

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION

DISCUSS REQUEST/PETITION FROM PHIL HUDOK REGARDING FIRST AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION

Phil Hudok appeared before the Commission. He said this involves the first amendment of the constitution. The churches are not being treated fair. He played a quote by Donald Trump. He said the WV Constitution, Article 6 Section 47, says no charter of incorporation shall be granted to any church or religious denomination, provisions made be made by general law for securing the title to church property and for the sale and transfer thereof so that it shall be held used or transferred for the purposes of such church or religious denomination. He said we don't have to wait for the federal government to free the churches, our constitution frees the churches from the government. He said it is right here in our Constitution. He said it is our duty to see that we have a rule of law. He said he has been here four times regarding this issue and the Inter Mountain doesn't put anything in the paper about it. He had to go to Channell 3 to get it out. He said he thinks it is great that the Commission says a prayer before the meeting.

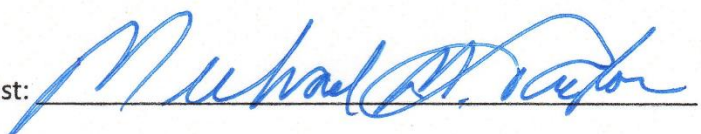
Commissioner Taylor said you have presented a copy to each Commissioner and we have taken it very seriously and he has done some research on it.

Commissioner Johns asked what exactly do you want us to do? Mr. Hudok said he addressed the State Attorney General, here in this room, two years ago and has not received an answer. He said he knows the Commission, quite often, passes a resolution supporting some stand or some thought in an issue. He said he was hoping the County Commission could ask the State Attorney General what happens here? Why is our Constitution being violated? What is the answer because for two years he has not had an answer, he said.

Commissioner See asked Mr. Hudok if he had anybody contact the churches and tell them their constitutional rights had been violated? Mr. Hudok said yes the constitution party, he produced a two DVD set and gave it to the churches. He said nobody responded. He said he thinks the reason they didn't respond is because they are afraid of the IRS. He said he feels that it is his responsibility and the Commissions and Sheriff Brady that the law is upheld.

Commissioner Taylor said part of the research he did on this issue was to read Article 6 Chapter 47. He said he thinks the issue before the Commission today is that the Commission lacks the authority to grant Mr. Hudok the relief that he is requesting. It is not within our power to grant that. Mr. Hudok's argument is with the Courts, he said. Mr. Taylor said we don't have control over the Courts. He said he knows that Mr. Hudok has said he has talked to the Attorney General and filed with the Supreme Court. Mr. Taylor said that is not something that the County Commission can pick up the phone and call the Supreme Court and say you need to take another look at this. Commissioner Taylor said the Commission has taken a very serious review of the information that Mr. Hudok presented to them a couple months ago. After consideration it is the findings of this Commission that they lack the authority to grant the relief that Mr. Hudok requested in his letter. Further it is the recommendation that the proper venue for his issue would be with the judicial system.

Attest:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael P. Taylor", is written over a horizontal line.