The Marion County Commission sat in regular session pursuant to its adjournment on Wednesday, December 11th, 2013. Present were Commissioner Tennant, Commissioner VanGilder and President Elliott.

The proceedings of Wednesday, December 11th, 2013, together with those had and done under the supervision of Janice Cosco, Clerk and Recorder for the Marion County Commission on December 12th, 13th, 16th and 18th, 2013 were approved as submitted and signed.

Delbert Butch Phillips led the Court with a prayer. Janice Cosco the County Clerk led the Court with the Pledge of Allegiance. President Elliott called the meeting to order. Commissioner Tennant moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of Wednesday, December 11th, 2013 and accept them as presented. Commissioner VanGilder seconded. President Elliott concurred.

For the record, note James Priester, Assessor presented to the County Commission the following Exonerations for approval.

Dated December 18, 2013
Nos. #2013-1518 through #2013-1522

Pursuant to the recommendation of James Priester, Assessor and approval of Patrick Wilson, Prosecuting Attorney; Commissioner Tennant moved that the President sign Nos. #2013-1518 through #2013-1522. Commissioner VanGilder seconded. President Elliott concurred.

For the record, note the Commission received a request for reimbursement from West Virginia Division of Justice and Community Services. County Administrator Kris Cinalli stated that this was for our Day Report Center Grant in the amount of $15,641.20 for the November, 2013 expenditures.
The Commission received a re-appointment of Jesse Corley to the Fairmont-Marion County Transit Authority Board.

Commissioner Tennant moved that the Commission re-appoint Jesse Corley to the Fairmont-Marion County Transit Authority Board for a three year term. Commissioner VanGilder seconded. President Elliott concurred.

The Commission received a request from the Op-Shop for funding for the Work Day Café. County Administrator Kris Cinalli stated that this request is a considerable one and he would like to see the Commission to table this item until further information can be obtained.
The Op Shop, Inc. Request for Funding for Work Day Cafe
216 Columbia Street, Fairmont, WV 26554 Food Services Training Program

The Op Shop, Inc. is a profit community rehabilitation program that creates opportunities for sheltered or competitive employment for adults with disabilities. Governance is provided by a seven-member board of directors. Our activities are monitored by the WV Division of Rehabilitation Facilities who awarded our agency the top employer of the year in 2010.

The past three years have been difficult financially as we lost our contract for janitorial services at the West Virginia Office Complex in Fairmont when the building was condemned and the rest area contract was also lost temporarily. The loss of both contracts could have resulted in eight individuals with disabilities being temporarily out of work. However, we were successful in obtaining additional contracts that provided employment for these individuals. The custodial division provides the most training and employment opportunities for persons with disabilities. We clean Fairmont State University, provide maintenance and cleaning service around the clock at the Bridgeport 7-11 rest areas as well as janitorial at an additional twelve sites.

In the past twenty-five years, we have grown from a small sheltered workshop to a community rehabilitation program (CRP) that employs in excess of one hundred persons with disabilities. Approximately seventy of our employees work in integrated work sites including Fairmont State University and the Bridgeport rest areas.

After successfully expanding our janitorial business to include specialty types of custodial, we explored other likely options for employment for persons with disabilities. Counselors from the WV Division of Rehabilitation Services and the Marion County Schools have expressed the need for variety in the types of training and placement opportunities that The Op Shop provides. Statistics from the National Restaurant Association [http://www.restaurant.org] indicate the need for trained food service personnel will grow significantly in the next decade. With the restaurant industry being the nation’s largest employer outside of the government, persons with disabilities that are trained in food services will be more likely to obtain employment. We also have fed many individuals contacting us stating that they are interested in this training opportunity. Several local restaurants as well as a nursing home have expressed interest in employing persons that have completed our training program.

Our goal is to train thirty to forty individuals with disabilities each year for some type of restaurant work as well as to place fifty percent of those trained in integrated work sites. Sustainability for the project will come from fees for services from the Division of Rehabilitation Services as well as from the operation of the café itself. We believe a conservative estimate of persons with disabilities that will be interested in the food services training program would be thirty to forty annually. Training will be provided for a variety of food service industry positions including cooks, prep workers, servers, busboys and dishwashers.

Overall budget for the proposed project/program.

