

GRANT COUNTY COMMISSION
PETERSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA 26847

GRANT COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

Date: January 12, 2021 **Time:** 9 a.m. **Location:** Conference Room
Grant County Courthouse

Commissioners:
Scotty Miley
Jeff Berg
Tyson Riggleman

Reporting:
Erin Camp, Grant County Press

AGENDA ITEM: Commissioner Miley called the regular meeting to order at 9 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM: Approval of Minutes

DISCUSSION: Presented for approval were the minutes from the regular meeting held on December 22, 2020.

Presented for approval were the minutes from the organizational meeting held on January 4, 2021.

ACTION: A Motion was made to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on December 22, 2020 as presented. **MOTION: Riggleman-Berg**

A Motion was made to approve the minutes from the organizational meeting held on January 4, 2021, as presented. **MOTION: Riggleman-Berg**

AGENDA ITEM: Discuss Needs/Wants for Grant County

DISCUSSION: Darby Clayton, Assistant to Deputy State Highway Engineer, was to appear before the Commission but was unable to be at this meeting. Travis Ray, District Maintenance Engineer, Jared Wilson, Maintenance Assistant and Terry Bennett, Grant County Supervisor, appeared before the Commission.

Mr. Wilson discussed the projects that have been completed in Grant County. A lot of the projects were completed due to the bond program that the Governor created.

The medical access road program in Gormanias was completed. There were several slide repairs done, and paving work performed on Jordan Run.

The lighting project at the 42 intersection at Mt. Storm was done to improve the safety. This improved visibility.

The bond program permitted more money to be put in the county maintenance budget which allowed paving to be done throughout Grant County.

ACTION: No action needed.

AGENDA ITEM: Introduction & Answer Questions About Virgin Hyperloop

DISCUSSION: Kelsey Kirby with the WV Project Development with Virgin Hyperloop appeared before the Commission. Ms. Kirby stated that she just wanted to introduce herself and answer any questions there might be. Commissioner Miley stated that he invited Mr. Lively, Ms. Curl Ms. Keplinger and Callie Dayton from Region 8 to attend the meeting.

Commissioner Miley asked where the hyperloop will actually be built. Ms. Kirby stated that the exact location has not been determined. She said that it will be somewhere along the Tucker/Grant boundary at Mt. Storm.

Ms. Kirby stated that there will be a test track, an operations facility for training purposes, as well as a visitor's center.

Commissioner Miley asked how many employees there would be. Ms. Kirby stated that there will be approximately 150/200 permanent jobs. There will be several temporary jobs during the construction of this project.

Terry Lively from Region 8 stated he and Commissioner Miley had discussed some issues such as broadband, housing and water. Ms. Kirby stated that she wanted to stay connected with the county officials during this project so that everyone is aware of the status of the project as it is constructed.

ACTION: No action needed.

AGENDA ITEM: Hiring Employees & Discuss Employees' Leave/COVID

DISCUSSION: Peggy Alt, OES/911 Director appeared before the Commission. Peggy stated that the Governor wants regional vaccination centers. There will be one at the Armory in Moorefield for Grant, Hardy, Hampshire and Mineral counties.

Peggy stated that she has two people that she is going to hire. They will both be hired full time to fill two recent vacancies.

Peggy stated that she does have three or four people that have been affected by COVID and were unable to use their vacation hours. Peggy would like for the employees to be permitted to carry their vacation time over to this year. Commissioner Miley said that they will check into this and try to work something out.

ACTION: A Motion was made to permit the hiring of two full time employees at the 911 Center. **MOTION: Berg-Riggleman**

AGENDA ITEM: Discuss Cell Phone Towers

DISCUSSION: Janie Berg from Grant County Mulch was to appear before the Commission but was unable to do so due to COVID.

There was a brief discussion regarding the need for better internet. Commissioner Miley suggested contacting Frontier and inviting them to come to a Commission meeting.

ACTION: No action needed.

AGENDA ITEM: WV LED Program Resolution & Investment Pledge

DISCUSSION: This is a pledge that is done every year. The investment amount is \$35,000.00.

