

## Monroe Commission Holds March Meeting

The Monroe County Commission met in regular session on March 6, 2013 at the Courthouse. Shane Ashley, President of the Commission, called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

Kenny Saul, representing A1 Allegheny Systems, appeared before the Commission to provide them with a quote for a Kardex Mobile Records Storage System for the Courthouse record room. This particular type of system is capable of storing a high volume of documents in a limited amount of space. Donald J. Evans, County Clerk, previously advised the Commission that the record room is presently filled to about 90% of its capacity. Commissioners took no action on this quote as the County Clerk said he wanted to visit other Courthouses and look at this type of system.

Commissioner Gum provided a report on the annual meeting of the County Commissioner's Association he recently attended. Gum, who is the Project Director for the Courthouse Roof Replacement Project, also reported that the roof replacement was complete.

Meeting minutes for the Red Sulphur and Gap Mills Public Service Districts were reviewed.

The County Clerk advised the County Commission that Shirley Hall, the Executive Director of the Coalition for Children and Families, and Helen Graves, the county's Tourism Director, are both planning to retire in the near future.

Dennis Burns and Devon Johnson, representing the Greenbrier Soil Conservation District, appeared before the County Commission seeking a contribution for the district's Grassland Program. Burns said the district was concerned about future funding for this program and each of the three counties in this district were being asked for a contribution. The County Commission took no action on this request.

Tim Wilson, 911 Director, provided an update on the activities of the 911 Center. Wilson reported that the Green Bank Observatory has approved the location for a radio communications tower in the Gap Mills area and he is now waiting approval from the Federal Communications Commission. The County Commission authorized the construction of a small building on this site to put the necessary equipment in, contingent upon the FCC's approval. At the request of Wilson, the County Commission approved three 911 employees to attend the annual APCO conference being held in Parkersburg the first of April. Wilson reported that Duane Miller Construction Services has completed the construction of an office in the basement of the 911 Center that will be used for an Emergency Operations Center.

The County Commission met with the following individuals to hear input on the county applying for a Court Security Grant; Judge Robert Irons, Justin St. Clair, Prosecuting Attorney, Kristen Cook, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff Mike Gravely, Donald J. Evans, County Clerk and Magistrates Kevin Miller and Nancy Crews. Family Law Judge David Sanders was also invited but was unable to attend. After some discussion, it was agreed the county would submit a grant application seeking funds to improve security at the Courthouse and Magistrate's Office.

Garry Taylor, chairman of the county's Planning Commission, appeared before the Commission and provided an update of the Planning Commission's activities.

Commissioners agreed to seek funding to replace the ceiling tiles in the Courtroom, jury room and conference room from the Governor's Community Participation Grant Program. Many of these tiles sustained water damage prior to the Courthouse roof being replaced.

The County Clerk advised Commissioners that their letter requesting the state to take the road, beginning at US Rt. 219 going to the Fountain Springs Golf Course clubhouse, be taken into the state road system, has been mailed to Division of Highway officials.

Commissioner Miller advised that a Captain's Choice golf tournament has been scheduled for April 20, 2013 at Fountain Springs Golf Course. Registration will begin at 8:00 am and play will begin at 9:00 am. Funds raised from this tournament will be used to purchase supplies and materials for the 21 community service projects that will be performed throughout Monroe County in July by the Boy Scouts of America. The fee is \$240.00 per team (\$60.00 per individual). Mulligans will be sold at registration and Ashley's Food Pride will provide lunch for all participants after the tournament. Miller said the committee was also soliciting hole sponsors for \$100.00. For additional info, please contact Miller at 753-5706. It is important to note that 100% of the funds raised from this tournament will be spent right here in Monroe County on the worthwhile community service projects.

The County Commission will meet again in regular session on April 3, 2013. To be placed on the Commission's agenda, please call 772-3096.