

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

GRANT COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

Date: September 22, 2020 **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 September 8, 2020.

ACTION: A Motion was made to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on September 8 2020. **MOTION: Miley-Berg**

AGENDA ITEM: Discuss Employment Issues

DISCUSSION: Brenda Amtower appeared before the Commission to discuss employment issues.

ACTION: A Motion was made to go into executive session pursuant to WV Code §6-9A-4. **MOTION: Berg-Miley**

The Commission went into executive session pursuant to WV Code §6-9A-4 a 3:32 p.m. and was out of executive session at 3:44 p.m., with no action taken.

AGENDA ITEM: VHF, Microwave, Paging Upgrades & Fiber Use

DISCUSSION: Peggy Alt, OES/911 Director, was to appear before the Commission but was unable to do so because of illness.

ACTION: No action needed.

AGENDA ITEM: Grant County Ambulance Issues & Equipment

DISCUSSION: Wes Alt, Assistant Chief, was to appear before the Commission; however, he was unable to do so because he was on an ambulance transport.

ACTION: No action needed.

AGENDA ITEM: WVCFA Grant Application & Resolution

DISCUSSION: This is an 80/20 grant to replace the double doors at the courthouse, making them ADA compliant. The total project will be approximately \$71,000.00.

ACTION: A Motion was made to permit the President of the Commission to sign the grant application and resolution. **MOTION: Miley-Berg**

AGENDA ITEM: Meeting Time Change in October Due to Early Voting

DISCUSSION: Early voting is October 21, 2020 to October 31, 2020, and will be in the Commission room. The Commission meeting scheduled for October 27, 2020 at 3:30 will need to be changed to 4:30 due to early voting in the Commission room.

ACTION: A Motion was made to move the time for the October 27, 2020 meeting from 3:30 to 4:30 due to early voting. **MOTION: Berg-Miley**

AGENDA ITEM: Resolution on Appointment of Hospital Board of Trustees (tabled)

DISCUSSION: This resolution will ensure that only Grant County citizens shall be appointed to the GMH Board of Trustees.

ACTION: A Motion was made to remove this agenda item from the table. **MOTION: Miley-Berg.**

A Motion was made to permit the three Commissioners to sign the GMH Board of Trustees Resolution. **MOTION: Miley-Berg**

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: Otha C. Hinkle
Sandra E. Arnold

-Qualification orders granted in the following estates:

Martha J. Hinkle, Executrix in the Estate of Otha C. Hinkle
Mark O'Reilly, Executor in the Estate of Sandra E. Arnold

MOTION: Miley-Berg

AGENDA ITEM: Approval of Estates

DISCUSSION: No discussion required.

ACTION: Commission approved the following estate for closure:

Waiver of Final Settlement in the Estate of Rosetta Berg **MOTION: Berg-Miley**

Waiver of Final Settlement in the Estate of James William Kimble **MOTION: Berg-Miley**

Waiver of Final Settlement in the Estate of Rubie Kimble **MOTION: Berg-Miley**

AGENDA ITEM: Exonerations

DISCUSSION: Having been filed by the Assessor and approved by the Prosecuting Attorney, exonerations were reviewed for David J. Alt, Jeremy M. Simmons, Jeremy M. Simmons, Michael G. & Kimory L. Simmons and Michael G. & Kimory L. Simmons.

ACTION: Commission approved the following exonerations:

David J. Alt Milroy (20) \$105.50 ph **MOTION: Berg-Miley**

Jerry M. Simmons Milroy (19) \$56.22 ph **MOTION: Berg-Miley**

Jerry M. Simmons Milroy (20) \$66.46 ph **MOTION: Berg-Miley**

Michael G. & Kimory L. Simmons Milroy (19) \$108.37 ph **MOTION: Berg-Miley**

Michael G. & Kimory L. Simmons Milroy (20) \$128.10 ph **MOTION: Berg-Miley**

AGENDA ITEM: Budget Revisions

DISCUSSION: There were no budget revisions this day presented.

ACTION: No action needed.

AGENDA ITEM: Board Appointments/Removals

DISCUSSION: The following was received by the Commission

- Gary Redman's resignation from the Parks & Recreation Board

- Thomas Hedrick's resignation from the Grant Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees

- Appointment of Abbey Kifer to the Parks & Recreation Board

- Re-appointment of Patricia Engle to the Grant County Housing Authority

ACTION: A Motion was made to accept the resignation of Gary Redman from the Parks & Recreation Board. **MOTION: Miley-Berg**

A Motion was made to accept the resignation of Thomas Hedrick from the Grant Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees. **MOTION: Berg-Miley**

A Motion was made to accept the appointment of Abbey Kifer to the Parks & Recreation Board. **MOTION: Berg-Miley**

A Motion was made to accept the re-appointment of Patricia Engle to the Grant County Housing Authority Board. **MOTION: Berg-Miley**

AGENDA ITEM: Commissioner's Packet

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


- Minutes from the Grant County PSD regular board meeting for 8/27/2020;
- Letter from Division of Highways regarding the STIP;
- Disbursement of wireless E911 subscription fees in the amount of \$114,305.45;
- Letter from PHS football coach, Donnie Evans;
- Minutes from the Grant County Arts Council;

AGENDA ITEM: Approval of Expenses

DISCUSSION: The Commission reviewed the expenses as presented.

ACTION: Commission approved the expenses as presented. **MOTION: Berg-Miley**
AGENDA ITEM: Adjournment

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


PRESIDENT

ATTEST:


CLERK OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION

10-13-2020
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:

Otha C. Hinkle
Sandra E. Arnold

3. Qualification Orders Granted in the Following Estates:


Estate

Otha C. Hinkle
Sandra E. Arnold

Person Qualifying:

Martha J. Hinkle, Executrix
Mark O'Reilly, Executor

Approved this the 22nd day of September, 2020.


President

GRANT COUNTY COMMISSION RESOLUTION ON APPOINTMENT
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR GRANT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

WHEREAS, on April 2, 1958, the doors of Grant Memorial Hospital, a public Hospital, opened to provide health care to the citizens of Grant County.

WHEREAS, pursuant to West Virginia Code §7-3-14, the Grant County Commission is the lawful owner of the Hospital, which includes the real estate and improvements.

WHEREAS, to pay to the local share of the construction costs of the County Owned Hospital, the Grant County Commission issued revenue bonds, and the county's share of the debt was satisfied by the taxpayers of Grant County.

WHEREAS, the County Owned Hospital has been renovated, and expanded twice.

WHEREAS, by the authority granted in West Virginia Code §7-3-15, the County Commission appointed Trustees to the Grant Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees to oversee the administration and management of the County Owned Hospital.

WHEREAS, the Trustees are appointed to a six-year term and have the right to vote on matters brought before the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees have a fiduciary obligation to the citizens of Grant County to not only insure providing quality health care, but to be good stewards of this asset of Grant County. The Board of Trustees is charged with the duty to be fiscally responsible in their oversight of the administration and management of the County Owned Hospital.

WHEREAS, Grant Memorial Hospital provides health care to a region larger than Grant County.


WHEREAS, at a meeting on the 22nd day of January, 1991, the Grant County Commission approved action to allow for the appointment of non-voting Trustees from the neighboring counties of Hardy and Pendleton, since those counties are in the area that Grant Memorial Hospital serves.

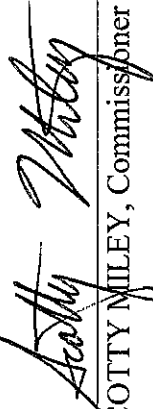
However, after certain out of county Trustees were appointed, the Board of Trustees conferred voting status upon them.

WHEREAS, it was, and is the express intent of the County Commission of Grant County, to eliminate voting status to any out of county members, so that only Grant County citizens have voting privileges on the Board of Trustees of Grant Memorial Hospital.

WHEREAS, as of this date, there are no out of County members on the Board of Trustees, and to ensure that voting status remains limited to Grant County citizens, the Commission intends to limit future appointment to the Board of Trustees to Grant County citizens, only.

THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED on this the ~~22~~ day of September, 2020, that the Grant County Commission shall from this date forth only appoint Grant County citizens to the Grant Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees.


DOUGLAS SWICK, President of the County Commission


SCOTTY MILEY, Commissioner


JEFFREY BERG, Commissioner

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

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 to **Simmons, Michael G. & Kimory L. in Milroy District** amounting to \$ **128.10 p h Class III** being taxes for the year of **2020** on **map 549, parcel 19.3** valued at **15,960** for the following reason:

The taxpayer was double assessed on mobile home on real and personal and double assessed on homesites. He lives on the property and was assessed as Class 3, it should have been residential Class 2.

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: 6416**

Exonerate: Value: 15,960 Taxes: \$ 128.10 p h Class III
Pay On: Value: 1,860 Taxes: \$ 14.93 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 9/21/20
 Taxpayer Date

Ralph G. Layton
 Assessor Date

John A. Shew
 Prosecuting Attorney Date

Debra Cook
 President Date

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 County of Grant
 5 Highland Avenue
 Petersburg, WV 26847

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 to **Simmons, Michael G. & Kimory L. in Milroy District** amounting to \$ **108.37 p h Class III** being taxes for the year of **2019** on **map 549, parcel 19.3** valued at **15,960** for the following reason:

The taxpayer was double assessed on mobile home on real and personal and double assessed on homesites. He lives on the property and was assessed as Class 3, it should have been residential Class 2.

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: 6390**

Exonerate: Value: 15,960 Taxes: \$ 108.37 p h Class III
Pay On: Value: 1,860 Taxes: \$ 12.63 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 9/21/20
 Taxpayer Date

Ralph G. Layton
 Assessor Date

Paula C. Reed
 Prosecuting Attorney Date

9-22-2020
 President Date

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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 to **Simmons, Jeremy M. in Milroy District** amounting to \$ **66.46 p h Class III** being taxes for the year of **2020** on **map 549, parcel 19.2** valued at **16,560** for the following reason:

The taxpayer was double assessed on mobile home on real and personal and double assessed on homesites. He lives on the property and was assessed as Class 3, it should have been residential Class 2.

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: 6410**

Exonerate: Value: 16,560 Taxes: \$ 66.46 p h Class III
Pay On: Value: 16,560 Taxes: \$ 66.45p 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 9/21/20
 Taxpayer Date

Ralph G. Layton
 Assessor Date

John A. Schaub
 Prosecuting Attorney Date
 9/21/20

Douglas E. Schaub
 President Date
 9-22-2020

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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 to **Alt, David J. in Milroy District** amounting to **\$ 104.50 p h Class II** being taxes for the year of **2020** on **map 470, parcel 54** valued at **26,040** for the following reason:

The taxpayer was charged with a mobile home on his property and it is vacant.

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: 3338**

Exonerate: Value: 26,040 Taxes: \$ 104.50 p h Class II
Pay On: Value: 120 Taxes: \$.48 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 9/21/20
 Taxpayer Date

Ralph G. Layton
 Assessor 9/21/20 Date

Robert Y. Shaw
 Prosecuting Attorney Date

R. Doyle Shaw
 President 9-27-2020 Date

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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 to **Simmons, Jeremy M. in Milroy District** amounting to \$ **56.22 p h Class III** being taxes for the year of **2019** on **map 549, parcel 19.2** valued at **16,560** for the following reason:

The taxpayer was double assessed on mobile home on real and personal and double assessed on homesites. He lives on the property and was assessed as Class 3, it should have been residential Class 2.

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: 6383**

Exonerate: Value: 16,560 Taxes: \$ 56.22 p h Class III
Pay On: Value: 16,560 Taxes: \$ 56.22 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 9/21/20
 Taxpayer Date

Ralph G. Layton
 Assessor Date 9/21/20

John A. Gellum 9/21/30
 Prosecuting Attorney Date

David C. Sweet 9-22-2020
 President Date