Report - Consideration and/or action

- A. Board of Equalization and County Commission Meeting Schedule: February 2025
- B. Preston County Parks and Recreation Work Session: Monday, 10 a.m. February 10, 2025
- C. Budget Revisions
- D. Miscellaneous Correspondence

#### Personnel Matters- Consideration and/or action

A. Executive Session

#### Legal Matters- Consideration and/or action

A. Executive Session

Information

Commissioners' Comments

## STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF PRESTON, Ss:

The Preston County Commission met in the Regular Session at 9:00 a.m., February 5, 2025, in the County Commission Meeting room.

The meeting was called to order by President Smith who invited those present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Smith then declared the following Commissioners present: Samantha Stone, Hunter Thomas, and Don Smith.

## **Recognition of Public**

Also present was County Administrator Nate Raybeck.

The following people registered their attendance during the meeting:

Scott Spiker-Sheriff Deanna Lively Becky Zuchowski-CTD

Jacob Martin-WV News Jesse Hale Connie Kimble

Justin R. Wolfe-OEM Duane Hamilton-OEM

No one registered before the meeting to address the commission.

## **Review of Bills**

SYSTEM DATE 02/05/2025 REPORT DATE 02/05/2025 FILES ID W

> 20250997-001 N NA

TYPE TRANS.NUMBER P.O.NUMBER VENDOR ACCOUNT NUMBER SEPARATE-CHK BOX DISCOUNT-AMT LIQUIDATE-AMT DESCRIPTION VENDOR NAME ACCOUNT NAME

Commissioner Thomas moved to pay the bills that have been properly presented and reviewed. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioners Thomas, Stone and Smith voting yes. Motion carried. (See attached.)

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#### **Assessor's Office**

**Tax Correction List** –Clarkson, Robert B. & Tammy L – Personal Property Pyles, Joseph W & Rebecca L – Real Estate

Connie Kimble presented the Tax Correction List for the Assessor's Office dated February 5, 2025, in the amount of \$111.66 for approval.

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve the Tax Correction List dated February 5, 2025, in the amount of \$111.66 as presented by Ms. Kimble. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioners Thomas, Stone and Smith voting yes. Motion carried. (See attached.)

#### TAX CORRECTION LIST

February 5, 2025

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 Personal Property
 Taxpayer error - didn't own 08 F250 July 1, 2023- Val adjusted
 301790
 02240220
 \$64.32
 2024

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 PYLES JOSEPH W & REBECCA L
 Tech Estate
 Appraiser error
 18267
 06022207
 \$47.34
 2024

ALLOWED
AND PAYMENT AUTHORIZED

FEB 0 5 2625

PRESIDENT OF COUNTY COMMISSION

TOTAL:

\$111.66

David J. Nestoch ASSESSOR (submitted for the taxpayer by)

Jay Shay, FROSECUTING ATTORNEY (received notice)

#### **Apportionments** – None

## Recognition of Scheduled Appointments -

9:01 a.m. Duane Hamilton and Justin Wolfe, OEM/E911

## A. Budget Revision

Duane Hamilton, Director of OEM/E911, presented a budget revision for a check received for State Fuel Tax recovered from sales tax paid on fuel. He noted the WEX Cards automatically take off the federal tax but they have to apply for the state tax. He said it comes to about \$10K/year.

This budget revision will be considered later under the county administrator's report (C) below.

## B. Award Wireless Tower Access Assistance Grant Agreement

Justin Wolfe presented a Wireless Tower Access Assistance Grant Agreement in the amount of \$647,921.00 for the acquisition, equipping and/or construction of a wireless tower on Caddell Mountain adjacent to the tower there now.

Commissioner Stone moved to approve and authorize the President to sign the Grant Agreement between the Public Service Commission and Preston County Commission in the amount of \$647,921.00 for the construction of a new tower. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioners Stone, Thomas and Smith voting yes. Motion carried. (See attached.)

