

GRANT COUNTY COMMISSION
PETERSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA 26847

GRANT COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

Date: November 23, 2021 Time: 3:30 p.m. 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 November 9, 2021.

A Motion was made to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on November 9, 2021. **MOTION: Riggleman / unanimously approved**
Presented for approval were the minutes from the work session meeting held on November 19, 2021.

A Motion was made to approve the minutes from the work session meeting held on November 19, 2021. **MOTION: Riggleman / unanimously approved**

b. Budget Revisions

There were no budget revisions presented for approval.

c. Board Appointments/Removals/Resignations

There were no board appointments presented for approval.

3. Actions of the Clerk, Exonerations, Estates

Commission approved the following actions of the County Clerk:

- Wills lodged in Clerk's Office: None
- Wills admitted to probate: Judith M. Scripp
- Qualification orders granted in the following estates:
Kathleen Yvonne Crosby & Tony S. Scripp, Co-Executors in the Estate of Judith M. Scripp
Rhoda M. Wratchford, Administratrix in the Estate of Ernest W. Wratchford
- Ancillary Administrations granted in the following estates:
None
- Small Estate Certificates and Authorizations granted in the following estates:
None

MOTION: Riggleman / unanimously approved

Waiver of Final Settlement in the estate of Paula Swick **MOTION: Berg / unanimously approved**

Waiver of Final Settlement in the estate of Lester David VanMeter, Sr. **MOTION: Berg / unanimously approved**

The following exonerations were presented this day:

Jeffrey Vernon Barber	Milroy District	2021	\$756.53 per half
MOTION: Berg / unanimously approved			
Jeffrey Vernon Barber	Milroy District	2020	\$731.97 per half
MOTION: Berg / unanimously approved			
Jeffrey Vernon Barber	Milroy District	2019	\$632.29 per half
MOTION: Berg / unanimously approved			
Jeffrey Vernon Barber	Milroy District	2018	\$632.29 per half
MOTION: Berg / unanimously approved			
Jeffrey Vernon Barber	Milroy District	2017	\$632.29 per half
MOTION: Berg / unanimously approved			
Jeffrey Vernon Barber	Milroy District	2016	\$632.29 per half
MOTION: Berg / unanimously approved			

4. Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public.

5. Scheduled Appointments

a) Vivian Parsons, WVCoRP, to give an updated on the WV Communities Risk Pool
 Vivian Parsons from WV Risk Pool was present. Ms. Parsons stated the WV Risk is once again visiting counties who participate in WV Risk, which is 50 out of 55 counties. Fifty of the fifty-five counties in WV participate in the Risk Pool. They have included municipalities and volunteer fire departments. She also explained that cyber coverage is now in the policies, and has been since 2013. They are doing cyber training, as well as other trainings. All the trainings are free to all members of the Risk Pool.

Commissioner Rigglesman asked if cyber security training was on videos. Ms. Parsons stated there was a video library available. She also stated there was some virtual trainings available. Most of the virtual trainings are recorded and sent to the office receiving the training so it may be used later in the event an employee is new or misses the training. Ms. Parsons stated that the trainings will fit your situation. Rigglesman asked if the training was interactive. Ms. Parsons stated that the virtual was interactive but the recordings are not.

b) Peggy Alt, OES/911 Director, to discuss change order for microwave hops due to FCC regulations

Peggy Bobo Alt, OES/911 Director was to appear; however, she was unable to be at the meeting. Michelle Sites, County Administrator explained that Ms. Alt's intent was to present the new proposal. President Miley and Commissioner Rigglesman stated that Ms. Alt had talked to them about the change order. Commissioner Miley stated that the Bayard to Mt. Storm path will be upgraded to 11 GHz; ECC 911 to Charlie's Knob will be upgraded to 11 GHz; and Mt. Storm to Charlie's knob will be upgraded to 6 GHz. This is due to FCC changes. The change order is going to be \$175,000.00, making the new contract \$951,593.00.

A Motion was made to approve the change order. **MOTION: Berg / unanimously approved**

c) Clerk Seymour Fisher to present redistricting maps for review and approval.

Clerk Fisher stated that we are now down to two Senatorial Districts. Our Congressional District is the 2nd, and consists of the northern half of the state.

Grant County is now in the 14th Senatorial District. The entire county is in the district, along with Mineral, Hardy, Tucker, Preston and half of Taylor.

Grant County is now the 85th House District, and is included with Tucker County.

Precinct 9 is the only Precinct affected by the restricting. Precinct 9 ended up with 185 registered voters. According to WV Code, there cannot be less than 200 voters in a precinct. Some of the voters had to be moved from Precinct 9 to Precinct 15. Everything to the left of

Stony River will be in Precinct 9 and everything to the right will remain in Precinct 15. This change put Precinct 9 up to 203 registered voters. The redistricting must be completed by January 21, 2022.

