The Marion County Commission sat in regular session pursuant to its adjournment on Wednesday, July 10th, 2013. Present were Commissioner Tennant, Commissioner VanGilder and President Elliott.

The proceedings of Wednesday, July 10th, 2013, together with those had and done under the supervision of Janice Cosco, Clerk and Recorder for the Marion County Commission on July 11th, 12th, 15th and 16th, 2013 were approved as submitted and signed.

Pastor Jan Smith led the Court with a prayer. County Clerk Janice Cosco 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, July 10th, 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 July 17, 2013
Nos. #2013-798 through #2013-845

Pursuant to the recommendation of James Priester, Assessor and approval of Patrick Wilson, Prosecuting Attorney; Commissioner Tennant moved that the President sign Nos. #2013-798 through #2013-845. Commissioner Tennant seconded. President Elliott concurred.

The Commission received a Notification from Joseph Carpenter, Sheriff, of Home Confinement Surplus. County Administrator Kris Cinalli stated that the Sheriff is returning $125,000.00 of surplus funds back to the Commission from the Home Confinement Program and by statute those funds must be utilized for the Marion County’s Regional jail Expenses.
Commissioner Tennant moved that the Commission accept the surplus and use the funds to offset the regional jail bill. Commissioner VanGilder seconded. President Elliott concurred.

The Commission received a request for advice and consent from Joseph Carpenter, Sheriff, to hire Marcus David Slauer as Deputy Sheriff, effective starting Wednesday, July 17, 2013, starting salary $33,945.52; with benefits.
Commissioner Tennant moved that the Commission grant permission to the Sheriff to hire Marcus David Slauer as Deputy Sheriff, effective starting Wednesday, July 17, 2013, starting salary $33,945.52; with benefits. Commissioner VanGilder seconded. President Elliott concurred.

The Commission received a request for advice and consent from James Priester, Assessor, to hire Catherine Webb, full time, with starting salary of $20,000.00 with benefits, effective July 15, 2013.
Commissioner Tennant moved that the Commission grant its advice and consent to James Priester, Assessor, to hire Catherine Webb, full time, with starting salary of $20,000.00 with benefits; effective July 15, 2013. Commissioner VanGilder seconded. President Elliott concurred.

The Commission received a request for advice and consent from James Priester, Assessor, to hire Clarissa Nicholson part-time, at $10.00 per hour, without benefits, to replace Shelley Whitehill.
Commissioner Tennant moved that the Commission grant its advice and consent to James Priester, Assessor, to hire Clarissa Nicholson part-time, at $10.00 per hour, without benefits, to replace Shelley Whitehill. Commissioner VanGilder seconded. President Elliott concurred.

For the record, note the Commission received a request for reimbursement from the West Virginia Division of Justice and Community Services for Marion County Day Report Center to cover expenditures from June 1, 2013 to June 30, 2013; in the amount of $14,542.16.
For the record, note the Commission received the Grant Adjustment Notice from the Division of Justice and Community Services for Grant Extension for Victim Assistance (Advocate Program) for the period from 7-1-13 to 7-31-13.
The Commission received a request for funding from Korean War Veterans for stone work. County Administrator Kris Cinalli stated that they are requesting $8,000.00 in order to purchase the rest of the stone to be delivered to the site to complete the project. Commissioner Tennant is going to try to get the bricklayers union to supply workers to complete the project for the Korean War Veterans Memorial.
Commissioner Tennant moved that the Commission grant $8,000.00 to the Korean War Veterans for stone work and have the stone delivered to the Memorial Site and that those funds be appropriated from the Coal Severance Fund. Commissioner VanGilder seconded. President Elliott concurred.

The Commission received a request for funding from Operation Image. Nancy Bickerstaff was present before the Commission to thank them for their past support and to explain the necessity for this request and to answer any questions. Nancy stated that it started with the Chamber of Commerce and now it has been turned over to the Fairmont Community Development Partnership. She continued that they are going to setup a website to report on people who are littering; it is going to mirror the City of Charlotte website.