#### Public Service Commission of West Virginia Post Office Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323

#### **GRANT AGREEMENT**

This Grant Agreement is entered into on the <u>5th</u> day of <u>February</u>, 2025 between the Public Service Commission of West Virginia, Grantor, and <u>Preston</u> County, Grantee.

#### **RECITALS**

WHEREAS, a grant application was submitted by the Grantee, for the purposes of the acquisition, equipping and/or construction of a wireless tower described in Exhibit A (Project). The grant application has been reviewed by the Tower Access Assistance Fund Review Committee (TAAFRC), and the TAAFRC has determined that (1) the Project will result in the provision of enhanced 911 wireless coverage in the Project's coverage area, and (2) the absence of a sufficient number of potential wireless users in the Project's coverage area prevents adequate funding of the Project without the awarding of a grant from the Wireless Tower Access Assistance Fund, and has recommended to the PSC that the application be approved. It is estimated that the Project's total costs will be:

\$ 647,921.00
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THEREFORE, in accordance with the provisions of *West Virginia Code* § 24-6-6b(e), the Grantor has decided to approve the award of a grant in an amount of

\$ 647,921.00 (Grant)

WHEREAS, the Grantee wishes to accept the Grant upon such terms and conditions as are hereinafter set forth, and as such are stated in the grant application form and supporting documentation, for the purposes of acquiring, equipping and/or constructing the wireless tower described in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference (Project);

WHEREAS, this Grant Agreement sets forth the Grantor's, the Grantee's and the TAAFRC's understandings and agreements with regard to the Grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual agreements hereinafter contained, the Grantor and the Grantee agree as follows:

#### **TERMS**

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- The Grantee agrees that it will require the contractor(s) to provide a performance bond(s) and a payment bond(s) covering completion of the project. The Grantee shall submit copies of the bond(s) to the TAAFRC upon receipt.
- Construction on the Project must begin within six months of the proposed beginning construction date and must be completed no more than six months after the proposed ending construction date.
- 3. All Grant money shall be accounted for by the Grantee in a separate fund. Upon actual expenditure of Grant money, the TAAFRC shall be provided appropriate evidence of payment of invoices and other financial transactions involving Grant money. In the event that Grant money is not expended as planned, it shall be returned to the Grantor.
- 4. The Grantee will use the proceeds of the Grant only for the purposes specifically set forth in Exhibit A.
- 5. The Grantee shall comply with the reporting requirements of <u>W.Va. Code</u> § 12-4-14 and the State Auditor's Accountability Requirements for State Funds and Grants, 155 C.S.R. 9, by filing a report of disbursements of the Grant funds or a sworn statement of expenditures, whichever is applicable, with the Grantor and the State Auditor.
- 6. The Grantee shall comply with and is bound by the Grantor's Rules set forth as Title 150 *W. Va. Code of State Regulations*, Series 25.
- 7. The Grantee shall list the Grant in any press release, publication, program bulletin, sign or other public communication that references the Project, including but not limited to any program document distributed in conjunction with any groundbreaking or dedication of the Project.
- 8. The Grantee agrees to permit reasonable joint use of the tower by other entities as specified in Rule 13.2.1.j. of Grantor's Rules and Regulations Governing Emergency Telephone Service, 150 W. Va. C.F.R. 25. Nothing in this Grant Agreement shall preclude reasonable leasing, at reasonable cost, of tower space by the Grantee, provided that use of tower space shall be free for 1) public safety operations, including 9-1-1, law enforcement, ambulance, rescue and fire fighting and 2) the West Virginia Department of Highways and other state agencies.
- The Grantee shall provide the Grantor with thirty days advance notice of its intent to sell the tower that is the subject of the Project.

