

**GRANT COUNTY COMMISSION
PETERSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA 26847**

GRANT COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

Date: March 28, 2023 **Time:** 3:30 p.m. **Location:** Conference Room
Grant County Courthouse

Commissioners:
Tyson Riggleman, President
Scotty Miley
Kevin Hagerty

Reporting:
Erin Camp, Grant County Press

Michelle Sites, County Administrator

1. Call to Order

Commissioner Riggleman 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 meeting held on March 14, 2023.
- Presented for approval were the minutes from the Special meeting held on March 16, 2023.

A Motion was made to approve the minutes.

MOTION Hagerty/unanimously approved

b. Budget Revisions

- 424 Courthouse increase \$65,000
- 900 Parks & Recreation increase \$15,000
- 699 Contingencies decrease \$80,000

A Motion was made to approve the budget revisions.

MOTION Miley/ unanimously approved

c. Board Appointments/Removals/Resignations

The following appointments were presented:

- Michael Delaney was appointed to the Mt. Top PSD Board.
- Mark Hedrick was appointed to the Farmland Protection Board.
- Melissa K. Mallow was reappointed to the Landes Art Center Board.
- Tabitha Hitt was appointed to 911 Advisory Board.

A Motion was made to accept the above appointments.

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:
-Chester Kelley

Wills admitted to probate:
-Norman D. Rotruck, Sr.

Qualification orders granted in the following estates:

Estate
-Norman D. Rotruck, Sr. Person Qualifying
Anthony Logan Reel, Executor

Ancillary Administrations granted in the following estates:

Estate
-Raymond T. Raynor, Jr. Person Qualifying
-Chester Kelley Gladys Raynor, Successor
Gary Kelley, Successor

Small Estate Certificates and Authorizations granted in the following estates:

Estate
-Paul D. Richmond Person Qualifying
Tracy Richmond, Affiant

A Motion was made to approve the actions of the Clerk.

MOTION: Miley / unanimously approved

Waiver of Final Settlement

-Waiver of Final Settlement in the estate of Aggie M. Pennington
MOTION: Hagerly/ unanimously approved
-Waiver of Final Settlement in the estate of Dorothy L. Hartman
MOTION: Hagerly/ unanimously approved

4. Comments from the Public

Peggy Alt appeared before the Commission with concerns about the possible closure of WELD Radio. They provide a great service to the community-especially in emergency situations.

5. Scheduled Appointments

a) Attorney Hunter Mullens, Mullens & Mullens PLLC, to discuss the opioid settlement, litigation and other legal issues.

Attorney Hunter Mullens was present by phone.

A Motion was made to approve the signature of the Opioid Settlement. **MOTION: Hagerly/ unanimously approved**

6. Correspondence

- a) Grant County Board of Health Minutes of November 10, 2022.
- b) Grant County Arts Council Inc. Minutes of February 14, 2023.
- c) Letter from Lahmansville Community Education Outreach Services in reference to the Forman Building.
- d) Letter from Betty J. Inskeep, President of the Lahmansville CEOS Club, in reference to the Forman Community Center.
- e) Mountain Top Public Service District Audit Ending June 20, 2022.

7. Unfinished Business

-None

8. New Business

a) Consideration for Approval the deed of release between IWG Towers Assets I, LLC, and the Grant County Commission.

A motion was made to table the consideration of the deed of release. **MOTION: Hagerly/ unanimously approved**

b) Consideration for Approval the contract for Environmental Study for the E911 Tower at Mount Storm and/or the Pay Schedule & contract for the construction of the E911 Communications Tower at Bayard.

A Motion was made to approve the contract for Environmental Study for the E911 Tower at Mount Storm & construction of the E911 Communications Tower at Bayard. **MOTION: Hagerty/ unanimously approved**

c) Consideration for Approval the contract for Environmental Study for the E911 Tower at Mt. Storm and/or the Pay Schedule & contract for the construction of the E911 Communications Tower at Mt. Storm.

A Motion was made to approve the contract for an Environmental Study for the E911 Tower at Mount Storm. **MOTION: Miley/ unanimously approved**
d) Consideration for Approval a Compliance Letter for the E911 Tower Constructed after 3/16/01.

