

GRANT COUNTY COMMISSION  
PETERSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA 26847

GRANT COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

**Date:** April 9, 2024      **Time:** 9:00 a.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 9:00 a.m.

**2. Consent and Approval – County Administrator**

**a. Minutes**

- Presented for approval were the minutes from the meeting held on March 26, 2024.  
A Motion was made to approve the minutes.

**MOTION: Hagerty / unanimously approved**

**b. Budget Revisions**

- |       |                      |          |             |
|-------|----------------------|----------|-------------|
| • 405 | Prosecuting Attorney | increase | \$10,600.00 |
| • 699 | Contingencies        | decrease | \$10,600.00 |

A Motion was made to approve the budget revision.

**MOTION: Riggleman / unanimously approved**

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

- None

**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:

- Mary V. McCulloh

Qualification orders granted in the following estates:

- |                    |                                 |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| <u>Estate</u>      | <u>Person Qualifying</u>        |
| • Roland L. Warner | Diana L. Warner, Administratrix |
| • Mary V. McCulloh | Deborah M. Judy, Executrix      |

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> |
| • None        |                          |

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 Donald L. Huffman  
**MOTION: Hagerty / unanimously approved**
- Waiver of Final Settlement in the estate of Lemuel Whetzel  
**MOTION: Hagerty / unanimously approved**
- Waiver of Final Settlement in the estate of Thomas W. Brown  
**MOTION: Hagerty / unanimously approved**
- Waiver of Final Settlement in the estate of Marie C. McMullen  
**MOTION: Hagerty / unanimously approved**

The following exonerations were presented this day:

- Laika M. Judy Town of Petersburg 2023 \$36.54 per half

A Motion was made to approve the above exonerations.

**MOTION: Hagerty / unanimously approved**

**4. Comments from the Public**

Rhett Dusenbury, representative for Congressman Mooney's Office, appeared before the Commission regarding the Grant Workshop to be held April 22, 2024.

**5. Scheduled Appointments**

None

**6. Correspondence**

- a) Minutes of the Grant County Parks & Recreation Board Meeting of January 24, 2024.
- b) Minutes of the Grant County PSD Regular Board Meeting of March 14, 2024.
- c) Notice of Approval of the Levy Estimate (Budget) from the WV State Auditor's Office.
- d) Letter from the WV Governor's Office in reference to the Records Management & Preservation Board Grant Award to provide improvements for the office of the Grant County Clerk.
- e) Invitation from Congressman Alex Mooney to a Grants Workshop.
- f) Letter from Cerrone Associates in reference to Grant County Water Study Update.
- g) Pre-Subsidence Survey for the Grant County Commission from Alliance Consulting, Inc.

**7. Unfinished Business**

None

**8. New Business**

- a) Consideration for Approval the Annual Memorandum of Agreement between WVU Extension and County Commission of Grant County.

A Motion was made to approve the signature of the Annual Memorandum of Agreement between WVU Extension and County Commission of Grant County.

**MOTION: Riggleman / unanimously approved**

- b) Consideration for Approval a request for funding of a Thermal Drone from the Petersburg Volunteer Fire Company.

Hunter Whetzel, Ashton Barr and Marshall Collins, Petersburg Volunteer Fire Department, appeared before the Commission to request funding for a Thermal Drone to assist with wild fires, search and rescue, law enforcement and EMS. The drone would serve as a shared resource between all Grant County Fire Departments and emergency personnel; however, only certified pilots may fly it.

A Motion was made to approve the funding of \$13,200.00 to Petersburg Volunteer Fire Department for the purchase of a Thermal Drone.

**MOTION: Hagerty / unanimously approved**

c) Consideration for Approval hiring of the Grant County Ambulance Director.

A Motion was made to go into Executive Session for WV Code 6-9a-4.

**MOTION: Riggleman / unanimously approved**

A Motion was made to exit Executive Session with no action taken.

**MOTION: Hagerty/ unanimously approved**

A Motion was made to approve the hiring of Jeffrey Teter for the vacant position of Grant County Ambulance Director.

**MOTION: Riggleman / unanimously approved**

**9. Reports from Elected Officials**

None

**10. Reports from County Commissioners**

Commissioner Riggleman stated that power displays are being installed in the City Park and it will be great for the Spring Mountain Festival. There should be two Broadband updates hopefully prior to the meeting on the Mountain Top.

Michelle Sites will post about the change in the date of the Grant County Commission meeting for May 14, 2024. It will be moved to May 13<sup>th</sup> due to the Primary Election.

Commissioner Miley stated that Bob McCauley is working with Jeremy Riggleman and Tyler Kuhn on their business plan for the Recreation Center. It is coming along nicely.

**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: Riggleman / unanimously approved**

ATTEST:

*Lora Bennett*  
CLERK OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION

*Andy W. Mally*  
PRESIDENT

*April 23, 2024*  
DATE APPROVED

IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF GRANT COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

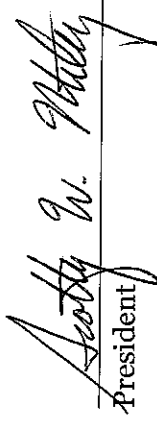
The Grant County Commission hereby orders the following actions taken by the Grant County Clerk, Lora Bennett, in vacation of the County Commission be approved:

- 1. Wills Recorded in the Clerk's Office:
  - None
- 2. Wills Admitted to Probate:
  - Mary V. McCulloh
- 3. Qualification Orders Granted in the Following Estates:
 

<u>Estate</u>	<u>Person Qualifying:</u>
• Roland L. Warner	Diana L. Warner, Administratrix
• Mary V. McCulloh	Deborah M. Judy, Executrix
- 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>
• None	

Approved this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024.

  
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 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 **Dayton, Trent P. and Kessel, Kami K.** in **Union Dist.** amounting to \$ **233.44 p h Class III & \$ 148.44 p h Class III** being taxes for the year of **2023** on personal property no: **00968219** valued at **29,085 & 18,495** for the following reason:

**The Dayton's were divorced and want separate tax tickets, no tax dollars will be lost.**

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: 304848**

**Ticket A:**

**Dayton, Trent P.**  
**P O Box 255**

**Maysville, WV 26833**

**16 Chev Colo & 18 Chev Colo**

**Value: 29,085 Taxes: \$ 233.44 p h Cl 3**

**Ticket B:**

**Kessel, Kami K.**

**8283 US Highway 220S**

**Moorefield, WV 26836**

**2020 Ford Rang**

**Value: 18,495 Taxes: \$ 148.44 p h Cl 3**

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 4/22/24  
 Taxpayer Date

Jerry L. Ours 4/22/24  
 Assessor Date

John G. Jones 4/22/24  
 Prosecuting Attorney Date

Scotty W. White 04/23/2024  
 President Date

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 **Thomas, Gary A.** in **Grant Dist.** amounting to **\$ 116.23 p h, Class III** being taxes for the year of **2023** on personal property no: **80001129** valued at **14,481** for the following reason:

**Mr. Thomas assessed in Cabell County for 2023.  
 Exonerate to avoid double taxation.**

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: 301332**

**Exonerate: Value: 14,481 Taxes: \$ 116.23 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 4/17/24  
 Taxpayer Date

*Jerry L. Ours* 4/17/24  
 Assessor Date

*Thomas G. Ours* 4/17/24  
 Prosecuting Attorney Date

*Scotty W. Matley* 04/23/2024  
 President Date