- 10. Upon sale by the Grantee of the tower that is the subject of the Project, then to the extent that proceeds are available, the Grantee shall reimburse the Tower Access Assistance Fund the amount of the Grant. Provided, that the amount of repayment shall be reduced by the applicable share of accumulated depreciation of the Project.
- 11. The Grantee shall comply with all applicable federal and state laws and all rules and regulations issued or imposed by the Grantor or other federal, state or local bodies regarding the design, acquisition, equipping and/or construction of the wireless tower.
- 12. This Grant Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of West Virginia.
- 13. The Grantor may seek to have a receiver appointed for the Project, as described herein, if the Grantee defaults on any terms of this Grant Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Grant Agreement to be executed by their respective duly authorized officers as of the dated executed below.

Preston County Commission

GRANTEE

By: Its Chairman or other authorized

Its Chairman or other authorized representative

SEAL

Date: <u>2-5-25</u>

ATTEST

Landa Heccesens
Its Secretary

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9:05 a.m. Sheriff Scott Spiker and Becky Zuchowski, Tax Office-Financial Statements

Chief Tax Deputy, Becky Zuchowski updated the commission on financial statements for the Preston County Tax Office and presented a complete years' worth of financial statemen from February 2024 through February 2025 for the commission to review.

She noted that December still didn't look good to her, and she was having a problem with the numbers on reconciliation statements changing, after corrections were made.

A representative from Compiled Technologies is expected today and she is hopeful once this issue is remedied the process will speed up quickly.

She then requested an Executive Session to discuss some things considered legal.

## Estate Settlement List – January 22, 2025, thru January 22, 2025 ESTATE NAME: TERRY LYN DONK

Commissioner Thomas moved that the proceeding estate settlements and/or waivers thereof, having been filed for a period of ten (10) days prior to the commencement of this term and there being no exceptions or objections filed thereto, be approved, and confirmed. (See attached.)

United States of America



State of West Virginia

County of Preston, ss:

## Settlement List

Notice is hereby given that the following estate(s) have been submitted for settlement from 01/22/2025 thru 01/22/2025 in the Preston County Clerk's Office at 106 West Main Street, Suite 103, Kingwood, WV 26537-1131. For approval by the Preston County Commission on Wednesday, February 5, 2025.

ESTATE NUMBER: 4374
SETTLMENT TYPE: Annual Accounting
SETTLMENT RECORDED: January 22, 2025
ESTATE NAME: TERRY LYN DONK
ADMINISTRATOR CTA: JOSEPH W. DONK

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 01/29/2025.

Clerk of the Preston County Commission

Linda Huggins

By: Ohly Se
Ashley Cole Deputy Clerk

Commissioner Stone seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioners Thomas, Stone and Smith voting yes. Motion carried.

## Proceedings in Vacation/Clerks's Fiduciary Report

A. January 23, 2025, through January 29, 2025

Under **New Business** Commissioner Stone moved to dispense with the reading in open court of the Proceedings of the Clerk of this commission, had in vacation on January 23, 2025, through January 29, 2025, inclusive, and to approve and confirm the same as presented by the County Clerk, there having been no exception or objections filed thereto. (See attachment.)



State of Mest Virginia

County of Preston, ss:

## Clerk's Fiduciary Report

#### Estates from Thursday, January 23, 2025, through Wednesday, January 29, 2025

The County Commission of Preston County this 5th day of February, 2025 proceeded to examine the report of the Clerk of the Commission of the Fiduciary and Probate matters had before her during the vacation of the Commission, and it appearing to the Commission that all of the proceedings had therefore ordered that the said report and matters thereto contained be and the same is hereby ratified and confirmed. Said report is in words and figures as follows, to-wit:

#### On, Thursday, January 23, 2025, the following matters were disposed of in the presence of the Clerk:

The last will and testament of CLARENCE L. HALL, deceased, was proved by the affidavit of the attesting witnesses and the same was admitted to probate and record.

BARBARA L. HALL, who was named in the last will and testament of CLARENCE L. HALL, deceased, as EXECUTRIX thereof, qualified as such. No bond was required.

