STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,

**COUNTY OF GILMER, TO-WIT:** 

At a Regular Session of the County Commission of Gilmer County, West Virginia held at the courthouse thereof on Friday, the 17<sup>th</sup> day of February 2017.

PRESENT: Larry B. Chapman, President, John D. Bennett and Brian Kennedy Commissioners thereof.

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by President Larry B. Chapman at 9:00 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

See file for list of people present for all or portions of the County Commission meeting.

See File # 317

Rick Sypolt, representative for Unsafe Buildings and Lands Commission to give an update of the progress of the different projects the Commission has been working on.

Mr. Sypolt asked the Commission if they had received anything back from the letter that was sent by certified mail from JIMJIM LLC. The Commission informed Mr. Sypolt they had not received anything but would let him know as soon as they did.

Commission President Larry B. Chapman informed Mr. Sypolt the Commission would discuss the situation with Sheriff Larry Gerwig to have the Sheriff in Braxton County to serve papers on the owner of JIMJIM LLC.

See File # 318

Chief Deputy, John Moss appeared to discuss the Sheriff's Department applying for the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Grant to purchase a new police vehicle. Deputy Moss informed the Commission the grant would be about 35% or around \$14,000.00.

Deputy Moss informed the Commission that later Sheriff Gerwig would discuss the possibility of selling the older vehicles that are not being used by the Department and he didn't think they would need any money from the Commission to purchase the new police vehicle.

See File # 319

Commissioner John D. Bennett entered a motion to approve the estate qualifications, appraisements and final settlements as entered by County Clerk, Jean Butcher in vacation of said Commission. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

See File # 320

Commissioner Brian Kennedy entered a motion to approve invoices as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Ordered that the sum of \$24,888.36 be allowed from GENERAL COUNTY FUND for 2<sup>nd</sup> payroll for February being check number 45123-45132 and 701803-701820 inclusive.

Ordered that the sum of \$40,881.44 be allowed from GENERAL COUNTY FUND for services rendered, being check number 42472-424483 inclusive.

Ordered that the sum of \$375.00 be allowed from ASSESSOR VALUATION FUND for services rendered, being check number 1772.

Ordered that the sum of \$454.40 be allowed from HOME CONFINEMENT FUND for services rendered, being check number 502.

Commission President John D. Bennett entered a motion to approve the minutes for the February 3, 2017 Commission meeting with reading of the minutes waived. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The Lewis-Gilmer E-911 filed the yearly totals for dispatched calls for Gilmer County.

See File # 321

The Gilmer County Public Service District Board of Director's filed the minutes for December 12, 2016 for the board.

See File # 322

The WESMONTY RC & D Board of Directors filed the minutes for November 15, 2016 and December 12, 2016 for the board.

See File # 323

Due to additional problems with the electronics in the Magistrate Court Offices from water damage, Camel Technologies was contacted to look into the situation.

The representative from Camel Technologies explained to the County Clerk what it would take to fix the problems.

County Clerk, Jean Butcher asked for a quote from Camel Technologies to present to the Commission.

The quote was sent to West Virginia Risk Pool Insurance Company to make sure that it was covered under our insurance due to the case was closed. The representative from the insurance company presented it to the insurance appraiser for his opinion.

At the time of this meeting the County Clerk has not been contacted by the insurance company as to whether will be covered.

Commissioner Brian Kennedy entered a motion to table from making a decision on the quote until the County Clerk is contacted by the insurance company. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

See File # 324

The County Commission discussed renewing the Independent Contracts for Jack Heater and Eric Squires, as Director and Deputy Director for the Office of Emergency Management due to the current contracts have expired.

After much discussion, Commissioner Brian Kennedy entered a motion not to renew Jack Heater's contract and to hire Eric Squires as the new Director for Office of Emergency. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Commissioner John D. Bennett entered a motion to pay Eric Squires at the same pay as the previous director at \$1,000.00 per month with totals to \$12,000.00 per year. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Due to a need for a new copy machine in the Circuit Clerk's Office, Karen Elkin, Circuit Clerk has asked the County Commission to enter into an agreement with Hart Office Solutions to purchase a new copy machine.

Commissioner Brian Kennedy entered a motion to accept the lease agreement and Commissioner John D. Bennett entered a motion to allow Commission President Larry B. Chapman to sign the lease agreement. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Pursuant to Commissioner John D. Bennett entering a motion for Commission President Larry B. Chapman signed the lease agreement to allow Circuit Clerk, Karen Elkin to purchase a new copy machine for her office.

See File # 325

Notification was received from Public Service Commission that A & S Recovery has filed all the paper work necessary for towing service for Gilmer County.

Lewis-Gilmer E-911 has been contacted with this information to allow A & S Recovery to be on the rotation list for towing services.

Also, A & S Recovery now has a tow truck for big rigs and will be contacted for those services.

See File # 326

The Commission having completed the business of the present term, a motion for adjournment was entered by Commissioner Brian Kennedy at 9:40 a.m. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Ordered that the Commission does now adjourn and to meet again in Special Session on February 22, 2017 at 1:30p.m.

Jany B Chapman, President