

GRANT COUNTY COMMISSION
PETERSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA 26847

GRANT COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

Date: January 25, 2022 Time: 3:30 pm Location: Conference Room
Grant County Courthouse

Reporting:
Erin Camp, Grant County Press

Commissioners:
Scotty Miley, President
Jeff Berg
Tyson Riggleman

Michelle Sites, County Administrator

1. Call to Order

President Miley called the regular meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

2. Consent and Approval – County Administrator

a. Minutes

Presented for approval were the minutes from the regular meeting held on January 11, 2022.

A Motion was made to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on January 11, 2022. **MOTION: Berg / unanimously approved**

b. Budget Revisions

The following budget revision was presented for approval:

699	Contingencies	decrease	\$20,000
900	Parks & Recreation	increase	\$20,000

A Motion was made to approve the above budget revision. **MOTION: Riggleman/unanimously approved**

c. Board Appointments/Removals/Resignations

The following appointment was presented:

-Bradley Goldizen appointed to the Planning Commission

A Motion was made to approve the above board appointment. Commissioner Berg abstained. **MOTION: Riggleman/unanimously approved**

3. Actions of the Clerk, Exonerations, Estates

Commission approved the following actions of the County Clerk:

Wills lodged in Clerk's Office:

-James R. Davis

Wills admitted to probate:

-Beulah A. Bennett

-Qualification orders granted in the following estates:

Estate

Georgianna Wratchford
Randall Stump
Beulah A. Bennett

Person Qualifying

Lisa Evans, Administratrix
Kathy Stump, Administratrix
Courtne Dawn Butler, Executrix

Ancillary Administrations granted in the following estates:

-Carol Darlene Hammer

Small Estate Certificates and Authorizations granted in the following estates:

Estate

Person Qualifying

Sylvia Lorene Perrin

Charlene Alt

MOTION: Riggelman / unanimously approved

Waiver of Final Settlement in the estate of Edith F. VanMeter **MOTION: Berg / unanimously approved**

Waiver of Final Settlement in the estate of Wanda Marie Ellis **MOTION: Berg / unanimously approved**

The following exonerations were presented this day:

Cindy L. Taylor Grant District 2021 \$157.47 per half
MOTION: Berg / unanimously approved

4. Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public.

5. Scheduled Appointments

a) Kim Ruddle, Region VIII Mapping Department to discuss ERSI Mapping Program. Governmental agencies can get a reduction in price for the GIS programming, unfortunately it only applies to the online programming. Kim can offer training to any employees that need trained. If there are any mapping needs, they could look into helping with it. There is also an app available for your phone or tablet. It could be possible that county information could be put into the app for EMS and 911 purposes.

b) Brad Goldizen to discuss COVID Testing provided by the Grant County Ambulance. Bradley states that there would not be much liability or exposure. As long as testing isn't part of their EMS stuff, contract employees can be hired as a 1099 independent contractor. A Letter to the Editor was submitted referencing Black Rock Investing Company.

c) Bobby Funk, Mike Alt, & Luke Stump, Grant County Ambulance and Peggy Bobo-Alt, EMS/911 Director, to discuss Grant County EMS assistance for Pendleton County. Peggy Alt stated that Pendleton County is addressing and working on their issues. Maysville Volunteer Ambulance, which is not funded by the county, was alerted 213 times to help Grant County in 2021. Grant County also depends on other counties to help with EMS assistance. Bobby Funk stated that Grant County is always covered first. There will always be one crew available.

6. Correspondence

- a) Coal County Reallocation Severance Tax Distribution for October 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.
- b) Letter from the WV State Tax Department to Assessor Ralph Layton in reference to reviewing the progress of complying with standards established by the PVC.
- c) Sheriff's Monthly Statement dated December 31, 2021.
- d) Grant County Housing Authority Board minutes dated October 13, 2021.
- e) Potomac Valley Transit Board meeting minutes dated November 3, 2021.
- f) Minutes of the Regular Session Board meeting of the Mt. Top Public Service District dated July 15, 2021; August 12, 2021; September 23, 2021' October 21, 2021; and November 18, 2021.
- g) Minutes of Bid Opening for the Mt. Top Public Service District dated August 5, 2021
- h) Minutes of the Special Session meeting of the Mt. Top Public Service District dated September 2, 2021.

7. Unfinished Business

There is no unfinished business.

8. New Business

a) For consideration a letter to Senator Randy Smith requesting funding through the Local Economic Development Assistance Grant for a Wellness Walking Path at the Mount Storm Community Center.