ACTION: A Motion was made to approve the WV LED Program Resolution and Investment Pledge. **MOTION: Berg-Miley**

AGENDA ITEM: COVID Sick Leave Policy for Grant County

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Miley stated that the CARES Act provided 80 hours of sick leave for anyone affected by the corona virus in 2020. Commissioner Miley stated that the Commission discussed a policy which would give county employees 80 hours of corona virus pay for the year 2021.

ACTION: A Motion was made to approve the Grant County corona virus sick leave policy giving county employees 80 hours to be used for corona virus related issues. **MOTION: Berg-Riggleman**

AGENDA ITEM: Discuss Meeting Management

DISCUSSION: A new agenda format was agreed upon by the Commission. The new format will be used for the next meeting.

ACTION: No action needed.

AGENDA ITEM: Actions of the Clerk

DISCUSSION: None required.

ACTION: Commission approved the following actions of the County Clerk:

-Wills lodged in Clerk's Office:

Clara Watts
Charles Moyers

-Wills admitted to probate:

Mabel Turner
Kathleen S. Mowry
Charles William Ferguson

-Qualification orders granted in the following estates:

William Turner & Gary Zirk, Co-Executors in the Estate of Mabel Turner
Jonathan J. Mowry, Executor in the Estate of Kathleen S. Mowry
Jeanne Elizabeth Ferguson, Executrix in the Estate of Charles William Ferguson
Trina L. Crawford, Administratrix in the Estate of Patty Lou Crawford

MOTION: Riggleman-Berg

AGENDA ITEM: Approval of Estates

DISCUSSION: No discussion required.

ACTION: Commission approved the following estates for closure:

Waiver of Final Settlement in the Estate of Harry D. Sexton **MOTION: Berg-Riggleman**
Waiver of Final Settlement in the Estate of Marvin Brooks **MOTION: Berg-Riggleman**
Waiver of Final Settlement in the Estate of Doris Blanche Weasenforth **MOTION: Berg-Riggleman**

AGENDA ITEM: Exonerations

DISCUSSION: Having been filed by the Assessor and approved by the Prosecuting Attorney, two exonerations were reviewed for Cynthia J. Harman.

ACTION: Commission approved the following exonerations:

Cynthia J. Harman Petersburg Corp ('19) \$101.88 ph **MOTION: Berg-Riggleman**
Cynthia J. Harman Petersburg Corp ('20) \$114.24 ph **MOTION: Berg-Riggleman**

AGENDA ITEM: Budget Revisions

DISCUSSION: The following budget revision was presented this day:

412	Agriculture Agent	Increase	\$21,931.00
699	Contingencies	Decrease	\$21,931.00

ACTION: A Motion as made to approve the budget revision as presented. **MOTION:**

Berg-Riggleman

AGENDA ITEM: Board Appointments/Removals

DISCUSSION: The following board appointments were this day presented:

Grant Memorial Hospital Board - George Ford to replace Tom Hedrick;
Board of Health - Randy Junkins to replace Dr. John Glover
Airport Authority - John Crites, II to replace Sonny Mowry
Civil Service Commission - Kristina Goldizen

ACTION: A Motion was made to appoint George Ford to the Grant Memorial Hospital Board. It should be noted that Commissioner Miley abstained. **MOTION: Riggleman-Berg**

A Motion was made to appoint Randy Junkins to the Board of Health. **MOTION: Riggleman-Berg**

A Motion was made to appoint John Crites, II to the Airport Authority Board. **MOTION: Berg-Riggleman**

A Motion was made to appoint Kristina Goldizen to the Civil Service Commission Board. It should be noted that Commissioner Berg abstained. **MOTION: Riggleman-Miley**

AGENDA ITEM: Commissioner's Packet

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Miley reviewed the commissioner's packet and presented the following information:

- Minutes from a regular board meeting for the PSD dated December 17, 2020;
- Letter from Bayard VFD requesting funds in the amount of \$28,462.79;
- Email from Casey Martin regarding the levee certification;
- Sheriff's monthly settlement of December 31, 2020;
- Minutes from the Grant County Arts Council meeting dated November 10, 2020.

AGENDA ITEM: Approval of Expenses

DISCUSSION: The Commission reviewed the expenses as presented.