The last will and testament of BARBARA ANN HOLSINGER, deceased, was proved by the affidavit of the attesting witnesses and the same was admitted to probate and record. And a Small Estate Testate Affidavit was filed.

STARLYN ANN RIGGINS, was named, as SUCCESSOR thereof, qualified as such. No bond was required.

The last will and testament of JEFFREY E. DAVIS, deceased, was proved by the affidavit of the attesting witnesses and the same was admitted to probate and record.

JANNA E. ADAMS, who was named in the last will and testament of JEFFREY E. DAVIS, deceased, as EXECUTOR thereof, qualified as such. No bond was required.

More than 60 days since the date of death or the surviving spouse or heir, upon a motion, TIMOTHY M. MAYLE was appointed and qualified as SUCCESSOR of the Small Estate Intestate Affidavit was filed for NANCY JANE MAYLE, deceased. No bond was required.

#### On, Friday, January 24, 2025, the following matters were disposed of in the presence of the Clerk:

The last will and testament of EDNA M. BUDD, deceased, was proved by the affidavit of the attesting witnesses and the same was admitted to probate and record. In accordance with Recommendations ordered by OLIVIA S. HARRIS DEVALL, FIDUCIARY COMMISSIONER, the Small Estate Affidavit was revoked, and a Full Estate Administration was

BEVERLY JEAN CONNER, who was named in the last will and testament of EDNA M. BUDD, deceased, as EXECUTRIX thereof, qualified as such. No bond was required.

The last will and testament of BONNIE M. ELKINS, deceased, was proved by the affidavit of the attesting witnesses and the same was admitted to probate and record.

SHIRLEY A. EYE, who was named in the last will and testament of BONNIE M. ELKINS, deceased, as EXECUTRIX thereof, qualified as such. No bond was required.

## On, Monday, January 27, 2025, the following matters were disposed of in the presence of the Clerk:

More than 30 days since the date of death or the surviving spouse or heir, upon a motion, SHANNON GRAHAM was appointed and qualified as ADMINISTRATRIX of the estate of KENNETH IRWIN GRAHAM, deceased. No bond was

#### On, Tuesday, January 28, 2025, the following matters were disposed of in the presence of the Clerk:

The last will and testament of ANDREA C. THORNTON, deceased, was proved by the affidavit of the attesting witnesses and the same was admitted to probate and record.

LINDA CASEY, who was named in the last will and testament of ANDREA C. THORNTON, deceased, as EXECUTRIX thereof, qualified as such. No bond was required.

More than 30 days since the date of death or the surviving spouse or heir, upon a motion, **DARRIN HESS** was appointed and qualified as ADMINISTRATOR of the estate of **ROSEMARY HESS AKA ROSEMARY PALAISA**, deceased. No bond was required.

#### On, Wednesday, January 29, 2025, the following matters were disposed of in the presence of the Clerk:

More than 60 days since the date of death or the surviving spouse or heir, upon a motion, VALERIE BLOSSER was appointed and qualified as SUCCESSOR of the Small Estate Intestate Affidavit that was filed for JAMES ALAN SAVINA, deceased. No bond was required.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 01/29/2025.

Clerk of the Preston County Commission

By: Ashley Cole, Deputy Clerk

Linda Theggins

Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioners Stone, Thomas and Smith voting yes. Motion carried.

#### Old Business- Consideration and/or action

#### New Business - Consideration and/or action

A. Employee Hire, Facilities Supervisor, Preston County Commission

Commissioner Stone moved to authorize the hire of Kevin Likens to begin effective February 16, 2025, with an annual salary of \$52,500. The probationary period will end June 30, 2025, for the full-time position of facilities supervisor with benefits. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioners Stone, Thomas and Smith voting yes. Motion carried. (See attached.)

