

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

GRANT COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

Date: April 23, 2024 **Time:** 3:30 p.m. **Location:** Conference Room
Grant County Courthouse

Reporting:
Erin Camp, Grant County Press

Commissioners:
Scotty Miley, President
Tyson Riggleman
Kevin Hagerty

Michelle Sites, County Administrator

1. Call to Order

Commissioner 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 meeting held on April 9, 2024.
- Presented for approval were the minutes from the special meeting held on April 16, 2024.

A Motion was made to approve the minutes.

MOTION: Hagerty / unanimously approved

b. Budget Revisions

•	432	Industrial Development	increase	\$25,000
•	699	Contingencies	decrease	\$25,000

A Motion was made to approve the budget revision.

MOTION: Riggleman / unanimously approved

c. Board Appointments/Removals/Resignations

The following re-appointments were presented:

- Jamie Tallman was reappointed to the Parks & Recreation Board.
- Matt Allanson was reappointed to the Parks & Recreation Board.
- Dwayne Bubba Hedrick was reappointed to the Parks & Recreation Board.

The following appointment was presented:

- Cara Hammer was appointed to the Planning Commission Board.

A Motion was made to approve the appointments.

MOTION: Riggleman / unanimously approved

3. Actions of the Clerk, Exonerations, Estates

Commission approved the following actions of the County Clerk:

Wills recorded in Clerk's Office:

- None

Wills admitted to probate:

- Robert G. Coffman, Jr.
- June Rosalee Smith
- Donald C. George

Qualification orders granted in the following estates:

- Estate
Riley Warren Thompson
- Janie Lee Sites
- Robert G. Coffman
- June Rosalee Smith
- Randall Bruce Layman
- Person Qualifying
Shon W. Thompson, Administrator
Christopher Sites Sr., Co-Administrator
Kevin M. Sites, Co-Administrator
Donna Walp, Executrix
Lorin D. Lantz, Executor
Melissa Thompson, Administratrix

Ancillary Administrations granted in the following estates:

- Estate
None
- Person Qualifying

Small Estate Certificates and Authorizations granted in the following estates:

- Estate
Donald C. George
- Person Qualifying
Leigh R. Dixon, Successor

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

MOTION: Riggleman / unanimously approved

Waiver of Final Settlement

- Waiver of Final Settlement in the estate of Elmo T. Hesse
MOTION: Hagerty / unanimously approved
- Waiver of Final Settlement in the estate of Doris Weasenforth-Blake
MOTION: Hagerty / unanimously approved
- Waiver of Final Settlement in the estate of Jacob Martin Whetzel
MOTION: Hagerty / unanimously approved
- Waiver of Final Settlement in the estate of C. Browning Sions
MOTION: Hagerty / unanimously approved

The following exonerations were presented this day:

- Gary A. Thomas Grant 2023 \$116.23 per half
- Trent Dayton and Kami Kessel Union 2023 None

A Motion was made to approve the above exonerations.

MOTION: Hagerty / unanimously approved

4. Comments from the Public

Donnie Bensenhaver appeared before the Commission regarding the bids for Hay Harvesting at the Grant County Airport and Grant County Dog Pound. Mr. Bensenhaver suggested that the bidding cover 3 to 5 years instead of one year at a time. It would encourage farmers to fertilize the fields and produce more hay.

5. Scheduled Appointments

a) Libby Keplinger, Mountain Heart Community Services Inc., to present Provider Appreciation Day Proclamation and 60th Anniversary and Community Action Month.

Libby Keplinger and Matthew Hinkle appeared before the Commission to present proclamations for Provider Appreciation Day and Community Action Month.

A Motion was made to approve the signature of both Proclamations.

MOTION: Riggleman / unanimously approved

b) Tyler Kuhn and Jeremy Riggleman to present the business plan for the Petersburg Sports Complex.

Tyler Kuhn, Jeremy Riggleman and Bob McCauley appeared before the Commission regarding the Petersburg Sports Complex. They presented a business plan including estimates and dates to Grant County Commissioners.

