

GRANT COUNTY COMMISSION  
PETERSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA 26847

GRANT COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

Date: April 26, 2022      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 April 12, 2022.

Presented for approval were the minutes from the special meeting held on April 19, 2022.

Presented for approval were the minutes from the special meeting held on April 22, 2022.

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

**b. Budget Revisions**

The following budget revision was presented for approval:

699	Contingencies	decrease	\$20,000
448	Courthouse Annex	increase	\$20,000
366	Miscellaneous Revenue	decrease	\$8,926
700	Sheriff	increase	\$8,926

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

**c. Board Appointments/Removals/Resignations**

The following resignation was presented:

-Clyde Hines was appointed to the Grant County PSD to replace Mr. Evans.

A Motion was made to approve the above appointment. **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:  
-None

Wills admitted to probate:  
-James E. Nunley  
-Dottie Reall

-Qualification orders granted in the following estates:

Estate

James Nunley  
Maxel D. Alt  
James Robert Davis  
Fannie Virginia Aronhalt  
Thomas Wayne Hedrick  
Dottie Reall

Person Qualifying

Pamela G. Nunley, Executrix  
Wendell D. Alt, Administrator  
Karen Davis, Executrix  
William David Aronhalt, Administrator  
Walter Leroy Hedrick, Co-Administrator  
Patricia Megan Hedrick Co-Administrator  
Douglas Jenkins, Administrator CTA

Ancillary Administrations granted in the following estates:

-None

Small Estate Certificates and Authorizations granted in the following estates:

Estate

-None

Person Qualifying

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 Wanda Wimer. **MOTION: Berg/ unanimously approved**

Waiver of Final Settlement in the estate of Norris Junior Crites. **MOTION: Berg/ unanimously approved**

Waiver of Final Settlement in the estate of Yvonne W. Crites. **MOTION: Berg/ unanimously approved**

Waiver of Final Settlement in the estate of Wanda Clark. **MOTION: Berg/ unanimously approved**

The following exonerations were presented this day:  
There were no exonerations.

**4. Comments from the Public**

There were no comments from the public.

**5. Scheduled Appointments**

a) Grant County employees who are veterans invited by commission to recognize these employees and consideration of adopting resolution in support of veterans and in opposition to the closure of VA Medical Facilities in West Virginia.

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

b) Bobby Funk & Mike Alt, Grant County Ambulance, to give update on the Grant County Ambulance.

Bobby Funk was present and gave updates on the Grant County Ambulance services, employees, transports, 911 calls, ambulance vehicles, expenditures, collections.

Mike Alt presented information about the Paramedic class. Grant County Ambulance has partnered with a Community College in Huntington, WV. There is a meeting set up with potential students. The class will be held once a week in Petersburg. All classes will be through an online program.

**6. Correspondence**

a) Grant Memorial Hospital March 2022 ER Transfers.

- b) Minutes of the Grant County Housing Authority Board meeting dated January 11, 2022.
- c) Coal County Reallocation Severance Tax Distribution for January 1, 2022 through March 31, 2022.
- d) 25 % Coal Severance Tax Distribution for January 1, 2022 through March 31, 2022.
- e) Minutes of the Grant County PSD Regular Board Meeting of March 24, 2022.

**7. Unfinished Business**

There is no unfinished business.

**8. New Business**

- a) Appointment of Assessor until certification of General Election due to Former Assessor Ralph Layton's retirement.  
A Motion was made to go into executive session with WV Code 6-9A-4. **Motion: Berg/unanimously approved**  
A Motion was made to exit executive session without action taken. **Motion: Riggleman/unanimously approved**  
A Motion was made to appoint Keith Martin to fill in as Grant County Assessor until the election takes place in November and is certified. **Motion: Berg/unanimously approved**  
A Motion was made to approve a 10-minute recess. **Motion: Riggleman/unanimously approved**  
A Motion was made to exit recess. **Motion: Berg/unanimously approved**  
b) Consideration for approval funding request from Mount Storm Volunteer Fire Department to assist in purchasing self-contained breathing apparatus.  
A Motion was made to approve \$10,000 to assist in purchasing the self-contained breathing apparatus. **Motion: Riggleman/unanimously approved**  
c) Consideration for approval funding request from Maysville and Petersburg Volunteer Fire Departments for RIT Training.  
A Motion was made to approve the request for \$6,900 for the RIT Training Program. **Motion: Miley/unanimously approved**  
d) Consideration for approval funding request from Bayard Beautification Committee for barrels, soil and flowers.  
A Motion was made to approve the request for \$2,000 for the Bayard Beautification. **Motion: Berg/unanimously approved**  
e) Consideration for approval funding request from Petersburg Lions Club to assist with purchasing fire protection hoods.  
A motion was made to approve the request for \$5,000 to Petersburg Lions Club to assist the purchasing o fire protection hoods. Let it be known that Commissioner Riggleman abstained from the vote. **Motion: Miley/unanimously approved**

**9. Reports from Elected Officials**

Grant County Clerk, Seymour Fisher, stated that early voting will start on Wednesday, April 27, 2022.

