

GRANT COUNTY COMMISSION  
PETERSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA 26847

GRANT COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

**Date:** November 26, 2019   **Time:** 3:30 p.m.   **Location:** Conference Room  
Grant County Courthouse

**Commissioners:**

Doug Swick  
Jeff Berg  
Scotty Miley

**Reporting:**

Erin Camp, Grant County Press

**AGENDA ITEM:** Commissioner Swick called the regular meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

**AGENDA ITEM:** Approval of Minutes

**DISCUSSION:** Presented for approval were the minutes from the regular meeting held on November 12, 2019.

**ACTION:** A Motion was made to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on November 12, 2019. **MOTION: Berg-Miley**

**AGENDA ITEM: Scheduling of Board of Review & Equalization Hearings**

**DISCUSSION:** The Commission scheduled the following dates for the Board of Review & Equalization Hearings:

January 31, 2020 at 9 a.m.

February 4, 2020 at 9 a.m.

February 6, 2020 at 9 a.m.

February 11, 2020 at 1 p.m.

February 13, 2020 at 9 a.m.

The Commission tentatively scheduled the date for sine die on February 17, 2020 at 9 a.m.

**ACTION:** A Motion was made to approve the Board of Review & Equalization hearings. **MOTION: Berg-Miley**

**AGENDA ITEM: Letter Permitting State Property Tax Department to Make 2020 Changes**

**DISCUSSION:** This is a letter that is done every year permitting the WV State Property Tax Department to make review and/or make necessary changes for tax year 2020 up to February 28, 2020.

**ACTION:** A Motion was made to approve the letter to the WV State Property Tax Department. **MOTION: Miley-Berg**

**AGENDA ITEM: Surplus of Property (Posts & Brackets)**

**DISCUSSION:** The posts and brackets were purchased for 911 mapping and were not needed. Initially a sign was to be placed at every intersection; however, the State discovered that they only caused more confusion at the intersection. These items now need to be surplus.

**ACTION:** A Motion was made to surplus the posts and brackets that were not necessary. **MOTION: Berg-Miley**

**AGENDA ITEM: Tucker Community Foundation Grant Application**

**DISCUSSION:** Michelle Sites stated that the grant is for the ambulance authority to purchase radios and pagers. Michelle wanted permission from the Commission to permit Bobby Funk to sign the grant application. Commissioner Swick said he did not have a problem

with the ambulance authority applying for a grant. He further stated that he would like for the ambulance personnel to do an inventory list of all their radios and pagers.

**ACTION:** No action needed.

**AGENDA ITEM: Meeting Date Change in December Due to Holiday**

**DISCUSSION:** The second meeting in December falls on Christmas Eve. Therefore, the Commission scheduled the meeting for December 26, 2019 at 3:30 p.m.

**ACTION:** A Motion was made to change the December meeting from December 24 to December 26, 2019 at 3:30 p.m. **MOTION: Miley-Berg**

**AGENDA ITEM: Bid for Courthouse Drainage Installation (tabled)**

**DISCUSSION:** This item shall remain on the table.

**ACTION:** No action needed.

**AGENDA ITEM: CDBG Updates & Approvals**

**DISCUSSION:** There were no issues to discuss at this time.

**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: None

-Wills admitted to probate: Dale K. Cosner

-Qualification orders granted in the following estates:

Lisa Vance, Administratrix in the Estate of Joseph Edward Vance

Helen A. Keplinger, Executrix in the Estate of Viola S. Kessel

David A. Cosner, Executor in the Estate of Dale K. Cosner

**MOTION: Miley-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 Carl L. Lambert **MOTION: Berg-Miley**

**AGENDA ITEM: Exonerations**

**DISCUSSION:** Having been filed by the Assessor and approved by the Prosecuting Attorney, an exoneration was reviewed for Bradley F. & Rosa J. Thorne.

**ACTION:** Commission approved the following exonerations:

Bradley F. & Rosa Thorne Milroy (19) \$10.60 ph **MOTION: Berg-Miley**

**AGENDA ITEM: Budget Revisions**

**DISCUSSION:** There were no budget revisions presented this day.

**ACTION:** No action needed.

**AGENDA ITEM: Board Appointments/Removals**

**DISCUSSION:** There were no board appointments/removals presented this day.

**ACTION:** No action needed.

**AGENDA ITEM: Commissioner's Packet**

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

- A letter from the Federal Aviation Administration regarding a project in Keyser, WV;
- A letter regarding the intersection at Mt. Storm at the Liberty Station addressed to Governor Justice, Senator Pitsenbarger, Senator Hamilton, Senator Smith and Senator Sybolt. A Motion was made to permit the President of the Commission to sign and mail

the letters to the Governor and the four Senators that represent Grant County.