An Order must be done so that this change can be made. An add needs to run in the Grant County Press for two consecutive weeks. After the publication the Commission will need to sign an Order granting the Clerk to make the precinct changes.

All voters affected by this change, as well as all the voters who vote at Camp Echo, will be given notification of the change and a new voter registration card.

A Motion was made to approve the Order. **MOTION: Riggleman / unanimously approved**

6. Correspondence

- a) Minutes of the Grant County Public Service District of October 14, 2021
- b) Minutes of the Grant County Public Service District of October 28, 2021
- c) Letter from the WV Courthouse Facilities Improvement Authority stating the Board did not approve our application for financial assistance.
- d) Letter from the WV Consolidated Public Retirement office informing the estimated employer contribution percentage will decrease from 10.0% to 9.0% effective July 1, 2022.

7. Unfinished Business

- a) For consideration changing the rate of service of the Fiduciary Commissioner. (tabled item)

County Administrator Michelle Sites stated that Asst. Prosecutor Bradley Goldizen has checked with other counties regarding a fiduciary commissioner fee. Mrs. Sites stated that what he was told is that the attorney sets the fee charged when appointed Fiduciary Commissioner.

This matter will remain on the table until more information is available.

8. New Business

- a) Letter to the Honorable Governor Justice in reference to the increase of the jail per diem rate.
Commissioner Riggleman suggested checking with Hardy, Pendleton and Mineral counties regarding sending a combined letter.

A Motion was made to table this matter at this time. **MOTION: Berg / unanimously approved.**

- b) For consideration change to Chief Tax Deputy's responsibilities and compensation.
Mrs. Sites stated she spoke with Alicia Reel, CFO, and the funds are available to increase the compensation for the Chief Tax Deputy. Sheriff Brian Ours did give Ms. Sites his recommendation.

A Motion was made to approve the increase in compensation for the Chief Tax Deputy.

MOTION: Berg / unanimously approved

- c) For consideration change order

9. Reports from Elected Officials

There were no reports from elected officials

10. Reports from County Commissioners

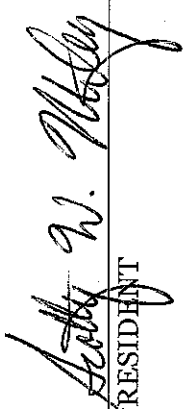
There were no reports from County Commissioners

11. Approval of Expenses to be Considered for Payment

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

12. Adjourn

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


PRESIDENT

ATTEST:


CLERK OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION

December 14, 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:

None

- 2. Wills Admitted to Probate:

Judith M. Scripp

- 3. Qualification Orders Granted in the Following Estates:

Estate

Person Qualifying:

Judith M. Scripp
Ernest W. Watchford

Kathleen Yvonne Crosby & Tony S. Scripp, Co-Executors
Rhoda M. Watchford, Administratrix

None

- 4. Ancillary Administrations Granted for the following Decedents:

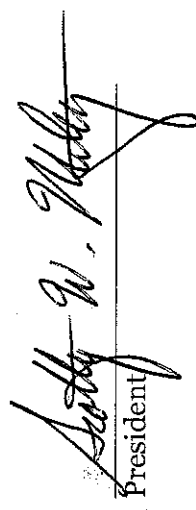
- 5. Small Estate Certificates and Authorizations Granted in the Following Estates:

Estate

Person Qualifying:

None

Approved this the 23rd day of November, 2021.


 Betty W. Hickey
 President

ORDER NO. 11-23-2021-421

IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF GRANT COUNTY, WV

The County Commission of Grant County, sitting in regular session this the 23rd day of November, 2021, does hereby ORDER the Clerk of this Commission to publish the following notice, as a Class II-0 legal advertisement, in the Grant County Press.

NOTICE

Please be advised that on December 28, 2021, the Grant County Commission will consider the entry of an Order regarding changes to the boundaries of Precinct #9 and Precinct #15 for Grant County. These Changes are being made due to a shift in population in accordance with the most recent Census and to comply with West Virginia State Code 3-1-5. This will be a permanent change effective with the May 10, 2022 Primary Election. Any interested party may appear before the Grant County Commission during regularly scheduled meetings on December 14th, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. and December 28th, 2021, at 3:30 p.m., in the County Commission Conference Room located on the lower level floor of the courthouse.

ENTERED this 23rd day of November, 2021.



Scotty W. Miley, President



Jeffrey R. Berg, Commissioner



Tyson Riggleman, Commissioner

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 **Barber, Jeffrey Vernon** in **Milroy District** amounting to **\$ 756.53 p h, Class 3** being taxes for the year of **2021** on **map 529, parcel 10.1** valued at **94,260** for the following reason:

Taxpayer was taxed on a home since 2014, Mr. Barber had contacted the Assessor's office and talked to a man but nothing was ever corrected. The Sheriff records only go back to 2016 we can only exonerate from that year.