Commissioner Tennant asked that she approach all of the Municipalities as well as the City of Fairmont their assistance in funding this worthy project.
Commissioner Tennant moved that the Commission grant $5,000.00 to Operation Image and that those funds be appropriated from the Coal Severance Fund. Commissioner VanGilder seconded. President Elliott concurred.

The Commission received a request for funding from the Woman’s Club of Fairmont. Nancy Bickerstaff stated for the record that they are very pleased with the support of the Marion County Commission and Commissioner Ernie VanGilder’s support and effort in assisting them with their Building. Nancy added the ongoing status of their building.

Commissioner VanGilder stated that everyone should go over to see how the house looks and that status of its content. Commissioner Tennant asked if they requested assistance from the City of Fairmont. She added that Main Street Fairmont donated $1,000.00.
Nancy stated that the City of Fairmont has not donated any funds to the house.

Commissioner Tennant moved that the Commission grant $5,000.00 to the Woman’s Club of Fairmont and that those funds be appropriated from the Coal Severance Fund. Commissioner VanGilder seconded. President Elliott concurred.
Nancy Bickerstaff added for the record that she is in support of the Commission’s project of Palatine Park and would allow an Open Forum to take place at the Women’s Club. She added that this would be a great project for not only the City of Fairmont but the County. She took on the River Boat Gambling rumors. She stated that Mike Caputo told her what would happen that it would have to have a Referendum Vote as well as Legislation that would have to run through both the State of West Virginia House and Senate. She has added that it would not take place without a considerable amount of work. She added that is just trying to quash that rumor.

The Commission received a request for funding from Huey Park and Playground. County Administrator Kris Cinalli stated that they are requesting funds in order to cleanup and maintain their park and they need some assistance.

Commissioner Tennant moved that the Commission grant $500.00 to the Huey Park and Playground for cleanup and maintenance; and that those funds be appropriated from the Coal Severance Fund. Commissioner VanGilder seconded. President Elliott concurred.

The Commission received a request for funding for Food for Thought Program. Susan Dalton and Paula Neptune were present to explain the program and answer any questions that the Commissioners could have. They stated that the program went so well that they are going to take on second grade this year.

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St. Elizabeth Guild  
St. Anthony Catholic Church  
1600 Mary Lou Retton Drive  
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July 10, 2013

Honorable President Randy Elliott  
Honorable Dutch Tennant  
Honorable Ernie VanGilder

Re: Fundraising for 2013-2014 School Year

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for your passed support for our Food For Thought Program. We are now fundraising for the upcoming school year and would appreciate your continuing support.

We would like to be placed on the Agenda for July 17, 2013.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Paula Neptune
Susan added that the cost for the year is about $200.00 per student.

**Commissioner Tennant moved** that the Commission $1,000.00 to the Food for Thought Program and that those funds be appropriated from the Coal Severance Fund. Commissioner VanGilder seconded. President Elliott concurred.

For the record, note the Commission received the notification from Time Warner Cable of adding additional programming and improving internet speeds, effective on or about September 4, 2013.
Commissioner Tennant added that the opening of the bids for the State building in Fairmont will take place today. He also stated that there will be a Movie in the Park this Friday.

Charlie Reese gave an update on the progress on the river front development by stating that MCPARC will be placing some picnic tables at palatine Park. Jeff Biafore with his crew is clearing the area of brush along with MCPARC’S equipment and people and Ted Offutt’s Day Report crew is there as well. Charlie has and will continue to update the City of Fairmont with our progress. Charlie added that Dave Sago the Utility Manager is going to provide all of the utility maps so that we will know where all of the utilities are located. Charlie added that he will be meeting with both Thrasher Engineering and Frank Jezioro about support from the State Division of Natural Resources.

Chris McIntire stated that the previous Harrison County 911 Director Fred Smart has passed away today and that will be a great loss for all. He continued that he was very instrumental in Marion County’s success with our program.

Commissioner VanGilder added that on the river front development project that we are not only using tax payer dollars but we are coordinating with all private enterprises in the area for their support and input.

There being no further business to come before the County Commission, it is ordered that this Commission do now recess until, Wednesday, July 24th, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. for the next scheduled County Commission Meeting.

Randy Elliott, President