6. Correspondence

- a) Complimentary Copies of "The Marvelous Adventures of Countyland," a children's book that was written and illustrated by the National Association of Counties (NACO) using new generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) applications.
- b) Minutes of the Grant County PSD Regular Board Meeting of March 25, 2024.
- c) Grant County Public Service District Annual Audit for Fiscal Year Ended 6/30/23.

7. Unfinished Business

None

8. New Business

- a) Consideration for Approval of a Resolution for Terry Lively.

A Motion was made to approve the signature of the Resolution for Terry Lively.

MOTION: Hagerty / unanimously approved

- b) Opening of Bids for Hay Harvesting at the Grant County Airport and Grant County Dog Pound.

Dog Pound:

- Donnie Bensenhaver \$1,759.00
- Bill Waddy \$1,725.00
- Bruce Hyre, Jr. \$800.00
- Ethan Ours \$2,820.22
- Joe Barr \$1,760.00
- Allen and Wanda Goff \$2,021.00

A Motion was made to accept the bid from Ethan Ours in the amount of \$2,820.22.

MOTION: Hagerty / unanimously approved

Airport:

- Donnie Bensenhaver \$5,125.00
- Bruce Hyre, Jr. \$1,875.00
- Bill Waddy \$6,100.00
- Allen and Wanda Goff \$5,326.00

A Motion was made to accept the bid from Bill Waddy in the amount of \$6,100.00.

MOTION: Hagerty / unanimously approved

- c) Consideration for Signature the Treatment Release Form from the WV Department of Agriculture to participate in the treatment program for Spotted Lanternfly.

A Motion was made to approve the signature of the Treatment Release Form from WV Department of Agriculture for Spotted Lanternfly.

MOTION: Riggleman / unanimously approved

9. Reports from Elected Officials

Lora Bennett, Grant County Clerk, stated that all election machines have been tested and prepared for the Primary Election. Public testing will be Friday, April 26, 2024, at 2:30 p.m.

Peggy Alt appeared before the Commission regarding retirement for dispatchers. If the Commission adopts the resolution, it will allow all newly hired 911 Dispatchers to enroll in EMSRS. This is the same retirement system that EMS employees are enrolled in.

10. Reports from County Commissioners

Commissioner Riggleman would like to give a shout out to West Virginia Department of Highways. A park and ride at Patterson Creek exit off Corridor H should be completed by the end of the year.

The Development Authority has been gathering information for the LJDC regarding the Data Center 911. Commissioner Riggleman would like to commend everyone that has pitched in to assist.

Grant County Commissioners sent a meal to express appreciation to the 911 Dispatchers in honor of 911 Dispatcher Week.

Commissioner Riggleman expressed thanks to the Mount Storm Fire Department for offering a parcel of land for the Ambulance Building.

All Commissioners agreed that the town hall meeting at Mount Storm went very well. Jerry Ours, Grant County Assessor, attended the meeting.

Mr. Riggleman has contacted Albert regarding the baseball field request.

An announcement from Governor Jim Justice's Office went out about being awarded funding for Phase II of the Hike & Bike Trail last week.

Cara Hammer attended a meeting for Grant County Projects. Mrs. Hammer stated that on May 1, 2024, Ray will be coming out to look at the property on Virginia Avenue. The Development Authority voted to potentially sell the property to Family Traditions.

Spring Mountain Festival is coming up. Randy Parsons and team are appreciated for setting up the pedestals for the electric.

Thanks was expressed to all local businesses that have donated to the Petersburg Town Pool to allow free swimming for children. There were enough donations received to cover every day this summer.

Commissioner Miley contacted Terry Bennett, WV Department of Highways, regarding guard rails on Johnson Run Road. An engineer study will be done as well.

Meet the Candidate night was very successful.

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.

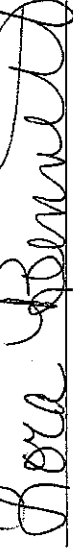
MOTION: Riggleman / unanimously approved

12. Adjourn

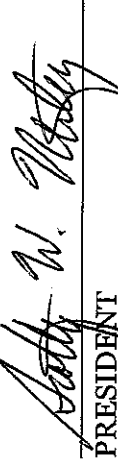
A Motion was made to adjourn.