#### PRESTON COUNTY COMMISSION

Don Smith, President Hunter Thomas, Commissioner Samantha Stone, Commissioner



#### MEMORANDUM

TO: CRYSTAL BOLYARD - PAYROLL CLERK

FROM: PRESTON COUNTY COMMISSION

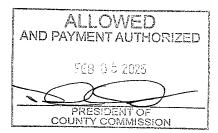
SUBJECT: EMPLOYEE APPROVAL - KEVIN LIKENS—FACILITIES

SUPERVISOR

DATE: FEBRUARY 5, 2025

Please be advised that on February 5, 2025, the County Commission approved their request to hire Kevin Likens as the full-time facilities supervisor with benefits for the Preston County Commission.

Mr. Likens' start date will be effective February 16, 2025. His pay rate will be \$25.24 per hour for an annual salary of \$52,500. This position will be a salaried position, though Mr. Likens will be subject to a probationary period that will end on June 30, 2025.



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B. Preston County EMS Association request to appoint Robin Feather and Shawna Knotts to the 911 Advisory Board – Terms expiring December 31, 2025

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve the reappointment of Robin Feather as a volunteer squad representative to the 911 Advisory Board. This appointment will expire on 12/31/2025. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioners Thomas, Stone and Smith voting yes. Motion carried. (See attached.)

## Preston County EMS Association 150 Rich Wolfe Drive Kingwood, WV 26537

January 22, 2025

To whom it may concern,

Last night during a quarterly meeting it was decided that Robin Feather would continue to be the representative for the volunteer squad to sit on the 911 Advisory Board. This appointment will expire on 12/31/2025, if approved. Robin is willing to continue as the Representative for the volunteer squad.

Thank you

Kelly C. Fike, President

Preston County EMS Association



Commissioner Thomas moved to approve the reappointment of Shawna Knotts as the paid squad representative to the 911 Advisory Board. This appointment will expire on 12/31/2026. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioners Thomas, Stone and Smith voting yes. Motion carried. (See attached.)

Preston County EMS Association 150 Rich Wolfe Drive Kingwood, WV 26537

January 22, 2025

To whom it may concern,

Last night during a quarterly meeting it was decided that Shawna Knotts would continue to be the representative for the paid squads to sit on the 911 Advisory Board. This appointment will expire on 12/31/2026, if approved. Shawna is willing to continue as the Representative for the paid squads.

Thank you,

-Kelly C. Fike, President

**Preston County EMS Association** 

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## County Administrator's Report - Consideration and/or action

President Smith recognized Nate Raybeck with the County Administrator's Report.

A. Board of Equalization and County Commission Meeting Schedule: February 2025

Mr. Raybeck presented the remaining schedule for Preston County Commission meetings, Work Session dates and Board of Equalization dates for February 2025.

February 5, 2025

PCC Schedule & BOE meetings

# February 2025 PCC Meeting/Work Session dates and BOE dates

Wednesday: February 5	PCC: 9am	BOE #2: 10:30am
Monday: February 10	BOE #3: (Minerals): 9am	Parks & Rec Work Session: 10am
Wednesday: February 12	PCC: 9am	BOE #4: 10:30am
Tuesday: February 18	PCC: 9am	BOE #5: 10:30am (last session)
Wednesday: February 26	PCC: 9:30am	

B. Preston County Parks and Recreation Work Session: Monday, 10 a.m. February 10, 2025

This work session will focus on budget and fund requests.

## C. Budget Revisions

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve the budget revisions as presented by Duane Hamilton for Central Garage and Nate Raybeck for the Prosecuting Attorney Jay Shay. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioners Thomas, Stone and Smith voting yes. Motion carried. (See attached.)