Sarah Moomau, Robert McCauley, and James Reel were present and requesting authorization to move forward with a \$25,000 grant. Total cost of the project is \$30,160. Today they are asking for a monetary match of \$5,160. **MOTION: Berg/unanimously approved**

b) For consideration the Memorandum of Understanding concerning use of the Woodchuck Trailer Mounted Chipper between the Region VIII Solid Waste Authority and the Grant County Commission. **MOTION: Riggleman/unanimously approved**

c) For consideration a Letter of Engagement from Bowles Rice LLP. **MOTION: Representation for the County and Commissioners to protect the county. MOTION: Miley/unanimously**

d) For consideration a Letter of Commitment to the Mineral County Community Corrections Criminal Justice Board and a Resolution relinquishing the rights to representation on the board. **MOTION: Berg/unanimously approved**

9. Reports from Elected Officials

There were no reports from elected officials.

10. Reports from County Commissioners

Commissioner Riggleman and Commissioner Miley went to Charleston for a Commissioner meeting. The HJR3 bill is being looked at for the November election regarding personal property tax. Matt from GSI provided information regarding 2021 taxes collected for business personal property was \$1,741,494.90, individual personal property was \$880,303.18, and \$29,715.90 in supplements. The combined total was \$2,651,513.98. Total general budget for 2022 is \$7,259,183.00. Personal property tax consists of 36.53 % of the county budget. The state is looking at supplementing the county back at 110%.

Commissioner Riggleman and Bradley Goldizen met with Black Rock to review the contract. Some updates and changes were made.

Commissioner Riggleman has been talking with American Tower who currently owns a tower at Charlie's Knob. The county signed an agreement with BeaconNet saying no Broadband could be put on any tower or towers for public use regarding the property of Charlie's Knob. Commissioner Riggleman is requesting Brad Goldizen and John Ours to come to the next commissioner meeting to discuss options on how we move forward.

Commissioner Miley and Commissioner Riggleman talked with Senator Manchin while in Charleston regarding grants, and the federal reimbursement rate that is up for expiration.

State Auditor McCuskey is planning on attending the next meeting on February 8, 2022 regarding the open checkbook program. Michelle Sites confirmed that the county has an open checkbook account and nothing is posted. The interaction has not been good.

11. Approval of Expenses to be Considered for Payment

A Motion was made to approve the expenses as presented. **MOTION: Riggleman / unanimously approved**

12. Adjourn

A Motion was made to adjourn. **MOTION: Berg / unanimously approved**

Scott W. Pitney
PRESIDENT

February 08, 2022
DATE APPROVED

ATTEST:

Sumner Fudge
CLERK OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION

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:

James R. Davis

- 2. Wills Admitted to Probate:

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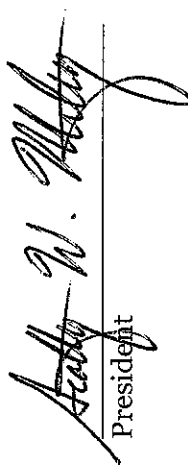
Estate

Sylvia Lorene Perrin

Person Qualifying:

Charlene Alt

Approved this the 25th day of January, 2022.



 President

State of West Virginia
County of Grant
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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 **Taylor, Cindy L. Etal** in **Grant Dist.** amounting to \$ **157.47 p h, Class 3** being taxes for the year of **2021** on **map 444, parcel 4.5** valued at **19,620** for the following reason:

Taxpayer is double assessed in Grant and Milroy.

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 2842**

Exonerate: Value: 19,620 Taxes: \$ 157.47 p h Cl 3

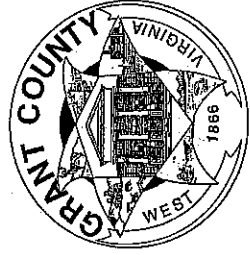
The Clerk is directed to furnish a copy of this order, which, when properly endorsed, shall be a voucher for the Sheriff in his settlement.

Signature on File 01/24/22
Taxpayer Date
Ralph G. Layton
Assessor Date

John S. Kelly 1/24/22
Prosecuting Attorney Date
Andy W. Patten 01/25/2022
President Date

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RESOLUTION

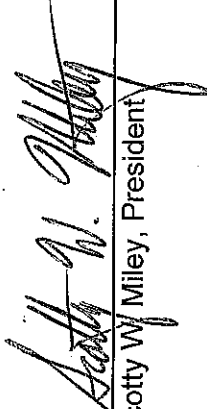
WHEREAS: the Grant County Commission participates in the Mineral County Community Corrections Program; and

WHEREAS: a Mineral County Community Corrections Board was established pursuant with West Virginia State Code and is comprised of 100% of Mineral County residents; and

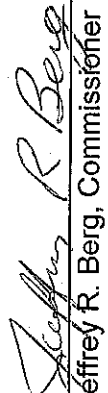
WHEREAS: West Virginia State Code §62-11-6(g) states, "If a community criminal justice board represents more than one county, the appointed membership of the board, excluding any ex officio members, shall include an equal number of members from each county, unless the county commission of each county agrees in writing otherwise."

