

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

GRANT COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

Date: May 9, 2023

Time: 9:00 a.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 9:00 a.m.

2. Consent and Approval – County Administrator

a. Minutes

- Presented for approval were the minutes from the meeting held on April 25, 2023
- Presented for approval were the minutes from the special meeting held on April 28, 2023

A Motion was made to approve the minutes.

MOTION Miley/unanimously approved

Let the records show that Commissioner Hagerty is abstaining from voting due to not being present for all of the minutes.

b. Budget Revisions

-None

c. Board Appointments/Removals/Resignations

-None

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:

-Nellie G. Hines

-Rhonda Arnold

-Karen Keplinger

-Billie J. Brown

Qualification orders granted in the following estates:

Estate

-Richard Owen Beckwith

-Nellie G. Hines

-Connie Iva Vance

-Rhonda Arnold

-Karen Keplinger

-Billie J. Brown

Person Qualifying

Marjorie Beckwith, Administratrix

James Paul Geary II, Executor

Heather Shirk, Administratrix

Brenda Lemay, Executrix

Gary V. Keplinger, Executor

Ryan Brown, Executor

Ancillary Administrations granted in the following estates:

<u>Estate</u>	<u>Person Qualifying</u>
-None	

Small Estate Certificates and Authorizations granted in the following estates:

<u>Estate</u>	<u>Person Qualifying</u>
-Luther Bell Scott, Jr.	Randall Scott, Affiant
-Leonard Shaffer	Leonard Shaffer Jr., Successor

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 Doris Jean Parsons

MOTION: Hagerty/ unanimously approved

-Waiver of Final Settlement in the estate of Paul D. Parsons

MOTION: Hagerty/ unanimously approved

-Waiver of Final Settlement in the estate of Asa Kisamore

MOTION: Hagerty/ unanimously approved

-Waiver of Final Settlement in the estate of Sharon Kline-Iman

MOTION: Hagerty/ unanimously approved

-Waiver of Final Settlement in the estate of David P. Stump

MOTION: Hagerty/ unanimously approved

The following exonerations were presented this day:

-Teresa Hanlin	Union	2021	\$29.50 per half
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A Motion was made to approve the above exoneration.

MOTION: Hagerty/ unanimously approved

4. Comments from the Public

- None

5. Scheduled Appointments

a) Joanna Kuhn, Eastern Regional Family Resource Network, to discuss a new opportunity for recreation for youth, Teen Court and beautification project.

Ms. Kuhn appeared before the Commission with an idea for a public skate park. The skate park can be used for anything with wheels but without a motor as in bicycles, skate boards, roller skates and wheel chairs.

b) Grant County Economic Development Authority, Director Laura Brown & Attorney Joshua Jarrell, to update on Economic Development Authority Regionalization.

Jay Mongold, Chairman of Grant County Economic Development Authority, appeared before the Commission asking for support to join Grant County with Pendleton County's Economic Development Authority. Each County will still have their own County Boards as well as a combined board with seven members from each County. Dane Davis, Chairman of Pendleton County Economic Development Authority, appeared before the Commission stating that Grant and Pendleton Counties have many similarities regarding Agriculture and Business Communities. Mr. Jarrell stated that the County Commission will have to create a resolution or order to authorize the Development Authority to join into this venture with Pendleton County and appointing all the members to the Board.

c) Brad Goldizen, Assistant Prosecutor, to give update on Forman School lease agreement.

Mr. Goldizen was not present at the meeting due to hospitalization. Commissioner Riggleman stated that he and Mr. Goldizen contacted the Attorney General's Office for advice. They will have to review the Business Plan in order to see if it is truly a non-profit. There was an agreement made in 1999 between Grant County Parks and Recreation with the support of the Grant County Commission and the Ruritan club for a 25-year period.

JoAnn Harman, Todd Kessel, Becky Kessel and Maria Keplinger were present from the Ruritan with concerns about the Forman School lease agreement.

6. Correspondence

- a) Letter from US Windforce Foundation in reference to the 2023 Black Rock Community Benefit Fund Grant
- b) Letter from Jim Justice, Governor of West Virginia, in reference to the Records Management and Preservation Board grant award
- c) Letter from John B. McCuskey, WV State Auditor, in reference to the Training Seminar Schedule for County Officials 2023
- d) Region VIII Solid Waste Authority Board Meeting Minutes of January 19, 2023

7. Unfinished Business

None

8. New Business

- a) Bid Opening for the Grant County Library Window Project

The following bid was received:

Allegheny Builders \$21,291.63

A Motion was made to table the Opening Bid for the Grant County Library Window Project.

MOTION: Miley/ unanimously approved

- b) Consideration for Signature a proclamation for Community Action month

A Motion was made to approve the signature for the proclamation for Community Action month.

MOTION: Miley/ unanimously approved

- c) Consideration for approval the Delinquent Tax List for Auditor's Office

A Motion was made to approve the Delinquent Tax List for the Auditor's Office.

MOTION: Hagerty/unanimously approved

- d) Surplus of Equipment/Furniture

Grant County Clerk's Office has two HP LaserJet Printers that needs repaired, four reception chairs and one reception bench.

A Motion was made to remove the printers and reception furniture.

MOTION: Riggleman/unanimously approved

9. Reports from Elected Officials

None

10. Reports from County Commissioners

Commissioner Riggleman stated that Micrologic is looking to bring fiber into our county that would serve 1,164 homes that would start in October 2023. Grant County Commission and Broadband Committee are trying to do a MBPS Grant that would allow 54 more miles to 225 unconnected homes.

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: Miley/ unanimously approved


PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

5-23-2023
DATE APPROVED


CLERK OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION

ORDER NO. 05-09-2023-464

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:

-None

2. Wills Admitted to Probate:

-Nellie G. Hines
-Rhonda Arnold
-Karen Keplinger
-Billie J. Brown

3. Qualification Orders Granted in the Following Estates:

Estate

-Richard Owen Beckwith
-Nellie G. Hines
-Connie Iva Vance
-Rhonda Arnold
-Karen Keplinger
-Billie J. Brown

Person Qualifying:

Marjorie Beckwith, Administratrix
James Paul Geary II, Executor
Heather Shrik, Administratrix
Brenda Lemay, Executrix
Gregory V. Keplinger, Executor
Ryan Brown, Executor

4. Ancillary Administrations Granted for the following Decedents:

Estate:

-None

Person Qualifying:

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

Estate:

-Luther Bell Scott, Jr.
-Leonard Shaffer

Person Qualifying:

Randall Scott, Affiant
Leonard Shaffer Jr., Successor

Approved this the 9th day of May, 2023.



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 **Hanlin, Teresa L.** in **Union Dist.** amounting to **\$ 29.50 p h Class 3** being taxes for the year of **2021** on **Personal Property no: 20200026** valued at **3,675** for the following reason:

***Taxpayer double assessed on supplementals.
Ticket 50131-S & 50118-S***

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 50131-S**

Exonerate: Value: 3,675 Taxes: \$ 29.50 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 5/02/23
Taxpayer Date

[Signature] 5/02/23
Assessor Date

[Signature] 5/2/23
Prosecuting Attorney Date

[Signature] 5/9/23
President Date