When we submitted the initial grant proposal to the Division of Rehabilitation Services, we believed that the $537,000 requested would provide all funds needed to complete the renovation as well as start-up costs for the project (personnel, delivery vehicle, inventory and marketing). The estimates from Thrasher Engineering for remodeling interior and exterior were over $718,000; the DRS grant funding for purchase of building as well as renovations was $336,000. We requested bids from contractors and it
Commissioner Tennant moved that the Commission table this request for further information. Commissioner VanGilder seconded. President Elliott concurred.

For the record, note the Commission received from Potesta Engineers and Environmental Consultants, the Environmental Site Assessment for the Philips Electronics North American Corporation Building C site loved in Fairmont, Marion County, West Virginia: WVDEP VRP #07857.

For the record, note the Commission received from Potesta Engineers and Environmental Consultants the Certificate of Completion for the Phillips Cullet Pile Site, VRA Project #07089, located on Hoult Road, Fairmont, Marion County, West Virginia.

The Commission received Butch Phillips and Aaron Hawkins who are requesting an opportunity to make a presentation to the Commission for financial assistance for the Honor Flight Network which will allow local veterans to fly form Bridgeport for a day trip to Washington DC to visit the War Memorials. Aaron’s and Butch’s presentation was emotional and inspirational. They informed the Commission of the Flight and what it would take in order to fill a flight from the Bridgeport Airport on Saturday, May 10, 2014. They priority of acceptance is World War II Veterans then Korean War Veterans and those who are terminal, the next would be the Vietnam War Veterans. They added that this is a one day trip and is very emotional for those in attendance and those who are in support along with the service men and women who assist in Washington D.C.
Commissioner Tennant moved that the Commission grant $5,000.00 for the Honor Flight and that those funds be appropriated from the Coal Severance Fund. Commissioner VanGilder seconded. President Elliott concurred.

Butch Phillips stated that on December 23, 2013 is the walk through at Morris Park for the Christmas lights show.
Charlie Reese wanted to thank the Commissioners for all of their work in turning the Palatine Park into a reality.

County Administrator Kris Cinalli stated that there was an item on last week’s agenda that dealt with a slip in the Town of Monongah. Kris added that it needs to be removed from the table first and then take the item under consideration.

Commissioner Tennant moved that the Commission take the item off the table. Commissioner VanGilder seconded. President Elliott concurred.

Commissioner Tennant moved that the Commission grant $3,000.00 from Coal Severance Fund to assist the Town of Monongah in dealing with the slip. Commissioner VanGilder seconded. President Elliott concurred.

Norman Kronjaeger stated that tonight there will be a meeting with the City of Fairmont Planning Commission at 7 p.m. at the Public Safety Building dealing with the abandonment of the paper road ways over in the Palatine Park area. Norman would like to have some support from the Commission at this meeting. Norman also wanted to thank the Commission for all of their work that he was awarded this past year.

Jack Oliver came before the Commission to ask if the Commission could do anything with the break-ins in and about the City of Fairmont as well as the throughout the County. A short discussion occurred over this topic between those in attendance and President Elliott.

President Elliott stated that the Commission will now recess and come back into session for an Estate Hearing within a few minutes.
The Commission came back into session for an Estate Hearing in the matter of the Martha Hall Estate.

President Elliott called the Hearing to order; and turned the Hearing over to David Glance the Fiduciary Supervisor of the Probate Office.

David Glance stated that the issue for the Commission today is that Martha Hall’s will had numbered pages missing and discrepancies in the handwriting. The Clerk’s Office had Detective Chip Phillips review the will and his report stated that in the writing, it appeared that parts could have been written in another hand.

Steven Hall an attorney and Executor named in the Will as well as an heir of Martha Hall’s Estate testified that what was there was written by Martha and those were her wishes. He also added that the missing pages were part of her will that she wanted to remove without re-doing her entire will.

Page Brown an heir of the Martha Hall Estate represented by Attorney Jeff Taylor was asked by Attorney David Glance if he had any objections to this will being submitted as it appears. Mr. Brown’s reply was not at this time.

There was no one present in Court to object to this will being submitted as is at this time.

Commissioner Tennant moved that the Commission order the Clerk’s Office to accept the Martha Hall’s will as presented. Commissioner VanGilder seconded. President Elliott concurred.

There being no further business to come before the County Commission, it is ordered that this Commission do now recess until, Wednesday, January 15th, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. for the next scheduled County Commission Meeting.

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Randy Elliott, President