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Grant County Commission relinquishes its right to equal representation on the Mineral County Community Corrections Board.


APPROVED and ADOPTED on this the twenty-five day of January, 2022.



Scotty W. Miley, President



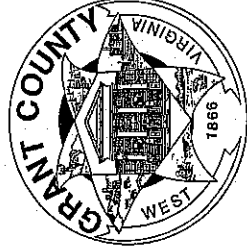
Jeffrey R. Berg, Commissioner



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January 25, 2022

Marty Allen Hatfield, M.S.
Senior Criminal Justice Specialist
West Virginia Division of Justice and Community Services (DJCS)
1124 Smith Street, Suite 3100
Charleston WV 25301-1323

Re: Letter of Commitment

Dear Mr. Hatfield,

I am writing you to show my commitment to the Mineral County Community Criminal Justice Board.

The Mineral County Community Corrections Program is aimed at providing an effective alternative to incarceration. This program provides an increased number of community-based sanctions, Alternative Sentencing, and treatment options to offenders, while reducing the total cost to provide corrections.

I fully support this grant proposal and will continue to serve on the board as required by the program guidelines.

Thank you for your consideration of this grant proposal.

Sincerely,

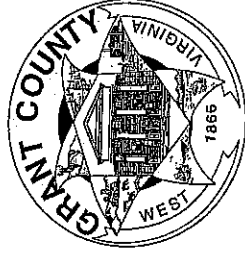
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scotty W. Miley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Scotty W. Miley
President
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COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Mineral County Commission has established the Mineral County Community Criminal Justice Board to develop and operate a Community Corrections Program (Day Report Center, {DRC}); and

WHEREAS, funding has been obtained through a state grant for the establishment and operation of a multi-county Community Corrections Program (DRC) within Mineral and Grant County, West Virginia; and

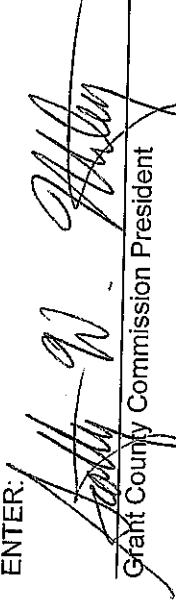
WHEREAS, the County Commission of Mineral County has endorsed the grant project and has committed local funds within their budget for the establishment, operation, and use of the Community Corrections Program (DRC).

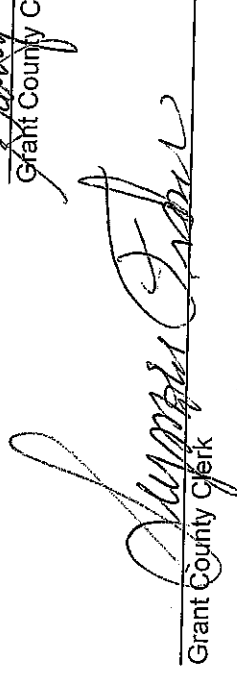
NOW, THEREFORE, the undersigned for and on behalf of the Grant County Commission does hereby agree to the following terms and conditions for participation and support of the multi-county Community Corrections Program (DRC):

- 1) The County Commission of Grant County hereby agrees to pay fifty (50) percent of the required match for the State Community Corrections Grant awarded to the Mineral County Community Corrections Program. Mineral County Commission will pay the remaining fifty (50) percent of the required match.
- 2) Mineral County Commission will remain the fiscal agent for the Mineral County Community Corrections Program.
- 3) To meet this obligation the Grant County Commission hereby agrees to pay fifty (50) percent of the match on a monthly basis. The match will be divided into 12 payments. The Director of Mineral County Community Corrections will bill the Grant County Commission on the first of every month beginning July 1, 2021.
- 4) The parties agree that the monthly payment will be paid within thirty (30) days of the receipt of the monthly invoice and will be payable to the Mineral County Community Corrections Program and will be mailed to the attention of Tara Hockaday, P.O. Box 692, Keyser WV 26726.

ADOPTED this twenty-five day of January, 2022.

ENTER:


 Grant County Commission President


 Grant County Clerk

Attest: