

GRANT COUNTY COMMISSION
PETERSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA 26847

GRANT COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

Date: July 22, 2025 Time: 3:30 p.m. Location: Conference Room
Grant County Courthouse

Commissioners:

Kevin Hagerty, President
Tyson Riggleman
Scotty Miley

Reporting:

Erin Camp, Grant County Press
Tiffany Hess, Grant County Press

Michelle Sites, County Administrator

1. Call to Order

President Hagerty 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 July 8, 2025.
A motion was made to approve the minutes.

MOTION: Riggleman / unanimously approved

b. Budget Revisions

• 299	Unassigned Fund Balance	increase	\$690,797
• 402	County Clerk	increase	\$35,000
• 405	Prosecuting Attorney	increase	\$8,500
• 406	Assessor	increase	\$2,260
• 412	Agricultural Agent	increase	\$1,150
• 696	Financial Stabilization Fund	increase	\$251,001
• 699	Contingencies	increase	\$206,736
• 701	Sheriff-Service of Process	increase	\$110,000
• 715	Ambulance Authority	increase	\$76,150

A motion was made to approve the budget revisions to distribute surplus monies.

MOTION: Miley / unanimously approved

c. Board Appointments/Removals/Resignations

- The following re-appointments were presented:
 - Nan Smith was re-appointed to the Grant County Rehabilitation and Care Center Board.
 - Eddie Sites was re-appointed to the Grant County Rehabilitation and Care Center Board.
 - Bob Cooper was re-appointed to the Grant County Rehabilitation and Care Center Board.

A motion was made to accept the above re-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:

- Michael D. Haynes
- Lynn E. Nelson
- Emma J. Harris
- Joe V. Simmons

Qualification orders granted in the following estates:

- | <u>Estate</u> | <u>Person Qualifying</u> |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| • Elton H. Raines | Kathy Ziegelhefer, Administratrix |
| • Lynn E. Nelson | Jessica L. Bolyard, Executrix |
| • Michael W. Hedrick | Barbara Hedrick, Administratrix |
| • Joe V. Simmons | Cathy J. Berg, 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> |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| • Michael D. Haynes | Mary Haynes, Successor |
| • Emma J. Harris | Dwight Harris, 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 David M. Royer
- Waiver of Final Settlement in the estate of Wayne Grapes
- Waiver of Final Settlement in the estate of David Allen James
- Waiver of Final Settlement in the estate of Carl J. Hipp

A motion was made to approve the Waiver of Final Settlement.

MOTION: Miley / unanimously approved

The following exoneration was presented this day:

- Ferguson, Don III and Vicki L. Milroy 2025 \$73.29 p/h

A motion was made to approve the Exoneration.

MOTION: Miley / unanimously approved

4. Comments from the Public

Rhett Dusenberry brings greetings from Congressman Moore. They are getting a good bit of things squared up in Washington D.C. Mr. Dusenberry will be at the Tri-County Fair next week.

Randy Parsons, Parks & Recreation, appeared before the Commission to give an update on results from the mold inspection at the annex building. There were a few concerns.

5. Scheduled Appointments

- a) Wendy Madden, Mountaineer Trail Network, to give an overview of work on the Mountaineer Trail Network.

Wendy Madden appeared before the Commission to give an overview of work on the Mountaineer Trail Network. The WV State Code created the Trail Network in 2019. The goal is to create some trails that are beginner-friendly. They are ready to develop a website that would be a one-stop location to search for amenities, park, water and hiking trails, and historic landmark locations.

- b) Peggy Alt, OEM/911 Director, to discuss personnel.

Peggy Alt appeared before the Commission to discuss hiring an employee.

6. Correspondence

- a) Sheriff's Monthly Settlement Ending June 2025
- b) Minutes of the Grant County PSD Regular Board Meeting of June 26, 2025

- c) Letter from WVU Department of Geology & Geography announcing the launch of the West Virginia Flood Resiliency Framework

7. Unfinished Business

- None

8. New Business

- a) Consideration for Approval the Diane Lahman Property Conservation Easement for Farmland Protection
- b) Consideration for Signature the FY26 Records Management & Preservation Board Grant Agreement

A motion was made to approve the Signature of FY26 Records Management & Preservation Board Grant Agreement.

MOTION: Miley/ unanimously approved

9. Reports from Elected Officials

Lora Bennett, Grant County Clerk, reported that Alex, IT from GST, is concerned about the server for indexing being housed on a desktop computer. His recommendation is to purchase a small server and re-locate it. This would prevent potential problems.

10. Reports from County Commissioners

Michelle Sites reported that Grant County Commission wrote a FY24 grant through Homeland Security for license plate readers. She received an email that we have been awarded the grant in the amount of \$118,000. This will provide license plate readers for five locations within our county as well as some mobile companions for the sheriff's cruisers.

Commissioner Riggleman stated in the middle of August we will find out if Micrologic or Frontier will be awarded a BEAD Grant.

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)

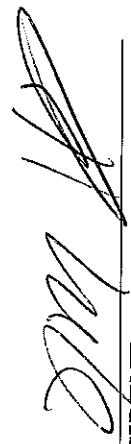
A motion was made to approve the expenses.

MOTION: Riggleman/ unanimously approved

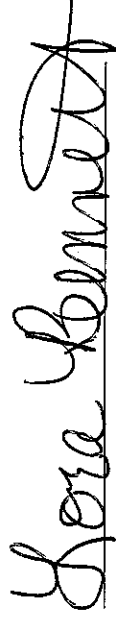
12. Adjourn

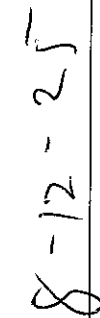
A motion was made to adjourn.

MOTION: Miley / unanimously approved


PRESIDENT

ATTEST:


CLERK OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION


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:

- Michael D. Haynes
- Lynn E. Nelson
- Emma J. Harris
- Joe V. Simmons

3. Qualification Orders Granted in the Following Estates:

<u>Estate</u>	<u>Person Qualifying:</u>
• Elton H. Raines	Kathy Ziegelhefer, Administratrix
• Lynn E. Nelson	Jessica L. Bolyard, Executrix
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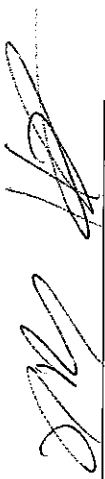
4. Ancillary Administrations Granted for the following Decedents:

<u>Estate</u>	<u>Person Qualifying:</u>
• None	

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

<u>Estate</u>	<u>Person Qualifying:</u>
• Michael D. Haynes	Mary Haynes, Successor
• Emma J. Harris	Dwight Harris, Successor

Approved this 22nd day of July, 2025.



President

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

To the Honorable, the County of Grant County, WV

I, **Elizabeth Mallow, Assessor** hereby makes application for the correction of an erroneous assessment against **Ferguson, Don III & Smith, Vicki L.** in **Mitroy District** amounting totaling \$ 73.29 p h **Class II**, being taxes for the years of 2025 on **map 170, parcel 10.1** assessed value of **18,840** for the following reason:

Taxpayers were double assessed on his 10 Acs per previous Assessor. 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 #: 1284**

Exonerate: Value: 18,840 Taxes: \$ 73.29 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 7/02/25
Taxpayer Date

Elizabeth Mallow 7/02/25

Assessor Date

John H. Hester 7/7/25
Prosecuting Attorney Date

DMH 7-22-25
President Date