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 3531**

Exonerate: Value: 94,260 Taxes: \$ 756.53 p h Class III
Pay On: Value: 30,720 Taxes: \$ 246.56 p h Class III

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 11/12/21
Taxpayer Date

Ralph G. Layton 11/12/21
Assessor Date

John G. Davis 11/16/21
Prosecuting Attorney Date

Scotty W. Petty 11/23/2021
President Date

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 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 **Barber, Jeffrey Vernon** in **Milroy District** amounting to **\$ 731.97 p h, Class 3** being taxes for the year of **2020** on **map 529, parcel 10.1** valued at **91,200** for the following reason:

Taxpayer was taxed on a home since 2014, Mr. Barber had contacted the Assessor's office and talked to a man but nothing was ever corrected. The Sheriff records only go back to 2016 we can only exonerate from that year.

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 3504**

Exonerate: Value: 91,200 Taxes: \$ 731.97 p h Class III
Pay On: Value: 30,720 Taxes: \$ 246.56 p h Class III

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 11/12/21
 Taxpayer Date

Ralph G. Layton 11/12/21
 Assessor Date

John D. Devo 11/16/21
 Prosecuting Attorney Date

Andy W. Pugh 11/09/2021
 President Date

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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 **Barber, Jeffrey Vernon** in **Mitroy District** amounting to **\$ 632.29 p h, Class 3** being taxes for the year of **2019** on **map 529, parcel 10.1** valued at **93,120** for the following reason:

Taxpayer was taxed on a home since 2014, Mr. Barber had contacted the Assessor's office and talked to a man but nothing was ever corrected. The Sheriff records only go back to 2016 we can only exonerate from that year.

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 3489***

Exonerate: Value: 93,120 Taxes: \$ 632.29 p h Class III
Pay On: Value: 30,720 Taxes: \$ 208.59 p h Class III

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 11/12/21
 Taxpayer Date

Ralph G. Layton
 Assessor Date

Prosecuting Attorney Date

John W. Potts
 President Date

John W. Potts 11/19/21
 11/23/2021

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I, **Ralph G. Layton, Assessor** hereby makes application for the correction of an erroneous assessment against **Barber, Jeffrey Vernon** in **Milroy District** amounting to **\$ 632.29 p h, Class 3** being taxes for the year of **2018** on **map 529, parcel 10.1** valued at **93,120** for the following reason:

Taxpayer was taxed on a home since 2014, Mr. Barber had contacted the Assessor's office and talked to a man but nothing was ever corrected. The Sheriff records only go back to 2016 we can only exonerate from that year.

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 3481**

Exonerate: Value: 93,120 Taxes: \$ 632.29 p h Class III
Pay On: Value: 30,720 Taxes: \$ 208.59 p h Class III

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 11/12/21
 Taxpayer Date

Ralph G. Layton 11/21/21
 Assessor Date

John D. Deane 11/19/21
 Prosecuting Attorney Date
Andy W. Moberg 11/23/2021
 President Date

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I, **Ralph G. Layton**, Assessor hereby makes application for the correction of an erroneous assessment against **Barber, Jeffrey Vernon** in **Milroy District** amounting to **\$ 632.29 p h, Class 3** being taxes for the year of **2017** on **map 529, parcel 10.1** valued at **93,120** for the following reason:

Taxpayer was taxed on a home since 2014, Mr. Barber had contacted the Assessor's office and talked to a man but nothing was ever corrected. The Sheriff records only go back to 2016 we can only exonerate from that year.

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 3456**

Exonerate: Value: 93,120 Taxes: \$ 632.29 p h Class III
Pay On: Value: 30,720 Taxes: \$ 208.59 p h Class III

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 11/12/21
Taxpayer Date

Ralph G. Layton 11/21/21
Assessor Date

John A. O'Connell 11/19/21
Prosecuting Attorney Date
Andy N. Kelly 11/23/2021
President Date

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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 **Barber, Jeffrey Vernon** in **Mitroy District** amounting to \$ **632.29 p h, Class 3** being taxes for the year of **2016** on **map 529, parcel 10.1** valued at **93,120** for the following reason:

Taxpayer was taxed on a home since 2014, Mr. Barber had contacted the Assessor's office and talked to a man but nothing was ever corrected. The Sheriff records only go back to 2016 we can only exonerate from that year.

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 3443**

Exonerate: Value: 93,120 Taxes: \$ 632.29 p h Class III
Pay On: Value: 30,720 Taxes: \$ 208.59 p h Class III

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 11/12/21
 Taxpayer Date

Ralph G. Layton 11/29/2021
 Assessor Date

John H. Jones 11/16/21
 Prosecuting Attorney Date

Andy W. White 11/29/2021
 President Date