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Communication Center

Fax: 1-304-329-2530

Director: Duane Hamilton

Deputy Director: Justin Wolfe

ALLOWED AND PAYMENT AUTHORIZED

COMMISSION

February 5, 2025

To: Preston County Commission 106 W Main St, Suite 202 Kingwood, WV 26537

E-911

Re: BUDGET REVISION

Increase: 001-382-009 \$2,816.00

Increase: 001-717-343 \$2,816.00

Reason: State Fuel Tax Reimbursement

Thank You

**Duane Hamilton** 

**Preston County Prosecuting Attorney** James E. Shay, Jr.

Megan M. Fields Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney

Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys Claire L. Niehaus Christopher S. Arnold

Victim Advocate/Paralegal Stacy Greaser

Office Administrator Kristie Hartsell

Legal Assistants

February 3, 2025

Honorable County Commission by email delivery

Re: Prosecutor's Office Budget Revision

Please be advised that I am making the following budget revisions:

Action	Amount	From: Line Item	To: Line Item
Transfer	r \$600.00	TELEPHONE	TRAVEL
		001-405-211-00	001-405-214-00

I am requesting the above revisions as we have the Summer Prosecutor's Conference upcoming training for my office, and I am anticipating an overage in 001-405-214 and would like to transfer the unused balance in 001-405-211 and do not foresee any future expenditures in that line item. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Best regards,

James E. Shay, Jr., Esq. Prosecuting Attorney

PRESIDENT COUNTY COMA

#### RESOLUTION

At a regular session of the county commission, held (Month, day and year February 5,2025 the following order was made and entered:

**SUBJECT:** The revision of the Levy Estimate (Budget) for the County of PRESTON. The following resolution was offered:

RESOLVED: That subject to approval of the State Auditor as ex officio chief inspector of public offices, the county commission does hereby direct the budget be revised PRIOR TO THE EXPENDITURE OR OBLIGATION OF FUNDS FOR WHICH NO APPROPRIATION OR INSUFFICIENT APPROPRIATION CURRENTLY EXISTS, as shown on budget revision number 11, of the General County Fund, a copy of which is entered as part of this record.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution having been moved by <a href="Commissioner Thomas">Commissioner Thomas</a>, and duly seconded by <a href="Commissioner Stone">Commissioner Stone</a> the vote thereon was as follows:



whereupon, President Smith , declared said resolution duly adopted, and it is therefore ADJUDGED and ORDERED that said resolution be, and the same is, hereby adopted as so stated above, and the <a href="County Clerk">County Clerk</a> is authorized to fix his signature on the attached "Request for Revision to Approved Budget" to be sent to the State Auditor for approval.

## D. Miscellaneous Correspondence

Commissioner Thomas stated that it has been brought to his attention by the Assessor's Office that the county has accumulated over \$800K of delinquent personal property taxes over the past five (5) years which doesn't include real property tax bills. and how unfair it is to the taxpayers that pay their taxes.

He discussed state code that outlines a process to recoup delinquent taxes and suggested the county commission and sheriff look into it. The process hasn't been done in Preston County for years.

He sent the information to Prosecuting Attorney Jay Shay and Wendy Greve for their opinion and advice.

#### Personnel Matters - Consideration and/or action

A. Executive Session

## Legal Matters - Consideration and/or action

A. Executive Session

At 9:27 a.m., Commissioner Stone moved to go into Executive Session for a legal matter. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioners Stone, Thomas and Smith voting yes. Motion carried.

Those in attendance for the Executive Session: Commissioners Don Smith, Samantha Stone, Hunter Thomas, County Administrator Nate Raybeck, Sheriff Scott Spiker, and Chief Tax Deputy Becky Zuchowski.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 9:42 a.m., Commissioner Thomas moved to come out of Executive Session and reenter open session. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioners Thomas, Stone and Smith voting yes. Motion carried.

President Smith advised that no action was taken as a result of the Executive Session.

#### **Information**

## **Commissioner's Comments**

Condolences to the families of Janie Lou White and Evelyn Jennings.

At 9:49 a.m., there being no further business to come before the Commission, President Smith declared the Regular Session adjourned.

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