A Motion was made to table the consideration for approval a Compliance Letter for E911 Tower Constructed after 3/16/01.

MOTION: Hagerty/ unanimously approved

e) Consideration for signature the 2023-2024 WVCORP Insurance Renewal Request.

A Motion was made to approve the signature for the 2023-2024 WVCORP Insurance Renewal Request.

MOTION: Miley/ unanimously approved

f) Consideration for signature the Certification Required with LATCF Annual Report.

A Motion was made to approve the signature of Michelle Sites for the Certification Required with LATCF Annual Report.

MOTION: Hagerty/ unanimously approved

g) Discuss funding request from Grant County Public Service District for generators.

A Motion was made to approve the purchase of the automatic generator by Grant County Public Service District from ARP funding of \$312,702.00. The funding will be capped at the amount of the estimate.

MOTION: Miley/ unanimously approved

h) Discuss funding request from the Tri-County Fair Association for the upgrade of Electrical Service at the Fair Grounds.

A Motion was made to approve the funding request of \$175,000 to upgrade Electrical Service for Phase A and Phase B at the Fair Grounds using ARP funding.

MOTION: Miley/ unanimously approved

i) Letter of Support for Shentel Communications to apply for a LEAD Grant Application for Broadband.

A Motion was made to sign a Letter of Support for Shentel Communications to apply for a LEAD Grant.

MOTION: Riggleman/ unanimously approved

9. Reports from Elected Officials

-None

10. Reports from County Commissioners

Commissioner Rigglesman stated that Grant and Pendleton Development Authority members are starting to meet to discuss the potential Regional Development Authority Partnership.

Commissioner Rigglesman spoke with Shentel and HardyNet. Shentel is applying for the LEAD Application and HardyNet is interested in expanding wireless on Charlie's Knob Tower. They are going to review the wireless options this week to see if it is something they can do and what it would take. Micrologic is coming into the county in 2024 and they are reviewing our broadband maps to assess which areas they would like to include to assist us with our Broadband initiative.

A car ran the stop sign at the intersection in front of the Mount Storm Fire Department due to fog and ran into one of the buildings at the Fire Station. This is the fourth time since September 2022. West Virginia Department of Highways, Terry Bennett, was contacted and the safety issue at the intersection was reported.

Requests were sent out this week to some businesses to see if they would be interested in participating in the development of the pavilion on the old 3rd Base Pad.

Parks & Recreation did upgrades at Michael Fields.

There is land for sale across from the Courthouse. The seller is asking \$20,000. The Grant County Ambulance building has some leaks in the roof. Maintenance is looking into the problem.

Commissioner Miley stated that Grant Memorial Hospital approved the acquisition of Dr. Dewey Bensenhaver's practice as of April 1, 2023.

Commissioner Hagerty stated the Planning Commission has a comprehensive plan due for update by July. They are requesting it stays open for a longer period in case they have other changes to make.

11. Approval of Expenses to be Considered for Payment (bills paid or to be paid, the invoices are available for public review by contacting the Grant County Clerk, 5 Highland Avenue, Petersburg, WV 26847, (304)257-4550)
A Motion was made to approve the expenses.

MOTION: Hagerty/ unanimously approved

12. Adjourn

A Motion was made to adjourn.

MOTION: Hagerty/ unanimously approved

ATTEST:

Lora Bennett
CLERK OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION

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PRESIDENT

4/11/23
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, Lora Bennett, in vacation of the County Commission be approved:

- 1. Wills Lodged in the Clerk's Office:

-Chester Kelley

- 2. Wills Admitted to Probate:

-Norman D. Rotruck, Sr.

- 3. Qualification Orders Granted in the Following Estates:

<u>Estate</u>	<u>Person Qualifying:</u>
-Norman D. Rotruck, Sr.	Anthony Logan Reel, Executor


- 4. Ancillary Administrations Granted for the following Decedents:

<u>Estate:</u>	<u>Person Qualifying:</u>
-Raymond T. Raynor, Jr.	Gladys Raynor, Successor
-Chester Kelley	Gary Kelley, Successor

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

<u>Estate:</u>	<u>Person Qualifying:</u>
-Paul D. Richmond	Tracy Richmond, Affiant

Approved this the 28th day of March, 2023.



President