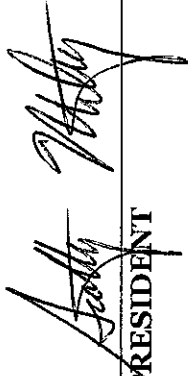
ACTION: Commission approved the expenses as presented. **MOTION: Berg-Riggleman**

AGENDA ITEM: Adjournment

ACTION: There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned. **MOTION: Riggleman-Berg**

ATTEST:


CLERK OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION


PRESIDENT

01/26/2021
DATE APPROVED

IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF GRANT COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

The Grant County Commission hereby orders the following actions taken by the Grant County Clerk, Seymour V. Fisher, in vacation of the County Commission be approved:

1. Wills Lodged in the Clerk's Office:

Clara Watts
Charles Moyers

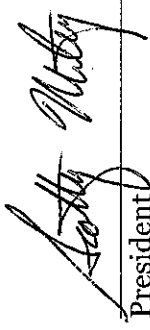
2. Wills Admitted to Probate:

Mabel Turner
Kathleen S. Mowry
Charles William Ferguson

3. Qualification Orders Granted in the Following Estates:

<u>Estate</u>	<u>Person Qualifying:</u>
Mabel Turner	William Turner & Gary Zirk, Co-Executors
Kathleen S. Mowry	Jonathan J. Mowry, Executor
Charles William Ferguson	Jeanne Elizabeth Ferguson, Executrix
Patty Lou Crawford	Trina L. Crawford, Administratrix

Approved this the 12th day of January, 2021.


President

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State of West Virginia
County of Grant
5 Highland Avenue
Petersburg, WV 26847

To the Honorable, the County of Grant County, WV

I, **Ralph G. Layton, Assessor** hereby makes application for the correction of an erroneous assessment against to **Harman, Cynthia J. in Petersburg Corp.** amounting to **\$ 101.88 p h Class II** being taxes for the year of **2019** on **map 2, parcel 113** valued at **20,000** for the following reason:

The taxpayer was not exempted on her property due to error on map and parcel.

Upon application of a taxpayer who is aggrieved by an erroneous assessment. The Prosecuting Attorney having had reasonable notice Of the intentions and character of the corrections desired in said application, and being present and defending the interest of the State, County, District and the Court having heard the evidence, it is ordered That said the applicants are exonerated from the payment of taxes for the year, if same has not been paid and if paid, the Sheriff refund the same, the court being of opinion that: **Ticket Number: 8077**

Exonerate: Value: 20,000 Taxes: \$ 101.88 p h Class II
Pay On: Value: 52,960 Taxes: \$ 269.78 p h Class II

The Clerk is directed to furnish a copy of this order, which, when properly endorsed, shall be a voucher for the Sheriff in his settlement.

Signature on File 12/23/20 Date
Taxpayer
Ralph G. Layton 12/23/20 Date
Assessor

Signature 12/29/20 Date
Prosecuting Attorney
Scotty Mackey 01/17/2021 Date
President

State of West Virginia
 County of Grant
 5 Highland Avenue
 Petersburg, WV 26847

To the Honorable, the County of Grant County, WV

I, **Ralph G. Layton, Assessor** hereby makes application for the correction of an erroneous assessment against to **Harman, Cynthia J.** in **Petersburg Corp.** amounting to \$ **114.24 p h Class II** being taxes for the year of **2020** on **map 2, parcel 113** valued at **20,000** for the following reason:

The taxpayer was not exempted on her property due to error on map and parcel.

Upon application of a taxpayer who is aggrieved by an erroneous assessment. The Prosecuting Attorney having had reasonable notice Of the intentions and character of the corrections desired in said application, and being present and defending the interest of the State, County, District and the Court having heard the evidence, it is ordered That said the applicants are exonerated from the payment of taxes for the year, if same has not been paid and if paid, the Sheriff refund the same, the court being of opinion that: **Ticket Number: 8119**

Exonerate: Value: 20,000 Taxes: \$ 114.24 p h Class II
Pay On: Value: 54,580 Taxes: \$ 311.76 p h Class II

The Clerk is directed to furnish a copy of this order, which, when properly endorsed, shall be a voucher for the Sheriff in his settlement,

Signature on File 12/23/20

Taxpayer

Ralph G. Layton

12/23/20

Assessor Date

Prosecuting Attorney / Date

*Scotty M. M...
 President*

01/17/2021

Date