**10. Reports from County Commissioners**

Commissioner Riggleman spoke with Callie Dayton regarding the Comprehensive Plan. So far 42 people have signed up and finished the survey.

Commissioner Miley attended Meet the Candidate Night by the Republican Executive Committee. He also stated that appointing the new Assessor was a tough decision. Commissioner Riggleman said he appreciated everything the employees done in the Assessor's Office.

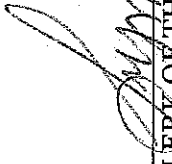
**11. Approval of Expenses to be Considered for Payment** (bills paid or to be paid, the invoices are available for public review by contacting the Grant County Clerk, 5 Highland Avenue, Petersburg, WV 26847, (304)257-4550)

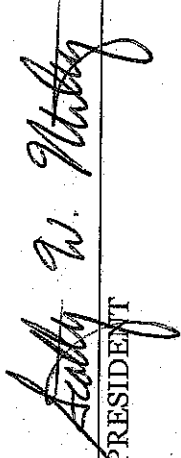
A Motion was made to approve the expenses as presented. **MOTION: Riggleman / unanimously approved**

**12. Adjourn**

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

ATTEST:

  
CLERK OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION

  
PRESIDENT  
May 09, 2022  
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:

James E. Nunley  
Dottie Reall

3. Qualification Orders Granted in the Following Estates:

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Person Qualifying:

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4. Ancillary Administrations Granted for the following Decedents:

None


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

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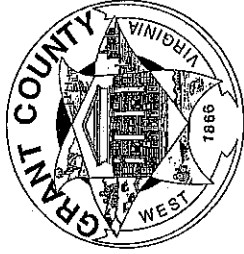
Person Qualifying:

Approved this the 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.

  
Audrey W. Nunley  
President

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### RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF OUR VETERANS AND IN OPPOSITION TO THE CLOSURE OF VA MEDICAL FACILITIES, INCLUDING CRITICAL CARE FACILITIES FOR OUR VETERANS

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Veterans Affairs released a report on March 14, 2022, that, among other things, recommends the closure or reduction of services at VA facilities in West Virginia, including the VA Medical Center in Beckley, the Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center in Clarksburg, and the Hershel "Woody" Williams VAMC in Huntington; and,

**WHEREAS**, U.S. Senators Joe Manchin and Shelley Moore Capito led a bipartisan group of lawmakers in publicly questioning the recommendation to close or reduce VA facilities stating, "The recommendations are overly focused on quantitative data and do not consider the impact the proposed changes would have on our Veterans, particularly elderly Veterans;" and,

**WHEREAS**, the Veterans Assistance Secretary for the State of West Virginia has also publicly opposed the recommendations stating they would require West Virginia veterans to travel out of state to obtain critical health care services; and,

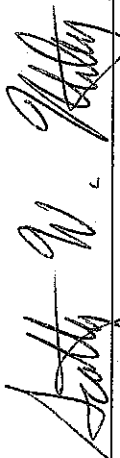
**WHEREAS**, West Virginias have a long history of military service, and West Virginia is among the states with the highest per capita population of veterans, with more than 140,000 statewide and approximately 1,025 veterans in Grant County; and,

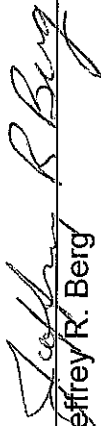
**WHEREAS**, the public must be aware of the significant changes being proposed and therefore the commission calls on the Department of Veteran Affairs to hold meaningful public hearings in West Virginia to receive input and feedback on the recommendations; and,


**WHEREAS**, the Grant County Commission honors our veterans and the countless sacrifices they have made in the name of our country, our liberty, and our freedom; and further acknowledges that we all have an absolute and sacred duty and responsibility to see that our veterans are provided the best possible healthcare; and,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Grant County Commission supports our veterans and publicly opposes any plan or recommendation that will cause our veterans to lose access to VA facilities or healthcare services.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED**, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.

  
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Scotty W. Miley  
President, Grant County Commission

  
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Jeffrey R. Berg  
Commissioner

  
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Tyson K. Riggelman  
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