**MOTION: Berg-Miley**

- A letter to the Commission from Ray Church regarding the excellent care he received from the Grant County Ambulance employees, Mark Arnold and Hannah (no last name mentioned);
- Letter from the State Auditor's office addressed to the BOE regarding funds to be received in the amount of \$370.96;
- Letter from the State Auditor's office addressed to the Sheriff regarding funds to be received in the amount of \$217.86;
- Letter from the State Auditor's office addressed to the Sheriff regarding funds to be received in the amount of \$31.00;
- Letter from the State Auditor's office addressed to the BOE regarding funds to be received in the amount of \$52.79;
- Grant County PSD regular board meeting of 10/24/2019;
- Sheriff's monthly settlement;
- A letter from the Courthouse Facilities Improvement Authority to the Commission regarding the approval of a grant to replace the stucco on the outside of the courthouse. The grant is in the amount of \$63,600.00;
- Letter from the State Tax Department to the Commission regarding the Assessor being in compliance;
- Update on Corridor H;
- United States of America Federal Regulatory Commission regarding a preliminary permit application accepted for filing and soliciting comments/motions to intervene and complete applications;
- Notice of County Commission Association legislative meeting on January 26 - 28;
- Letter from Sandra Glasscock regarding the use of medical cannabis in the county.

**AGENDA ITEM: Approval of Expenses**

**DISCUSSION:** The Commission reviewed the expenses as presented.

The Commission signed an Order permitting the County Clerk to issue a check in the amount of \$125,000.00 to be drawn on the General County fund and to be transferred to the Financial Stabilization fund.

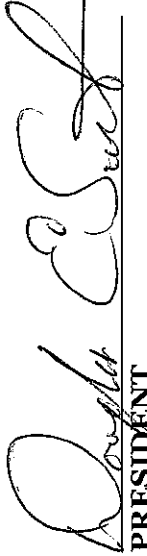
**ACTION:** Commission approved the expenses as presented, as well as the \$125,000.00 fund transfer. **MOTION: Berg-Miley**

**AGENDA ITEM: Adjournment**

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

**ATTEST:**

  
**CLERK OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION**

  
**PRESIDENT**

12-10-19  
**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:

Dale K. Cosner

3. Qualification Orders Granted in the Following Estates:

| <u>Estate</u>       | <u>Person Qualifying:</u>     |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| Joseph Edward Vance | Lisa Vance, Administratrix    |
| Viola S. Kessel     | Helen A. Keplinger, Executrix |
| Dale K. Cosner      | David A. Cosner, Executor     |

Approved this the 26<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019.

  
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President

IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF GRANT COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

The County Commission of Grant County, West Virginia, meeting this the 26th day of November, 2019, does hereby order and direct the Clerk to issue a check in the amount of \$125,000.00 to be drawn on the General County Fund and transferred to the Financial Stabilization Fund.

Given under my hand this the 26th day of November, 2019.

  
PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

  
CLERK COUNTY COMMISSION

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

**Amended Exoneration**

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 **Thorne, Bradley F. & Rosa J.** in **Milroy District** amounting to **\$ 10.60 per half, Class 3** being taxes for the year of **2019** on **Personal Property account number 3000276** valued at **1,560** for the following reason:

**Amended exoneration for Thorne, Bradley F. & Rosa J. Rosa already had a 2019 tax bill under the name of Rosa J. Crites. Exonerating the 2007 Pont G6 and value from Bradley.**

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: **Split Ticket 303258**

**Exonerate: Value: 1,560 Taxes: \$ 10.60 p h Class III**  
**Pay On: Value: 8,229 Taxes: \$ 55.87 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 11/21/19  
Taxpayer Date

*Ralph G. Layton*  
Assessor Date 11/21/19

*Robert G. Lee* 11/21/19  
Prosecuting Attorney Date

*Robert G. Lee* 11-26-19  
President Date