MOTION: Hagerty / unanimously approved

ATTEST:



CLERK OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION


PRESIDENT

May 13, 2024
DATE APPROVED

IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF GRANT COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

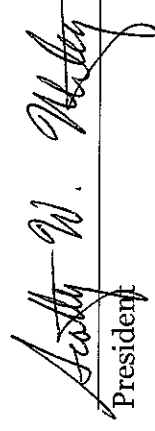
The Grant County Commission hereby orders the following actions taken by the Grant County Clerk, Lora Bennett, in vacation of the County Commission be approved:

1. Wills Recorded in the Clerk's Office:
 - None
2. Wills Admitted to Probate:
 - Robert G. Coffman Jr.
 - June Rosalee Smith
 - Donald C. George
3. Qualification Orders Granted in the Following Estates:

<u>Estate</u>	<u>Person Qualifying:</u>
• Riley Warren Thompson	Shon Warren Thompson, Administrator
• Janie Lee Sites	Christopher Sites Sr., Co-Administrator
• Robert G. Coffman	Kevin M. Sites, Co-Administrator
• June Rosalee Smith	Donna Walp, Executrix
• Randall Bruce Layman	Lorin D. Lantz, Executor
	Melissa Thompson, Administratrix
4. Ancillary Administrations Granted for the following Decedents:
 - None
5. Small Estate Certificates and Authorizations Granted in the Following Estates:

<u>Estate:</u>	<u>Person Qualifying:</u>
• Donald C. George	Leigh R. Dixon, Successor

Approved this the 23rd day of April, 2024.


President

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

To the Honorable, the County of Grant County, WV

I, **Jerry L. Ours, Assessor** hereby makes application for the correction of an erroneous assessment against **Moreland, James R** in **Union Dist.** amounting to **\$ 80.26 p h, Class II** being taxes for the year of **2023** on map **267, parcel 5.2** valued at **20,000** for the following reason:

The homestead exemption was removed in error when Mr. Moreland wife passed away. The disability was on Mr. Moreland.

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: 11919**

Exonerate: Value: 20,000 Taxes: \$ 80.26 p h Class II
Pay On: Value: 2,200 Taxes: \$ 8.83 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 3/18/24
Taxpayer Date

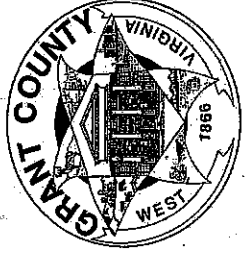
[Signature] 3/18/24
Assessor Date

Prosecuting Attorney Date

[Signature]
[Signature] 05/13/2024
President Date

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COMMISSIONERS: SCOTTY W. MILEY
KEVIN P. HAGERTY
TYSON K. RIGGLEMAN

ADMINISTRATOR: MICHELLE SITES

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Terry Lively who passed away on November 16, 2023.

WHEREAS, the members of the Grant County Commission were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Terry Lively; and

WHEREAS, Terry Lively worked for the West Virginia Region Eight Planning and Development Council serving the residents of Grant, Hardy, Hampshire, Mineral and Pendleton Counties; and

WHEREAS, Terry Lively's commitment to public service is evident in the list of activities to which he devoted his time and energy; and

WHEREAS, Terry Lively's leadership and vast knowledge had a profound impact on the counties that he served; and

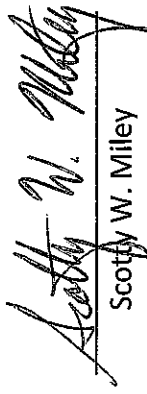
WHEREAS his kindness and humility has enriched those fortunate enough to know and work with him; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the Grant County Commission should pause to remember the life of this exceptional citizen and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF GRANT COUNTY,
That we honor the memory of Terry Lively, reflecting fondly upon his dedication and commitment to Grant County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,
That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Terry Lively.

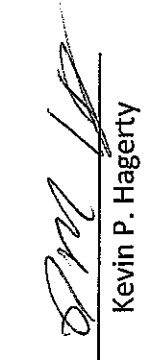
ADOPTED this the 23rd day of April, 2024.



Scotty W. Miley



Tyson K. Riggleman



Kevin P. Hagerty